

Location:

May 11, 2023

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Presbyterian College – Jacobs Hall

503 South Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325

Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. **Planning team to distribute memo or presentation on median versus mean.**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public Comment Period
- April RBC Meeting Review
- Review and Discussion of SCDHEC-proposed changes to the Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting Use and Reporting Act
- Development of Planning Process, Technical and Program, and Policy, Legislative, and Regulatory Recommendations
- Implementation Plan Development
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule and Topics

Meeting Summary (May 11th)

Ken Tuck, Broad River Basin Council (RBC) Chair, called to order the May 11th meeting of the Broad RBC at 9:02 AM. The thirteenth meeting of the Broad RBC was held in-person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Broad RBC members and planning team, there were 33 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. Ken reviewed the meeting objectives and asked for motions to approve the agenda and minutes and summary documents from the previous meeting. The Broad RBC unanimously approved the RBC meeting agenda as well as the previous meeting minutes and summary. John Boyer held a public comment period with no comments received. An agency comment period was also held without any comments received. John Boyer reviewed the April RBC meeting.

John Boyer started the meeting with discussion of draft chapter 7 – water management strategies. There was some discussion regarding industrial and utility use efficiency. The majority of the discussion focused on Gaffney and options to increase their available water supply.

Leigh Anne Monroe, DHEC, reviewed and led discussion regarding draft changes to the Surface Water Withdrawal, Permitting Use and Reporting Act which were crafted in response to several discussions with the PPAC. Major differences in the revised statute included: permits for all users, 30 year permit duration with 10 year review intervals, and the permit can potentially be reduced if the permit limit is not necessary to meet future needs for the length of the permit. Minor differences included: 15 to 8 basins for permitting and review, public notice would be through an online platform versus the newspaper, and turf grass would be removed from the agricultural use definition. Broad RBC members provided initial feedback based on the presentation.

Next, John Boyer facilitated discussion with the Broad RBC to solicit planning process, technical and program, and policy, legislative, and regulatory recommendations. Possible planning process recommendations included: changes to RBC membership, bylaws, meeting schedules, or procedures, ideas to improve communication, funding, public outreach, and implementation. Possible technical and program recommendations included: need for more data, model improvement, additional models, improved data, technical studies, training, and improved instream flow requirement information. Possible policy, legislative, or regulatory recommendations included: modifications to laws, regulations, or ordinances, new laws, regulations, or ordinances, funding, and restructuring groups or agencies. Broad RBC members made relevant recommendations at a basin-wide and state level for all three recommendation topics.

Due to time constraints, implementation plan development was not discussed during this RBC meeting and will be on the agenda at the next meeting. The meeting concluded with a review of the meeting schedule and topics for future meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th at Harbison State Forest.

The meeting concluded at 1:06 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: June 8, 2023