



**Rivanna River Basin Commission**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 24, 2024, 10:00 AM**

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

Materials in Packet: Meeting Agenda, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes, August 20<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Meeting Agenda, Remote Electronic Participation Policy and All Virtual Meeting Policy, RRBC Conference Materials

**1. Call to Order, Attendance, Determination of Quorum**

The Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) Chair Ann Mallek, called the meeting to order at 10:02 p.m. A quorum was determined at 10:03 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion/Action:** There was a motion to approve the Agenda made by Jason Halbert, which was seconded by Lonnie Murray, and unanimously approved by the executive committee.

**3. Comments from Public**

There were no public comments submitted or presented.

**4. Approval of August 20, 2024, Agenda**

**Motion/Action:** There was a motion to approve the Agenda made by Tony O'Brien, which was seconded by Jason Halbert, and unanimously approved by the executive committee.

**5. Approval of March 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes**



**Motion/Action:** There was a motion to approve the minutes made by Jason Halbert, which was seconded by Tony O'Brien, and unanimously approved by the executive committee.

## **6. Approval of the Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy**

Staff reviewed the policy changes, and there was a motion to approve the policy made by Tony O'Brien and seconded by Jason Halbert.

## **7. RRBC Annual Conference Feedback and Discussion**

Staff presented background of the annual conference, with an overview of this year's spending, the charge of the workplan, and responses from the follow up survey.

Chair Mallek recommended the conference be hosted in the locality the material of the conference is based on and considering the potential of bringing back a river float for local leaders. Jason Halbert mentioned discussing upcoming water supply planning and ensuring that we are thinking on a watershed scale.

Lonnie Murray recommended promoting the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program and promoting that to homeowners as that funding is meant to support our local jurisdictions. Angus Murdoch echoed that VCAP is really just completing good demonstration projects at this point and is not having a watershed scale impact as intended. More to promote the program would be helpful.

Tony O'Brien mentioned that the balance of growth and preserving rural character is something rural counties could use support on. More education on low impact development and best practices would be helpful.

Angus recommended doing large scale bioretention and rain garden practices to understand where resources would have a bigger impact to think more strategically on behalf of the River; schools, libraries, public lands.

## **8. Hardware River Scenic Designation**

Staff gave background on the progress in Fluvanna County to move towards scenic designation of the river, staff provided and fact sheet on the eligibility criteria for scenic rivers. Albemarle County is interested being a part of the application process and will use the fact sheet to share with fellow board members what a scenic designation would mean for adjacent homeowners. The Fluvanna County Board is supportive of the scenic designation.

## **9. Next Meeting**

Staff presented some of the bylaws to reference the upcoming elections and appointments of the nominating committee.

**10. Roundtable discussion:** Each Commissioner was invited to share updates from their jurisdiction.

**11. Adjourn:** There was a motion to adjourn by Tony O'Brien. Seconded by Jason Halbert, and unanimously approved by the Commission at 11:00 am.

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