

Location:

April 25, 2023
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Pee Dee REC
Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. **Planning team to follow-up with Field Trip details for the May PDRBC meeting.**
2. **Matt Lindburg and JD Solomon to begin subcommittee process of writing first 3 chapters of the River Basin Plan.**

Major Decisions:

1. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the RBC bylaws as written in the Planning Framework. (July 2022)**
2. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the proposed Process Metrics as presented. (August 2022)**
3. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the Mission, Vision, and Goals of the Pee Dee RBC. (August 2022)**
4. **The Pee Dee RBC elected the Chair: Buddy Richardson and Vice Chair: Cara Schildtknecht (November 2022)**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda
- Public and Agency Comment Periods
- Ecological Flow Discussion
- Surface Water Scenario Review and Additional Analyses
- Overview of Edisto Strategies and Recommendations
- Potential Pee Dee Surface Water Management Strategies
- Initiation of River Basin Plan – Chapter Subcommittees
- First Quarter 2023 Report Card
- Meeting Conclusion

Meeting Summary (April 25th)

JD Solomon, Pee Dee River Basin Council Facilitator, called the April 25th meeting of the Pee Dee RBC to order at 9:01 AM. The eleventh meeting of the Pee Dee RBC was held in-person and

virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform (hybrid). Including the Pee Dee RBC members and planning team, there were 46 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online.

The meeting began with JD Solomon reviewing the agenda items for the meeting. The Pee Dee RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and minutes and summary documents from the March 28th meeting. A public comment period was held with no comments. An agency public comment period was held with no comments received.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation: *Flow-Fish Richness Relationships*. Luke Bower, Joe Mruzek, and Brandon Peoples presented different portions of the presentation. The presentation reviewed background information to understand flow-ecology relationships and how they can be used, results of the study in the Pee Dee Basin, and implications of the study including limitations and outstanding questions.

John Boyer presented the next agenda item which was a review of the surface water scenarios and additional analyses. John presented moderate and high demand projection results for Lumber River inflows, compared scenario flows to 7Q10 flows, developed graphs comparing all scenario flows during the drought of record, added operating rules to Lake Robinson for Sonoco, and reviewed responses from water users who were projected to experience shortages.

John then presented an overview of Edisto River Basin water management strategies. He presented some background Edisto River Basin data, reviewed demand-side municipal, agricultural/irrigation, industrial, and thermoelectric conservation measures identified in the Edisto Plan, supply-side water management strategies in the Edisto River Basin, existing strategies in the Edisto, and the low flow management strategy the Edisto RBC developed. John also presented other recommendations developed by the Edisto RBC which included: technical and program, improving the River Basin planning process, and policy, legislative, and regulatory recommendations.

JD facilitated some discussion to identify some potential Pee Dee surface water management strategies. JD then identified the chapters of the Pee Dee River Basin Plan from the Planning Framework and formed subcommittees to begin writing the first three River Basin Plan chapters: Introduction, Description of the Basin, and Water Resources of the Basin. The subcommittee Chairs will work to develop the chapters with Matt Lindburg and other subcommittee members. Finally JD reviewed the First Quarter 2023 report card with the Pee Dee RBC.

The meeting concluded as JD Solomon reminded the RBC of the next meeting of the Pee Dee RBC scheduled for May 23, 2023 at the Clemson Pee Dee REC and a field trip to a local farm.

The RBC meeting was adjourned.

The meeting concluded at 12:19 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 5/23/23