

Location:

December 3, 2024

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Clemson Pee Dee REC (Hybrid)

Action Items:

1. Prepare for public meeting presentation of draft Pee Dee 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)
5. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC decided to take a common sense approach to the groundwater modeling delays for the Pee Dee River Basin Plan. To continue to develop groundwater management strategies and clarify those/check them once the groundwater model is completed. If the model is not completed, move forward with the developed groundwater management strategies for the plan. (January 2024)
6. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC decided to continue the monthly meeting schedule during the groundwater model delay and for the planning team to decide on what is appropriate for in-person versus virtual meeting format on a month-to-month basis. (January 2024)
7. Unanimous - The Pee Dee RBC preliminarily approved Ch 1 of the River Basin Plan. (January 2024)
8. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC approved development of a 20 – 30 page Executive Summary and development of a 2 page policy brief style handout. (January 2024)
9. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC preliminarily approved Chapters 2, 3, and 8 of the River Basin Plan. (April 2024)
10. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC preliminarily approved Ch 5 (surface water portion) of the River Basin Plan. (May 2024)
11. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC elected Lindsay Privette as the new Vice Chair of the Pee Dee RBC. (October 2024)
12. Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to approve the draft Pee Dee River Basin Plan (December 2024)

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Periods
- Review/Discussion of Completed Draft River Basin Plan
- RBC 1234 Vote
- Schedule and Next Steps
- Meeting Conclusion

Meeting Summary (December 3rd)

JD Solomon, Pee Dee River Basin Council Facilitator, called the December 3rd meeting of the Pee Dee RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The thirtieth meeting of the Pee Dee RBC was held at the Clemson Pee Dee REC and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform (hybrid). Including the Pee Dee RBC members and planning team, there were 31 people present at this RBC meeting. The minutes and summary documents were unanimously approved from the October meeting.

Matt Lindburg, Brown and Caldwell, reviewed and facilitated discussion of the completed draft river basin plan. While no major changes occurred with the draft plan since the previous meeting, several edits were made to the plan based on feedback received. Chapter 10 received the most significant revisions which were focused on the implementation plan. Other key areas of improvement were data and modeling, applicability of water management strategies, and state staffing and funding to support implementation. Matt also reviewed the Executive Summary, which also received some feedback for edits.

JD Solomon then facilitated the RBC vote on the draft river basin plan. The scoring for the draft plan was from 1-5 with one representing full endorsement and two representing endorsement with minor points of contention. All the RBC members in attendance rated the draft plan a one or two. Three RBC members were not present, and their votes were received after the meeting. The draft Pee Dee river basin plan was approved and will be posted online.

JD Solomon thanked everyone and encouraged all to attend the first public meeting to present the draft plan on January 14th at the Pee Dee REC. The next meeting of the Pee Dee River Basin Council will be held on February 18th virtually to review public comments received at the public meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:14 AM

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 3/4/25