

Broad RBC Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ken Tuck, Kristen Austin, Erika Hollis, Frank Eskridge, Paul Pruitt, Bill Stangler, Angus Lafaye, Amy Bresnahan, Mark Boland, John Alexander, Karen Kustafik, James Kilgo, & Daniel Hanks

Members Absent: Jeff Lineberger (Phil Fragapane, alternate, present), Jeff Walker, Justin McGrady, & Bryant Fleming

Planning Team Present: John Boyer, Scott Harder, Tom Walker, Joe Koon, Alexis Modzelesky, Leigh Anne Monroe, Andy Wachob, Hannah Hartley, & Joe Gellici

Total Present: 29

Ken Tuck, Broad River Basin (RBC) chair, called to order the October 19th, 2023, meeting of the Broad RBC. The RBC October 19th meeting review includes finalizing the draft Plan and Executive Summary for public and comment, performing the test of consensus on the draft, reviewing and discussing the draft 2-page summary sheet and finalizing preparations for the first public meeting. The Broad RBC members unanimously approved the October 19th meeting agenda and September meeting minutes and summary. There were no public and agency comments. The housekeeping items: Any member with technical issues should let us know.

Review of Broad River Basin Plan and Draft Executive Summary:

John Boyer facilitated this session; he highlighted what we know about this plan and some of the RBC comment response logs received. We added the low-tech process-based approaches to stream restoration based on Alex Pellet's presentation. However, we also worked on the implementation plan and the recommendation as written in Chapter 9.

Discussion:

Frank Eskridge asked for further comments on pages 9 and 5 of chapter 9, where it talked about regulatory recommendations, particularly where it says regulators should work with committees to develop a fair and effective approach to bring groundwater users under regulation of the Surface Water Act. There is a need for improvement on the first part, which says the groundwater regulation is not under the regulation.

Kristen Austin asked for further explanation in an extreme situation if everything is exhausted – related to the discussion of construction of a regional reservoir.

John - we did discuss extensively in chapter 6 about additional reservoirs in different places. We looked at two different reservoir (Gaffney) evaluations and a larger regional reservoir on Fair Forest Creek to serve multiple uses. Frank further emphasized that Gaffney would need to do something a little more quickly than others.

Decision Making-River Basin Plan Approval Process

For Step 1- Five-Point Rating Scale, namely:

- Full Endorsement
- Endorsement, but with minor points of contention
- Endorsement, but with major points of contention
- Stand aside with major reservations (requires changes)
- Withdrawal (member leaves).

For Step 2:

- For the Final Plan, each RBC Member will indicate their support or disagreement.
- By supporting the Final Plan, each member acknowledges their:
 - (a) Concurrence with the plan
 - (b) Commitment to support implementation of the plan

Test of Consensus: Level of Endorsement

Ken Tuck	1
Kristen Austin	2
Erika Hollis	2
Frank Eskridge	1
Paul Pruitt	1
Bill Stangler	2
Angus Lafaye	1
Amy Bresnahan	1
Mark Boland	1
John Alexander	1
Karen Kustafik	1
James Kilgo	1
Daniel Hanks	1
Jeff Lineberger	1

Absent members will cast their vote through e-mail. John will follow up with them.

Review the 2-page Summary Sheet: There is a need for the executive summary to be one or two pages that highlight what we are doing (take-home messages). Ken Tuck suggested asking if we can provide a website link that ultimately captures the details for further information on the summarized two-page sheet.

Finalize Preparations for the First Public Meeting:

November 29th at Spartanburg Emergency Operations Center. For the proposed public meeting speaking assignments are assigned to Ken T. (Welcome and Introductions), Ken R. or Scott (Overview of the Planning Process), Jeff L. (What is a Plan and Plan Highlights), John B. (Water Demands and Findings of Analysis), Daniel H. (Flow-Ecology Relationships), Frank E. (Water

Management Strategies), Ken T. (Recommendations and Implementation) and Tom W. or Jeff A. (Public Comments and Q&A with the RBC).

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Minutes: Iffy Ogbekene and Tom Walker

Approved: 2/15/24

RBC Chat:

10:03:31 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:



10:08:29 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:

Endorse the edit as redlined

10:08:54 From Mark Boland To Everyone:

I am good with 9-5 edit

10:10:15 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:

Reacted to "I am good with 9-5 e..." with

10:10:27 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:



10:18:13 From Grace Houghton To Everyone:

The discussion in Section 7.1 breaks out the short, mid, and long term strategies for Gaffney, which may help clarify

10:21:32 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:



10:22:35 From John Alexander To Everyone:

Yes

10:24:00 From John Alexander To Everyone:

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10:24:53 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:

Karen Kustafik- 1- no microphone/camera, but here in chat.

10:25:51 From Mark Boland To Everyone:

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10:32:29 From Mark Boland To Everyone:

I see it as an excellent "30,000-foot view" that touches on the necessary important aspects.

10:33:06 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:

Like Ken's inclusion of web link, agree

10:33:16 From Mark Boland To Everyone:

Agree, too

10:34:03 From James Kilgo To Everyone:

Yeah. Point of contact info

10:34:18 From James Kilgo To Everyone:

Needed

10:38:47 From Thomas Walker To Everyone:
and also please share in your networks

10:53:56 From Karen Swank Kustafik To Everyone:



10:55:31 From Mark Boland To Everyone:

Thanks!

10:55:46 From Thomas Walker To Everyone:
meeting adjourned