

Location:

November 2, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Meeting No. 1 (Hybrid Format)

Clemson Edisto REC

Action Items:

1. RBC members should select an alternate from the same water use interest category and inform the planning team.
2. RBC members should be thinking of potential Lower Savannah - Salkehatchie RBC Chair and Vice-Chair nominees ahead of meeting 4.
3. RBC members to consider possible field trip locations.

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda
- RBC and Planning Team Introductions
- Public Comment Period
- Overview of River Basin Planning, the Planning Framework, and Examples
- Review of RBC Bylaws
- Basin Priorities
- Future RBC Meetings Discussion

Meeting Summary (November 2nd)

John Boyer, USRBC Facilitator, called the November 2nd meeting of the Lower Savannah - Salkehatchie RBC to order at 10:00 AM. The first meeting of the Lower Savannah - Salkehatchie RBC was held in-person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Lower Savannah - Salkehatchie RBC members and planning team, there were 44 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. The meeting began with John Boyer welcoming the RBC members to the first meeting. John introduced the meeting structure and discussed the agenda items for the meeting. The Lower Savannah – Salkehatchie RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda. A public comment period was held with no comments received. An agency comment period was held with no comments received.

John Boyer facilitated introductions of the planning team and Lower Savannah – Salkehatchie RBC members. The planning team consists of DNR, DHEC, CDM Smith, and Clemson personnel

and each planning team member introduced themselves and their role on the team. The RBC members then introduced themselves, their current professional role, water sector they represent in this planning process, why they decided to serve on the RBC, their familiarity with the planning process, and an interesting fact about themselves.

The next agenda item was a presentation by Scott Harder and Brooke Czwartacki, SCDNR, about river basin planning, the planning framework, and examples. Scott discussed river basin planning activities including background, history, and context and current status of SC river basin planning in South Carolina. Brooke provided an overview of the Lower Savannah – Salkehatchie which included water uses and then presented information about specific pieces and processes involved in developing a river basin plan. John Boyer then presented the planning phases to the RBC and discussed examples of river basin plans to inform the RBC of where they are headed in this process.

John Boyer reviewed the RBC bylaws from the planning framework. The review included: purpose of the bylaws, modifications to the bylaws, membership and attendance, removal, resignation, and reinstatement, RBC term lengths, code of conduct, RBC Chair and Vice-Chair responsibilities, meeting types, decision-making, subcommittees and interbasin river councils. John Boyer and Evan Patrohay then proceeded to have RBC members draw their member term length. Those not in attendance had their term length drawn for them.

Finally, the RBC meeting moved to a discussion of basin priorities. The Lower Savannah - Salkehatchie RBC members broke up into 4 total breakout groups including one for the RBC members in attendance online. The priority areas for the RBC members included: what they want to preserve, protect, or enhance, outcomes to encourage, actions to promote, and how they want the basin managed. The identified basin priorities from the exercise will help set the vision statement and goals for the Lower Savannah – Salkehatchie RBC.

The RBC then discussed and selected the next meeting date and time. The meeting concluded with John Boyer discussing potential items for the next meeting. The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next Lower Savannah – Salkehatchie RBC meeting will be held December 7, 2023.

The meeting concluded at 1:59 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 12/7/23