

**Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®
 May 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 City of Wilson, Wilson, N. C.**

Attending:

Chuck Smithwick	Contentnea MSD	Jonathan Bulla	Town of Cary
Lori Avent	Town of Apex	Corrie Bondor	Town of Cary
Dan McLawhorn	McLawhorn Legal	Ed Buchan	City of Raleigh
Andrew Stevenson	Aqua, N. C.	Justin Bauer	Town of Benson
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham	Joshua Baird	Town of Clayton
David White	Town of Clayton	Adam Stephenson	Town of Fuquay-Varina
Richard Hamilton	City of Goldsboro	Anthony Futrell	Carolina Water Service
Tony Konsul	Carolina Water Service	James Blalock	Town of Clayton
Jimmy Pridgen	City of Wilson	David Suggs	CovationBio
Dan Wall	Johnston County	Nicholas Eatmon	City of Wilson
Jay Sauber	Sauber WQC	T. J. Lynch	Hazen & Sawyer
Ron Boquist	Waypoint Anal.	Benjamin Overton	City of Kinston
Brian Pridgen	Contentnea MSD	Drake Robart	CWS/Town of Snow Hill
Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA		

The Chair, Chuck Smithwick, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 12 of 19 members present representing the LNBA and 14 of 24 members present representing the NRCA. There was a quorum present for both associations and guests were introduced and recognized.

Board Minutes – The Board Minutes for the February 1, 2024 meeting were presented. Being no revisions, Jimmy Pridgen made the motion to approve, seconded by Dan Wall, and approved by the Boards.

LNBA/NRCA Financials – Treasurer's Report – Jimmy Pridgen presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of February, March, and April, 2024 to the Board. As of April 30th, the LNBA account balance is \$244,476.06 and NRCA account balance is \$355,51.23. Also available for the Board's review were the year-to-date expenditures for both associations. Following discussion, Dan Wall made the motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by Jimmy Pridgen, and approved by the Boards, respectively.

McLawhorn Law Agreement – Haywood reported to the Board the agreement with McLawhorn Law would expire June 30th and recommended to the NRCA Board to renew for another year. Following discussion, Jonathan Bulla made the motion to approve, seconded by Reggie Hicks, and approved by the Board.

Executive Director Service Agreement – Chuck presented the Boards with the terms of the Executive Director Service Agreement that PCi was requesting. The term would be 3 years at an hourly amount of \$85 (budgeted at 1,040 hours annually), and reimbursable expenses including the cost of the financial software. Haywood noted that he is entering into his sixteenth year serving the Boards and noted it has been a pleasure to see the work the members have achieve in reducing nitrogen from their facilities. Following discussion, Jonathan Bulla made the motion to authorize the Chair to execute the agreement, seconded by Ed Buchan, and approved by the Boards.

Neuse Watershed Modeling Update – Haywood presented a memorandum from Dr. Marty Lebo on the work his firm has completed to date. The review is continuing with the draft watershed model should soon

be delivered to the Division.

LNBA Updates –

Work continues on the Lower Neuse River Monitoring Service Contract No. 6 with Waypoint Analytical. All sampling was completed in November and December with the exceptions listed below:

Work continues on the Lower Neuse River Monitoring Service Contract No. 6 with Waypoint Analytical. All sampling was completed by Waypoint in January, February, March, and April with the exceptions listed below:

January 2024

01/30/24 – J5630000 (Little River at Riley Hill Road near Zebulon) - Unable to collect due to bridge construction.

February 2024

2/08/24 - J4690000 (Middle Creek, Sunset Lake near Holly Springs (SR-1152) - Unable to collect due to bridge construction.

March 2024

03/04/2024 - J4520000 (Swift Creek at Steel Bridge Rd nr Smithfield) - Unable to collect due to construction.
03/21/2024 - J5630000 (Little River at Riley Hill Rd nr Zebulon) - Unable to collect due to bridge construction.

April 2024

4/25/24 - J4690000 (Middle Creek, Sunset Lake near Holly Springs (SR-1152) - Unable to collect due to bridge construction.

All invoices have been processed and paid through March, 2024.

Memorandum of Agreement with DWR (July 31, 2024) – The draft agreement from DWR has been received and distributed to the Executive Committee for review. The signature authority list has been updated so please review the list. If any changes occur related to the signature authority between now and completion of the MOA agreement please contact me immediately.

LNBA Annual Report for 2023 – Haywood reported the LNBA Annual Report was submitted as required by the Memorandum of Agreement. Graphs illustrating the annual nitrate-nitrite and TKN concentrations and one illustrating the nitrogen concentrations for the past 10 years were presented.

NRCA Updates –

NRCA Permit Renewal Update – Haywood reported that the NRCA has not received notice of its permit renewal request. The Executive Committee received a draft in January and submitted draft comments to the Division. Haywood recommended the NRCA Board approve the draft comments and submit to the Division for the record. Following discussion, Dan Wall made the motion to approve the comments and submit to the Division, seconded by Jimmy Pridgen, and approved by the NRCA Board.

NRCA Annual Report for 2023 – Haywood reported the NRCA annual report was submitted as required by

the Association's NPDES permit. The members delivered 2.51 mg/L of total nitrogen to Neuse estuary for 2023. The NRCA is currently at 42% of its permit nitrogen allocation for end of pipe discharged effluent.

Annual Training Workshop Committee – Haywood reported the committee was close to completion on the program for 2024. The dates for the workshop are July 30th in Raleigh and August 1st in Kinston. Registration will begin in early June.

LNBA/NRCA Delegates – Haywood reminded the membership to please keep the membership delegates updated by notifying him.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 10:00 hosted by the City of Goldsboro. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved