



Rivanna River Basin Commission Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.

Virtual-Only Meeting

AGENDA

Commissioners and Guests – Microsoft Teams: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 210 732 793 572 4 Passcode: XZ9du9RD

Item	Time	Description
1	1:00-1:05	Call to Order, Attendance, Read Electronic Meeting Notice
2	1:05-1:07	Approval of Agenda & 4.10.25 Meeting Minutes*
3	1:07-1:13	Comments from the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker Public are welcome to provide comment on Rivanna River Basin related topics.
4	1:13-1:40	Powers of Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas (outside of the coastal zone) – <i>DEQ Office of Local Government Assistance</i>
5	1:40-2:00	Staff Updates - Chesapeake Bay Agreement Update & Engagement Process - TJPDC IJA Program Updates - RRBC Annual Conference
6	2:00-2:30	Roundtable - Each Commissioner is invited to share updates related to the River/ River Basin from their jurisdiction. - Items for Next Meeting
7	2:30	Adjourn

**Items that require action*

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Rivanna River Basin Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025, from 1:30 to 3:00 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	X
Michael Payne, Charlottesville City Council	
Jason Halbert, Appointed Citizen	X
Timothy Hodge, Fluvanna County BOS	X
Tony O'Brien, Fluvanna County BOS	X
Reese Peck, 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 (outgoing)	X
Aaron Mills, Thomas Jefferson SWCD (incoming)	X
Staff/Public	
Isabella O'Brien, TJPDC	X
David Blount, TJPDC	X

Materials in Packet: March 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Draft), 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 1:40 p.m. Attendance was taken, and a quorum was determined.

2. RRBC Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy

David Blount explained changes to the virtual meeting policy: 50% of meetings annually may be all-virtual, cameras must be on for purposes of establishing a quorum, and this policy must be re-adopted on an annual basis. Chair Ann Mallek motioned to adopt the policy, which was seconded by Timothy Hodge and adopted.

3. Approval of Agenda, March 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes, Remote Electronic Participation and All Virtual Meeting Policy.

The March 19, 2024 minutes were adopted with a motion from Lonnie Murray, seconded by Jason Halbert. The agenda was adopted, with a motion from Timothy Hodge and seconded by Lonnie Murray, with the change of moving the RRBC Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy vote forward. David Blount presented on the updates to the policy which was adopted unanimously with a motion by Timothy Hodge seconded by Tony O'Brien.

4. Comments from Public

There were no comments from the public.

5. Elections

The commission moved to elect Ann Mallek as Chair, Reese Peck as Vice Chair, and Lonnie Murray as Treasurer. This move was seconded and approved.

6. Staff Updates

Watershed Implementation Plan

Staff shared details about the Septic Assistance Program, funded by DEQ's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The program supports low-income homeowners and is under review in DEQ's Office of Financial Management. Once the program begins, 35 septic projects are expected to be completed and submitted to the DEQ BMP Warehouse. The TJSWCD is partnering with the TJPDC and providing initial funding to homeowners. The Septic Assistance Program funding will supplement costs for low-income homeowners.

Chair Mallek and others noted similar work of the RRBC and importance of communication and outreach efforts to ensure resources are publicly available and effectively coordinated. Another board member noted potential issues of self-selection in the application process and the importance of targeting high-risk areas. Staff shared that the goal of this program is to promote more regular maintenance rather than a targeted approach.

Staff also shared information about 8 upcoming rain barrel workshops in 2025, which instruct members of the public on installing rain barrels to prevent excess runoff during storm events. These workshops are held in counties across the region and partners with SWCDs and local stewardship organizations. This program is also funded by the DEQ's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as the TJPDC is allowed the pre-award cost.

Staff also shared information on quarterly Regional Environmental Coordination Meetings. The first meeting included a subject matter expert presentation from statewide nonprofit Wetlands Watch on the Community Food Preparedness Fund, as well as updates on TJPDC environmental programs and a roundtable discussion.

Staff shared updated data from DEQ on annual nitrogen loads delivered to the Chesapeake Bay. There has been a 16.9% reduction in nitrogen loads and a 17.3% reduction in phosphorus loads since 2009.

Significant progress has been made in Virginia, especially in terms of agricultural pollution. However, rising stormwater pollution and urban development continues to be a concern. The commission had a longer conversation on stormwater runoff issues, a need for building greater flood resilience, and better management of impervious surface areas.

Strategic Planning

Staff discussed the current RRBC work plan, which concludes in 2027. The work plan includes updates to the RRBC Website, organizing RRBC Conferences, staffing meetings, information sharing on Facebook, and development of a Rivanna River Story Map that summarizes the human and natural history of the watershed. Staff also shared strategic planning updates regarding updates to the work plan.

Commission members shared recommendations, such as visualizing development and programs across the watershed and focusing on getting watersheds off the 303 list. There were some disagreements on the importance of targeting agriculture vs urbanization for water quality improvements.

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

David Blount was requested to present on scenic river designation process.

Commission members discussed potential venues for the 2025 RRBC Annual Conference. Conference topic ideas were raised, including agricultural runoff into rivers, humanizing stormwater management issues and direct community impacts, and appealing to the more general public rather than experts.

8. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 3:02pm.

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