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Moss Elected Chairman of the Rivanna River Basin Commission

At its July 23, 2009 meeting in Palmyra, Virginia, the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) elected Fluvanna Supervisor Marvin Moss as its new chairman. Mr. Moss has been serving as vice-chairman since the Commission's inception in 2007. He will replace Sally Thomas, Albemarle County Supervisor, who will be leaving the Commission at the end of the year. Ms. Roberta "Robbi" Savage, who is the citizen representative to the Commission from Greene County, has been elected Vice-Chair.

The Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) was created by the Commonwealth of Virginia when the statute authorizing it was signed into law by Governor Mark Warner in 2004. The four participating jurisdictions in the Rivanna Basin (Albemarle, Fluvanna and Greene counties and the City of Charlottesville) subsequently endorsed its creation. The Commission's purpose is to provide guidance for the stewardship and enhancement of the water and natural resources of the Rivanna River Basin. Prior to the Commission's creation, The Nature Conservancy raised money from private donors to be used by the RRBC in its first few years to carry out its activities.

The Commission consists of 14 members including two supervisors each from Albemarle, Fluvanna and Greene counties, two City Council members from Charlottesville, a representative each from the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District and the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, and four citizen members appointed by the three counties and Charlottesville.

"I want to express my appreciation to The Nature Conservancy for providing the initial funding for the Commission and to Sally Thomas, who has done an extraordinary job in getting a complex inter-jurisdictional organization off the ground," said Mr. Moss. "The RRBC is already actively carrying out its legislative mandate with cooperation and assistance from all four jurisdictions. This is something that we should all be celebrating."

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ALBEMARLE COUNTY

Sally Thomas
Lindsay Dorrier, Jr.
John Martin

CHARLOTTESVILLE

Holly Edwards
Satyendra Huja
Keith Lancaster

FLUVANNA COUNTY

Marvin Moss (Chair)
John Gooch
Andy Wilson

GREENE COUNTY

Clarence Peyton
Carl Schmitt
Roberta Savage (Vice Chair)

CULPEPER SWCD

Robert Runkle

THOMAS JEFFERSON SWCD

John E. Easter, II