

**Location:**

May 23, 2023

9:00 AM – 12:05 PM

Pee Dee REC and Field Trip

Hybrid Meeting

**Action Items:**

1. **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
- Statement from SCDA
- Review of Groundwater Resources
- Food Production Presentation
- Field Trip
- Meeting Conclusion

**Meeting Summary (May 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

JD Solomon, Pee Dee River Basin Council Facilitator, called the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Pee Dee RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The twelfth 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 40 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 April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. A public comment period was held with no comments. An agency public comment period was held with no comments received. Norris Thigpen with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture read a statement to the Pee Dee RBC from Commissioner Hugh E. Weathers.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation from Brooke Czwartacki, SCDNR, which reviewed the groundwater resources of the Pee Dee River Basin. Brooke highlighted the hydrogeologic framework along both the dip and strike, aquifer extents and recharge areas, reported groundwater withdrawals, the groundwater monitoring network, information about groundwater-level trends, cones of depression in the basin, and potentiometric maps for various aquifers.

Thomas Hunter, McCall Farms, presented to the RBC about food production and canning. He discussed the company including history, brand acquisitions, the canning process, and the company's distribution footprint. Thomas then presented information to the council regarding agricultural trends and individual product reviews.

At 10:24 AM the Pee Dee RBC members went to Woodard Farms on an agricultural field trip. RBC members were welcomed to the farm by the farmers and SC Farm Bureau representatives and viewed a live demonstration of a center pivot irrigation audit by Kendall Kirk (Clemson CU-CAT) and the CPIT team. After lunch, the meeting and field trip were adjourned. The next meeting of the Pee Dee RBC will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Pee Dee REC.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: June 27, 2023