



Rivanna River Basin Commission
 Board Meeting Minutes
 August 20th, 2024, from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M.

Rivanna River Basin Commission	Attendance
Ann Mallek, Albemarle BOS Chair	X
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Albemarle BOS	X
Lonnie Murray, Appointed Citizen	X
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville City Council	
Michael Payne, Charlottesville City Council	X
Jason Halbert, Appointed Citizen	X
Timothy Hodge, Fluvanna County BOS	
Tony O'Brien, Fluvanna County BOS	X
Marvin Moss, Appointed Citizen	X
Davis Lamb, Greene County BOS	
Francis McGuigan, Greene County BOS	
Alex Vidales, Appointed Citizen	
Steve Morris, Culpeper SWCD	
Angus Murdoch, Thomas Jefferson SWCD	
Staff/Public	
Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	
Isabella O'Brien, TJPDC	

Materials in Packet: August 20th, 2024 Meeting Agenda, March 19th 2024 Meeting Minutes, Remote Electronic Participation Policy and All Virtual Meeting Policy

1. Call to Order, Attendance, Determination of Quorum

The Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) Chair Ann Mallek, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Attendance was taken, and no quorum was determined.

2. Approval of Agenda & August March 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The commission was unable to approve the agenda or minutes due to the absence of a quorum.

3. Comments from Public

There were no comments from the public.

4. Impacts of the Chevron Doctrine Overruling – Tanner Brantley Williams Mullen Law Firm

Tanner Brantley, Environmental Regulatory Practice Associate, presented on the Loper-Bright case overruling the Chevron Doctrine, Loper-Bright and how it affects agencies of the state, the judicial review process, and other key takeaways. The recording and presentation are available alongside meeting materials.

5. Approval of Remote Electronic Participation and All- Virtual Meeting Policy

The commission was unable to approve the policy due to the absence of a quorum. David Blount reviewed the drafted policy changes for the commission. The commission plans to have an executive committee meeting to approve the policy and carry out other administrative duties as necessary before the next commission meeting in March 2025.

6. Staff Updates

a. RRBC Annual Conference

Staff shared details for the upcoming RRBC Conference and gathered feedback from the Commission.

b. Watershed Implementation Plan

Staff shared details about the TJPDC's scope of work during 2024 and changes moving forward due to funding availability from the IIJA for increased BMP implementation. It was recommended that the SWCDs and TJPDC coordinate septic work in the region due to new funding sources and the level of need in the region for technical assistance and funding for pump outs, repair, replacement, and connection to public sewer.

A survey for those that have adopted voluntary BMPs (and without incentive) would be interesting information to collect and provide additional data to the region and DEQ. Ian Garnet with the Farm Bureau developed a report and system for collecting this data for agricultural BMPs and could be a template for such a survey. DCR mentioned that this would be a great addition to the data in the region.

Chair Mallek is noticing the impacts of drought on her farm in Albemarle County and changes experienced over the last 20 years, and we need to take more significant steps for water conservation.

7. Roundtable Discussion: Each Commissioner was invited to share updates from their jurisdiction.

Fluvanna County is starting the Scenic River Designation process over for the Hardware River due to the process being stalled in 2019 with COVID. Albemarle County is also interested in studying the Hardware River in their jurisdiction for designation, but will wait on Fluvanna to hear more.

8. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 2:34 pm.

Commission meeting materials may be found at <https://rivannariverbasin.org/meetings-events/>.