

**Location:**

December 19, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. RBC members to read Chapters 1 and 2 and come to the January 2024 meeting prepared to vote on those chapters.
2. RBC members to be prepared to discuss groundwater model considerations for the current Pee Dee River Basin Planning Process.

**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, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Periods
- Update on Groundwater Modeling Status
- Lessons Learned from 2001 Drought
- Chapter Updates
- Meeting Conclusion

**Meeting Summary (December 19<sup>th</sup>)**

JD Solomon, Pee Dee River Basin Council Facilitator, called the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pee Dee RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The nineteenth meeting of the Pee Dee RBC was held virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Pee Dee RBC members and planning team, there were 49 people present at this RBC meeting.

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

The first item on the agenda was an update on the groundwater modeling work underway. The USGS team explained that there is significant pumping data from North Carolina that is missing from the parent Coastal Plain groundwater model which affects the regional Pee Dee groundwater model that is being developed. The USGS team anticipates at least a 5 month delay to enter the data into the parent model, recalibrate the Coastal Plain model, and then continue working on the regional Pee Dee groundwater model. RBC members will be asked to discuss their perspectives and agree to a plan on the groundwater modeling effort for the current Pee Dee River Basin Planning Process.

John Crutchfield, Duke Energy, presented *Lessons Learned from the 2002 Drought* from an electric utility perspective. John discussed characteristics of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin and the drought of record from 1998 – 2002. The 1998 – 2002 drought was extreme for the entire state but impacts in the Pee Dee basin in South Carolina were among the worst. John discussed the impacts and the efforts to address the drought situation. John discussed the Yadkin – Pee Dee minimum flow requirements, Low Inflow Protocol, triggers and flow requirements, and lessons learned from the drought of 1998 – 2002.

Matt Lindburg, Brown & Caldwell, discussed the status of several chapters in the Pee Dee River Basin Plan. Chapters 1 and 2 will be voted on in the January meeting. Chapters 3, 5, and 8 are currently under review in subcommittee and by SCDNR staff.

JD Solomon concluded the meeting at 10:22 AM. The next meeting of the Pee Dee RBC will be January 23, 2024 and will be a hybrid meeting at the Clemson Pee Dee REC in Darlington.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: January 23, 2024