

Broad River Basin Council Meeting Minutes  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**RBC Members Present:** Amy Bresnahan, Justin McGrady, Ken Tuck, John Alexander, Karen Kustafik, Bill Stangler, Mark Boland, Bryant Fleming, Jeff Lineberger, Erika Hollis, & Angus Lafaye

**RBC Members Absent:** James Kilgo, Daniel Hanks, Kristen Austin, Frank Eskridge, Jeff Walker, & Paul Pruitt

**Planning Team Present:** John Boyer, Scott Harder, Joe Koon, Tom Walker, Leigh Anne Monroe, Hannah Hartley, Alexis Modzelesky, & Jeff Allen

**Total Present:** 27

Ken Tuck, Broad River Basin (RBC) chair, called the meeting to order the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting of the RBC. The RBC meeting review included reviewing comments and finalizing responses to the Draft Broad River Basin Plan, determining consensus on the Final Plan and discussing next steps and RBC membership. Ken Tuck called for approval of the meeting agenda. Bill Stangler made a motion to approve the agenda which Jeff Lineberger seconded. Jeff Lineberger made a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes and summary, which was seconded by Bill Stangler. RBC members unanimously approved the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and last meeting minutes and summary.

The planning team received public comment from the following: Angie Price, PE of Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) on the Draft Broad River Plan that were accepted from November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The details of the public comments and responses will be included in Table 10-2 of the plan, and a two-page summary was created to summarize the plan's key findings ( can be found on the website) in response to the second comment. The RBC appreciates both the third and fourth comments. Hence, the RBC members are comfortable with all responses regarding public comments.

John pointed out a few additional edits that were made, which included:

- The picture labels by adding captions to the pictures as recommended by the RBC members.
- The second was Surface Water Summary on p. 11 of the Exec. Summary, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, last sentence-“headwaters” needed to be plural. Also, that same page changed “flood control” to “flood management,” which seemed a more appropriate term.
- Water Demand Summary, p. 14 Regarding wastewater returns, we don't speak much about the returns in the report. In the Catawba Basin, we tend to talk more about net withdrawals. In other words, we talk about returns with regard to thermoelectric (water withdrawal) use in the executive summary.
- Table ES-2 (p.19), 2<sup>nd</sup> row- change “of water conservation” to “on water conservation”

Question: are we going to take additional comments after our next public meeting in Columbia?

Ans: The comment period was the comment period for the draft plan and turned it into a final plan. We do have a public comment period at the end of the second public meeting, where we generally receive additional comments. We didn't intend to update or change the plan in response to those comments at the second public meeting.

**Determine Consensus on the Final Plan-Decision-Making- River Basin Plan Approval:**

Step1: Testing for consensus of draft plan ( Five Point Rating Scale), which included;

1. Full Endorsement
2. Endorsement, but with minor points of contention
3. Endorsement, but with major points of contention
4. Stand aside with major reservation (requires changes)
5. Withdrawal (member leaves)

Step 2:

- For the Final Plan, each RBC Member will indicate their support or disagreement
- By supporting the Final Plan, each member acknowledges their- Concurrence with the Plan and Commitment to support implementation of the plan.

**Members' Support on the Final Broad River Basin Plan:**

John Alexander, Angus Lafaye, Amy Bresnahan, Jeff Lineberger, Erika Hollis, Bill Stangler, Paul Pruitt, Mark Boland, Frank Eskridge, Bryant Fleming, Ken Tuck, Karen Kustafik, and Justin McGrady are all in support of the final plan.

**Public Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm -8:00 pm, The River Center Saluda Shoals Park 5605 Bush River Rd. Columbia, SC 29212.

Topics to discuss include:

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Overview of the planning process
3. Draft Broad River Basin Plan Highlights including a) vision and Goal, b) Water Demands, c) Surface Water Availability, d) Streamflow-Ecology Relationships, e) Water Management Strategies, f) Plan Recommendation, g), Issues and Challenges, h), Implementation Plan.
4. Summary of Draft Plan Comments and Responses
5. Public Comment Period and Questions and Answers.

John Boyer further highlighted the tenure term for all members, which allows for members to continue their role for another term (extend their term). Members who indicated their interest in continuing another 2-year term include; Amy, Erika, and Karen. Bill was undecided. Justin responded no and that he needed to drop off.

**Discussion on what members would like to do, including implementation plan and meeting pattern:**

Comment: It is important that we meet at least quarterly, and I understand there may be some changes with the Department of Environmental Services. We have done a lot of work on the plan and see how we can keep pushing ahead on the implementation plan.

Other members of the RBC supported the idea of a quarterly meeting and the need for facilitation service during implementation. Members emphasized the need and importance of

facilitation because it brings great value to the group, especially as the council gets started in the implementation phase.

The final comment from John Boyer was Jeff's idea of meeting again in May and then really diving into the implementation plan. Also, emphasize and prioritize the actions around communications, including a road show to each one of the counties, boards, and commissions. This might involve a short presentation by members of the RBC.

Closing Comments and Adjourn:

Ken Tuck ended the meeting; John talked about the upcoming SCEC conference meeting where he would be presenting in one of the sessions (overview of the Broad River Basin Plan).

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Minutes: Iffy Ogbekene and Tom Walker

Approved: 5/30/24

RBC Chat:

10:52:51 From justin "The SC River Guide" mcgrady to Everyone:

Justin McGrady here


10:53:00 From Thomas Walker to Everyone:

Reacted to "Justin McGrady here" with 

11:01:43 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:

Morning, all. Here but using chat in lieu of camera and microphone. Cheers, K

11:02:14 From Thomas Walker to Everyone:

Reacted to "Morning, all. Here ..." with 

11:09:29 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:

good

11:10:54 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:



11:10:56 From Mark Boland to Everyone:

Concur

11:12:06 From Mark Boland to Everyone:

Yea

11:12:20 From John Alexander to Everyone:

Yea

11:13:11 From Amy BRESNAHAN to Everyone:

Yea

11:13:14 From John Alexander to Everyone:

Yea

11:13:16 From Mark Boland to Everyone:

Yea

11:14:51 From Amy BRESNAHAN to Everyone:

I'm good. Keep it simple

11:14:53 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:

Ok with that

11:15:01 From John Alexander to Everyone:  
Good

11:15:58 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:  


11:16:12 From Amy BRESNAHAN to Everyone:  
Good

11:16:20 From John Alexander to Everyone:  
Good

11:20:02 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:  
yes, nice catches Jeff

11:23:10 From Mark Boland to Everyone:  
I concur and support the plan

11:23:23 From Erika Hollis to Everyone:  
I support the plan

11:23:51 From justin "The SC River Guide" mcgrady to Everyone:  
I support the plan

11:24:14 From Erika Hollis to Everyone:  
I can't unmute. sorry

11:24:45 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:  
support

11:29:15 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:  
I can continue

11:29:48 From justin "The SC River Guide" mcgrady to Everyone:  
I will bow out to work on other things

11:33:28 From Amy BRESNAHAN to Everyone:  
I'm good with that suggestion

11:33:32 From John Alexander to Everyone:  
I agree with that

11:33:33 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:  
quarterly works wel

11:34:04 From Bryant to Everyone:  
i support quarterly meetings

11:34:58 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:  
Facilitation is valuable, thanks.

11:35:54 From John Alexander to Everyone:  
I see the value

11:36:09 From Mark Boland to Everyone:  
Facilitation is important

11:39:31 From Karen Swank Kustafik to Everyone:  


11:39:37 From John Alexander to Everyone:  
Thank you!

11:39:40 From Thomas Walker to Everyone:

meeting adjourned