

Meeting Notes
Discussion Regarding the Future Direction of the Catawba Wateree Bi-State
Advisory Commission
Rock Hill Operations Center, Rock Hill, SC
April 27, 2012

Individuals in Attendance: Rick Lee (Commission Chair), Senator D. Clodfelter (NC, Commission Member), Senator F. Hayes (SC, Commission Member), Jimmy Bagley (Commission Member), David Baize (SC DHEC), Tom Reeder (NC DENR)

Agenda Item #1: Discussion Regarding Membership Issues

Chairman Lee stated a need to create an updated matrix of the entire membership of the Commission. This matrix should include all Commission Members, their phone numbers, e-mail addresses, what group they represent, when they were appointed, and when their term is scheduled to expire. In addition, the group agreed that it would be beneficial to have a representative from the agricultural community within the Catawba Basin, and a representative from an industry located in the Catawba Basin appointed to the Commission. It was agreed that the addition of these new members would not require modification of the original statutory authority for the Commission, because the Commission already had the authority to appoint advisory members as needed. It was suggested that the new positions (Ag & Industry) and that the existing land conservation and homeowner positions be filled by individuals alternating between North and South Carolina. It was further suggested that the new Ag and Industry positions be established with staggered 3 year term limits. Furthermore, South Carolina stated that they had secured an individual to fill the vacant position from the SC House on the Commission. Senator Clodfelter stated that he was going to inquire to see if Representative Samuelson would be interested in filling one of the NC House positions on the Commission.

Agenda Item #2: Bi-State Website Discussion

The group reviewed the existing website for the Commission that is located on the NC DWR webpages at ncwater.org and agreed that this website was suitable for the Commission purposes. Chairman Lee suggested that NC DWR retrieve the older Commission material that has been archived on the Marine Commission webpages and move this material to the current website.

Agenda Item #3: Annual Reports

Chairman Lee inquired if any of the required annual reports had been completed concerning Commission activities. NC replied that it produces annual reports on Commission activities that it distributes to the NC Governor's Office and the NC General Assembly. SC replied that they did not have a similar process. Chairman Lee suggested that the Commission consider: 1) reviewing the annual NC report at their meetings, or 2) creating a joint annual report from the Commission.

Agenda Item #4: Future Activities for the Commission

Chairman Lee led a discussion regarding future potential activities and/or subject matter for the Commission to undertake or examine. This discussion resulted in the following topics being proposed for future consideration:

Report on Sedimentation / Stormwater Control: The most common water quality problem in the basin is the excessive sedimentation deposited in the waters of the Catawba Basin from stormwater runoff. Therefore it was suggested that the Commission receive a report on stormwater/sedimentation programs and controls from both SC DHEC and NC DWQ. These reports should focus specifically on problems and controls in the Catawba Wateree Basin. The possibility of bi-state 319 funded restoration projects was also identified as something to be explored.

Hydrologic Modeling: It was suggested that the Commission assume a role in the development of a joint SC-NC hydrologic model that would cover the entire basin. To initiate this process the Commission would request a comprehensive report from the Catawba Water Management Group on the details of its planned hydrologic modeling effort. There was also discussion on the type of model to be used and how state level modeling efforts using the OASIS model fit with the model used during re-licensing.

Standardization: It was suggested that the Commission explore consistent, uniform water quality standards and monitoring efforts between SC and NC for the entire river basin. It was agreed this would be a topic for a future meeting.

It was decided these notes would be summarized in a Powerpoint Presentation to be given to the full Commission at their next meeting. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.