



Rivanna River Basin Commission

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

June 13th, 2025, from 11:00 to 12:30 P.M.

Rivanna River Basin Commission	Attendance
Ann Mallek, Albemarle BOS Chair	X
Lonnie Murray, Appointed Citizen	X
Reese Peck, Fluvanna Appointed Citizen	X
Jason Halbert, Appointed Citizen	X
Tony O'Brien, Fluvanna County BOS	X
Staff/Public	
Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	X
Isabella O'Brien, TJPDC	X
MaeEllen Megginson, TJPDC	X

Materials in Packet: June 13, 2025 Meeting Agenda, Remote Electronic Participation Policy and All Virtual Meeting Policy, Outline of RRBC Conference and Scenic River Background

1. Call to Order, Attendance, Determination of Quorum

The Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) Chair Ann Mallek, called the meeting to order at 11:02 p.m. Attendance was taken, and a virtual quorum was determined.

2. Approval of Agenda

The commission approved the meeting agenda. A motion was made by Lonnie Murray and seconded by Tony O'Brien.

3. Comments from Public

There were no comments from the public.

4. RRBC Annual Conference Planning and Engagement

The annual conference supports the RRBC's mission. MaeEllen Megginson, the TJPDC Environmental Planning Intern from Batten's Master of Public Policy Program is coordinating conference planning. She presented conference details, including topic,

venue, date, catering options, potential speakers and tabling organizations. Commissioner's provided suggestions and feedback.

Potential speakers include experts on water supply planning, data centers, and drought resilience. Julie Bolthouse from PEC is recommended for her expertise on data centers and Brian Richter was recommended as a keynote. Fabio's is the preferred catering option due to cost and quality. The commission also discussed encouraging attendees to bring reusable water bottles to reduce waste. An emphasis on the balance needed between data center benefits and environmental impact was recommended. Tabling organizations will be invited to enhance networking opportunities.

5. Hardware River Scenic Designation

Fluvanna is moving forward with the Hardware River Scenic Designation process but has trouble with access to support DCR's study. Albemarle County requested that David Blount, the TJPDC Deputy Executive Director and Legislative Aide, present or coordinate with the Board of Supervisors on the scenic river designation process to dissuade any misconceptions and answer questions. The benefits of coordinating the DCR study between the two jurisdictions were discussed as the Hardware River lies within both counties.

6. Roundtable

Each Commissioner was invited to share updates from their jurisdiction.

Potential meeting topics were recommended for the upcoming RBBC Board meetings. DEQ's office of local assistance was recommended to provide information on local authority to implement low impact development, develop Riparian Buffer Ordinances and include resource management areas in local ordinances.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM. Commission meeting materials may be found at <https://rivannariverbasin.org/meetings-events/>.