

December 14th, 2022
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Meeting No. 28 (Virtual)

Edisto River Basin Council

December 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Edisto RBC Members Present: John Bass, Hugo Krispyn, Joel Duke, Alex Tolbert, Eric Odom, Hank Stallworth, Brandon Stutts, Laura Bagwell, Landrum Weathers, Kirk Bell, Alan Mehrzad, Will Williams, Jason Thompson, Jeremy Walther, David Bishop, & Jerry Waters

Edisto RBC Members Absent: Alta Mae Marvin, JJ Jowers, Amanda Sievers, Johny Haralson, & Mark Aakhus

Planning Team Present: John Boyer, Tom Walker, Scott Harder, Andy Wachob, Leigh Anne Monroe, Joe Koon, & Jeff Allen

Total Present: 37

1. Call the Meeting to Order (Hank Stallworth, RBC Chair) 9:00–9:10
 - a. Review of Meeting Objectives
 - i. Review Suggested Draft River Basin Plan Revisions
 - ii. Review and Discuss Proposed Additional Plan Recommendations
 - b. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Unanimous approval
 - c. Approval of November 16th, 2022, Minutes and Summary
 - i. Unanimous approval

2. Public and Agency Comment (John Boyer) 9:10–9:15
 - a. Public Comment Period
 - i. No comments received
 - b. Agency Comment Period
 - i. No comments received

3. Old Business / New Business – RBC Open Discussion Opportunity 9:15–9:20
(Hank Stallworth and John Boyer, CDM Smith)
 - a. No old or new business items discussed

4. Review Suggested Draft River Basin Plan Revisions (John Boyer) 9:20–9:35
 - a. Some edits were incorporated and additional suggested edits from RBC members. John began reviewing the suggested edits.
 - b. Ch 2 edits – pgs 2-4 through 2-9. SCDNR edits
 - c. Ch 5 edits – pg. 5-11. RBC member suggested revision to indicate the safe yield calculations allow for overallocation of water resources. Included discussion around recent registrations which overallocated the resource. It will be included in another section Ch 9 and/or the Executive Summary.
 - d. Ch 6 edits – pgs 6-31 through 6-34 (Table 6-24) – RBC member suggested revisions to modify and clarify socioeconomic effects feasibility for certain strategies.

- e. Ch 9 edits – pgs 9-5 and 9-8 – RBC member suggested revisions to better support the discussion regarding recommendation for use of median over mean. Pg 9-9 – Revision to capture RBC members discussion point about existing regulation not being protective of minimum flows.
5. Review and Discuss Proposed Additional Plan Recommendations (John Boyer) 9:35–10:20
- a. Ch 10 edits – pgs 10-1, 10-2, 10-9, and 10-15 – RBC member suggested revisions to add a 7th objective to the Implementation Plan and long-term planning objectives.

Motion: To not include objective 7 – 1st Landrum Weathers, 2nd Jason Thompson
Yes – 7 votes and No – 7 votes – Tie - Objective 7 will not be included.

Motion: Remove revised language in Table 10-2 in the Implementation Plan – Strategy C – 1st Jeremy Walther, 2nd Landrum Weathers – Yes – 9 votes and No – 2 Votes and 1 Abstain. Added language is removed.

Formal issue: Discussion regarding moving content from Objective 7 into Chapter 9.

Motion: To find a place in the plan to address water quality moving forward – issues raised but not resolved – 1st Hugo Krispyn, 2nd Laura Bagwell – Yes – 11 votes and No – 3 votes. Addressing Water Quality in Ch 9 will be included.
 - b. Suggested Recommendations for Discussion: Unresolved Issues:
 - i. **First Unresolved Issue** - Status quo allows for overallocation of surface water resources through permits and registrations.

Motion: To strike suggested recommendation and not include it – 1st Jeremy Walther and Jason Thompson, 2nd Landrum Weathers – Yes – 11 votes and No – 2 votes. Language will not be added.

Motion: To include “The development of flow standards and revision of the criteria for regulatory approval of surface water withdrawals have been identified as potential pathways to more sustainable management of the resource. The State Water Plan should address these issues” in the Executive Summary – 1st Hugo Krispyn, 2nd Alan Mehrzad – Yes – 3 votes and No – 9 votes. It will not be added to the Executive Summary.

Second Unresolved Issue – Regulatory status of grandfathered permits and agricultural registrations for surface water withdrawals.

Motion: Remove proposed language – 1st Landrum Weathers, 2nd Jeremy Walther – Yes 10 votes and No – 2 votes. Language will not be included.

Third Unresolved Issue – The SC State Water Plan should explicitly address both quality and quantity, since they are inextricably entwined, or it will be incomplete.

Motion: To include language as written – 1st Hugo Krispyn, 2nd Laura Bagwell – Yes – 2 votes and No – 9 votes. Language will not be included.
6. Review Remaining Steps to Complete the Draft Plan (John Boyer) 10:20–10:25
- a. John reviewed the timeline for completion of the Edisto river basin plan.
 - b. Draft Agenda for First Public Meeting reviewed.
 - c. Discussion to include Edisto basin planning budget at the first public meeting.
 - d. Ken Rentiers will include it into his opening remarks and will decide how to present the information.

- e. Edisto RBC approved this inclusion of the budget into the first public meeting based on budget distribution to the RBC first to review.

7. Meeting Conclusion (Hank Stallworth, RBC Chair)

10:25–10:30

- a. Meeting concluded at 11:23 AM

Minutes by: Tom Walker

Approved: 4/26/23

RBC Chat:

09:03:15 From Will To Everyone:

yes

09:03:21 From AWilliams To Everyone:

yes

09:04:29 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Approve minutes etc.

09:04:46 From hankstallworth To Everyone:

approve

09:04:52 From Will To Everyone:

approve minutes

09:04:55 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

Approve

09:09:09 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

I'm here

09:13:05 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Laura is fine with revisions in Chapter 2, Chapter 5, and Chapter 6. One suggested minor edit for Chapter 6 table: Might eliminate the word "positive" ahead of the word "benefit," as that seems redundant.

09:13:24 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Will send markup after the meeting.

09:15:22 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

I jumped from phone to the computer, so can now see edits.

09:21:38 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Good with John's suggested language.

09:30:15 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

I make motion to not add objective 7 at this time.

09:33:12 From Kirk Westphal To Everyone:

Is it sufficient to add water quality to the procedural recommendations for future action (not necessarily an objective), the same way the RBC endorsed climate change considerations in future analysis?

09:34:18 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Laura

09:34:42 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Laura's back after stepping away for another call. I support the addition of this objective and agree with Joel's assessment.

09:37:17 From Jeremy Walther To Everyone:

I vote to not add objective 7

09:37:23 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

yes, not add 7

09:37:25 From eodom To Everyone:

Yes

09:37:29 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

Yes

09:37:30 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

yes, do not add

09:37:35 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

I vote to add objective 7.

09:37:37 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

Yes not to add 7

09:37:44 From hankstallworth To Everyone:

I support adding the objective, so I vote against the motion.

09:38:02 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

I vote no to the motion

09:38:19 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

No to motion, yes to Objective 7

09:38:40 From John To Everyone:

no to motion

09:38:52 From ahmehrzaad To Everyone:

I would like to see objective 7 included

09:52:29 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Agree that these concepts are important to address, but perhaps not in Table 10-2. I actually like the text in the Strategy box, but find it hard to get through the text in the 5-year Actions box.

09:56:00 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

yes

09:56:09 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

yes

09:56:09 From eodm To Everyone:

yes

09:56:09 From Jeremy Walther To Everyone:

yes

09:56:10 From John To Everyone:

yes

09:56:14 From Will To Everyone:

yes

09:56:21 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

Yes

09:56:22 From hankstallworth To Everyone:

yes

09:56:32 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

Oppose motion

09:56:41 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

Yes

09:58:30 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Abstain. Would like to maintain the edits in the Strategy box and can live without the added text in the 5-yr Actions box.

10:02:41 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Second Hugo's motion.

10:08:08 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

This issue is important enough to warrant inclusion somewhere in the river basin plan.

10:09:07 From Jeremy Walther To Everyone:

no

10:09:09 From ahmehrzaad To Everyone:

yes

10:09:11 From hankstallworth To Everyone:

yes

10:09:11 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

yes

10:09:11 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

yes

10:09:12 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Yes to motion to include discussion of water quality somewhere in the plan (Chapter 9).

10:09:32 From John To Everyone:

yes

10:09:41 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

No

10:09:45 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

yes include

10:09:54 From Kirk Bell To Everyone:

yes

10:09:56 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

No

10:09:59 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

yes

10:10:00 From eodom To Everyone:

yes

10:17:24 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Suggest deleting final sentence of first paragraph. Proceed with second paragraph as written, but end the last sentence after the word resource. Then add a final summary sentence suggesting that the State Water Plan somehow address these issues.

10:21:40 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

I vote to keep the text, with possible revisions in a follow-up motion.

10:21:49 From John To Everyone:

yes not to include

10:21:55 From eodom To Everyone:

yes not to include

10:21:57 From Jeremy Walther To Everyone:

yes

10:21:59 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

yes, As originally stated, not include.

10:22:02 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

yes

10:22:12 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

Yes not include

10:22:21 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

yes

10:22:22 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

I oppose the motion. I would be okay with the edits proposed in discussion

10:22:29 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

Yes

10:22:32 From Kirk Bell To Everyone:

yes

10:22:34 From Will To Everyone:

yes

10:32:26 From ahmehrzaad To Everyone:

I 2nd Hugos motion

10:32:36 From Jeremy Walther To Everyone:

no

10:33:06 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Vote yes on Hugo's motion.

10:33:33 From hankstallworth To Everyone:

yes on Hugo's motion

10:33:49 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

I have to step away for a few minutes. For consideration later, Slide 18 of the public meeting slides contains an extra word. Groundwater Water ... Hope to be back in a few minutes.

10:34:04 From John To Everyone:

no on the motion

10:35:19 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

Yes on motion

10:35:34 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

No

10:37:57 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

No to include current language.

10:39:29 From eodom To Everyone:

no

10:39:33 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

no

10:39:48 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

No

10:39:58 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

no.

10:39:59 From Will To Everyone:

no

10:47:47 From Jeremy Walther To Everyone:

yes

10:47:49 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

Not include.

10:47:49 From eodom To Everyone:

yes

10:47:49 From John To Everyone:

yes

10:47:52 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

yes

10:47:56 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

Yes

10:47:58 From Kirk Bell To Everyone:

no

10:47:59 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

Yes

10:48:02 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

Oppose the motion

10:48:05 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

yes

10:48:17 From Will To Everyone:

yes

10:48:26 From ahmehrza To Everyone:

yes

10:50:29 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Laura's back. Sorry for the hiatus. I support the language as written and second Hugo's motion.

10:50:45 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

No, don't include

10:50:51 From eodom To Everyone:

no

10:50:55 From Jeremy Walther To Everyone:

no, don't include

10:50:58 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

No

10:50:59 From John To Everyone:

no do not include

10:51:01 From ahmehrzaad To Everyone:

yes, I think water quality should be included

10:51:04 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

support the motion

10:51:10 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

not to include

10:51:41 From Landrum Weathers To Everyone:

No

10:52:33 From Will To Everyone:

no

10:53:06 From Alex's iPad To Everyone:

No

10:59:07 From Hugo Krispyn To Everyone:

Hope everyone has a good holiday and a happy New Year!!

11:03:38 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Was similar cost information included in various PPAC reports? Does the PPAC report on their cost of doing work for taxpayers?

11:12:34 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

If detailed cost info is going to be presented, I like John's idea of having Ken Rentiers make the presentation upfront at the public meeting.

11:18:52 From eodom To Everyone:

John, I have to drop off. I have another meeting scheduled at 11:30.

11:19:36 From Brandon Stutts To Everyone:

need to drop off

11:20:51 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Let's rely on Ken to ascertain how best to summarize and present.

11:21:35 From Joel Duke To Everyone:

Is it possible for the RBC to see the information being discussed before making some recommendations on presentation?

11:22:08 From Laura Bagwell, Aiken Soil & Water To Everyone:

Thank you all!

11:23:05 From Jason Thompson To Everyone:

Happy Holidays Everyone!

11:23:51 From Will To Everyone:

Happy Holidays