

Location:

June 9, 2022

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Spartanburg CC – Tyger River Campus

Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

- 1. RBC members should select an alternate from the same water use interest category if you have not already done so and inform the planning team.**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment Period
- Low-Flow Statistics in the Broad River Basin
- North Carolina Water Supply Planning
- Broad Basin Climatology
- SC Drought Response Act
- Vision and Goals Development
- Selection of RBC Chair and Vice Chair

Meeting Summary (June 9th)

John Boyer called to order the June 9th meeting of the Broad RBC to order at 9:03 AM. The third 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 52 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. John Boyer introduced the meeting structure and discussed the agenda items for the meeting. The Broad RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda as well as the previous meeting minutes and summary. A public comment period was held with no comments received. An agency comment period was also held without any comments received.

The first major agenda item was a presentation by Toby Feaster of USGS entitled: *Low-Flow Statistics in South Carolina*. As this iteration of river basin planning is focused primarily on drought conditions, Toby's presentation provided statistical information to the RBC regarding low-flow conditions in the basin. Highlights of the presentation included: history of South Carolina (SC) low-flow updates in the basin and statewide, current efforts to update low-flow and mean annual flow statistics in SC, development of regression equations to estimate low-

flow and mean annual flow statistics at ungauged locations, and 7Q10 discussion and calculations.

Next, Linwood Peele from NCDEQ shared current and future water demand insights from North Carolina (NC) in his presentation entitled: *Water Supply Planning: Current and Future Water Demands*. As the Broad river basin's headwaters begin in NC, it is important to coordinate with NC on the current state of water management in NC. Highlights of Linwood's presentation included: NC statutory requirements, NC water use registration, NC water use management, NC Broad river basin water use demand and outlook, and challenges facing NC water supply planning.

Elliot Wickham from the SCDNR State Climatology Office presented two presentations to the Broad RBC. These presentations provided baseline climate and drought information to the RBC. The first presentation was entitled: *Climatology of South Carolina* which informed the council on the State Climatology Office team, purpose, and responsibilities, climate stations within the Broad river basin, temperature statistics and trends, precipitation statistics and trends, extreme rainfall events and information, and tornado and tropical cyclone information. The second presentation was entitled: *SC Drought Monitoring and Management* which informed the council on the history of droughts in SC, the SC drought response program and SC Drought Response Act and regulations, a review of local level drought planning, highlights of the drought tabletop exercises and takeaways, and a review of the SC drought website.

John Boyer then facilitated development of the Broad RBC's Vision and Goals. After discussion and refinement, the RBC adopted the following Vision Statement: *Empowered stakeholders taking coordinated actions to conserve and enhance the resilience of the Broad River Basin to provide water resources for quality of life, while accounting for the ecological integrity of our shared water resources*. The Broad RBC goals were then developed in a similar fashion and the finalized Broad RBC Goals as adopted were: *1. Enhance the understanding of regional water issues and the need for support of policies and behaviors to protect resources through promotion and education. 2. Use sound science and data driven practice to support collaboration for all entities to effectively and efficiently manage the basin. 3. Provide policy and legislative recommendations*.

The Broad RBC then selected the Chair and Vice Chair positions. The candidates for Chair and Vice Chair shared a little about themselves and why they were interested in serving in the positions. Candidates for Chair were Jeff Lineberger and Ken Tuck. Candidates for Vice Chair were Daniel Hanks and Jeff Lineberger. Ken Tuck was elected Chair 16-5 by the RBC and Daniel Hanks was elected Vice Chair 11-10 by the RBC.

Finally, John Boyer reviewed the meeting schedule and topics for future meetings. The next scheduled meetings are July 14, August 11, and September 8. The July meeting of the Broad RBC will be held at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. The meeting locations for the August and September meetings will be determined at a later date.

The meeting concluded at 1:03 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 7/14/22