

Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®
May 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Contentnea MSD, Grifton, N. C.

Attending:

Chuck Smithwick (Chair)	Contentnea MSD	Jonathan Bulla (Sec)	Town of Cary
Corrie Bondor	Town of Cary	Anthony Futrell	CWS, N.C.
Dan McLawhorn	McLawhorn Legal	Ray Burgos	CovationBio
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham	Scott Smart	City of Raleigh
Joshua Baird	Town of Clayton	Adam Stephenson	Town of Fuquay-Varina
William Beattie	Town of Apex	James Blalock	Town of Clayton
Laura Pruitt	City of Wilson	Ron Boquist	Waypoint Anal.
Brian Pridgen	Contentnea MSD	Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA

The Chair, Chuck Smithwick, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 9 of 19 members (47%) present representing the LNBA and 10 of 24 members (46%) present representing the NRCA. There was not a 50% quorum of members present but there was greater than 40% of the membership present allowing business to be conducted and voted on at a later meeting or by electronic vote. The Chair welcomed the Board members and guests.

Board Minutes – The Board Minutes for the February 6, 2025 meeting were presented. Being no revisions, Bert Sherman made the motion to approve, seconded by Corrie Bondor. An electronic ballot was emailed to the membership on May 5, 2025 (9:45 a.m.) to approve February 6, 2025 Board Minutes. 12 voted to approved the minutes for the LNBA and 15 voted to approve the minutes for the NRCA (unanimous for votes cast).

Officer Election – The Chair presented a list (from the Executive Director) of those members willing to serve as officers for the next two years. For Chair, Chuck Smithwick (CMSD); for Vice Chair Jimmy Pridgen (Wilson); for Treasurer, Jonathan Bulla (Cary); and for Secretary, Lori Avent (Apex). The Chair asked if there were any other nominations from the floor and, being none, ask for a motion to close the nominations and motion to accept those presented. Laura Pruitt from Wilson made the motion to close and accept the members presented and seconded by Reginald Hicks (Durham). An electronic ballot was emailed to the membership on May 5, 2025 (9:45 a.m.) to approve the officers as nominated. 12 voted to approved the officers for the LNBA and 16 voted to approve the officers for the NRCA (unanimous for votes cast).

LNBA/NRCA Financials – Treasurer’s Reports – Haywood presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period of February, March, and April, 2025 to the Boards. As of April 30th, the LNBA account balance is \$266,771.69 and NRCA account balance is \$365,128.64. Action was deferred on approving the Treasurer’s Report until the next meeting.

Annual Contract Agreements – Haywood presented the annual contracts for renewal for the upcoming fiscal year. The NRCA agreement with McLawhorn Law is requested to be renewed until December 31, 2025 as Dan has indicated he will stop practicing law at the need of the year. The agreement with Sauber Water Quality Consulting (LNBA and NRCA) is requested to be renewed for a period of 12 months from the end of the current agreements. Following discussion, Laura Pruitt (Wilson) made the motion to approve the agreements as requested and seconded by Bert Sherman (Goldsboro). An electronic ballot was emailed to the membership on May 5, 2025 (9:45 a.m.) to approve the contract extensions as requested. 12 voted to

approved the agreements for the LNBA and 16 voted to approve the agreements for the NRCA (unanimous for votes cast).

Financial Software for LNBA/NRCA, QuickBooks – Haywood reported the Intuit, the company that produces QuickBooks software, has continued to increase the price of the software. To continue using this software the price has increased to \$999.00 plus tax for the next 12 months. Haywood recommended to continue with QuickBooks but asked to amend his agreement to reimburse Phthisic Consulting, Inc. for this cost because of the increases that have occurred in the past two years. Following discussion, William Beattie (Apex) made the motion to approve amending this agreement and seconded by Bert Sherman (Goldsboro). An electronic ballot was emailed to the membership on May 5, 2025 (9:45 a.m.) to approve the amendment to the PCi contract requested. 12 voted to approved the agreements for the LNBA and 16 voted to approve the agreements for the NRCA (unanimous for votes cast).

Neuse River Basin Modeling Update – The Chair opened the discussion on the draft Neuse River Watershed Model and noted the table in the agenda package that illustrates how the draft transport factors could affect the end of pipe nitrogen allocations if implemented. The positive effect would be an increase in end of pipe discharges in the upper portions of the watershed but a decrease for discharges in the middle portions of the basin. Haywood noted that the draft model, if nothing else, proved that the existing transport factors adopted in 1997-98 as part of the Neuse Management Strategy were, and are, very close to correct.

Tar Pamlico Proposed Rules Conflicts and Proposed Comments – Dan noted that the proposed rules for the Tar Pamlico Basin (for those wastewater facilities) has been modified so not to conflict with the Neuse Rules for wastewater facilities.

NRCA Updates -

NRCA Permit – Haywood reported the NRCA NPDES permit has been issued with the modification requested.

NRCA Annual Report – Haywood noted the 2024 NRCA Annual Report was timely submitted to DWR (as required by the NRCA permit) on March 31st. The estuary delivery was 2.64 mg/L for 2024.

Falls Lake Facilities – Haywood noted that 3 of the NRCA's member are in Falls Lake and are currently having the Fall Lake Rules being drafted. Haywood noted that these members can not meet their limits (TN lbs.) when they reach there permitted flow (see illustration in agenda package).

LNBA Updates –

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

February 2025

2/02/25 - J4690000 (Middle Creek at SR-1152 near Holly Springs) - Site inaccessible due: no safe parking.

March 2025

3/06/25 - J4690000 (Middle Creek at SR-1152 near Holly Springs) - Site inaccessible due: no safe parking.

April 2025

04/09/25- J4690000 (Middle Creek at SR-1152 near Holly Springs) - Site inaccessible due: no safe parking. A new site was approved, J4670000. (Middle Creek at SR-1152 near Holly Springs off of Anchor Creek Way), was sampled in April.

All invoices have been processed and paid through March, 2025.

LNBA Annual Report – Haywood reported the LNBA annual report was prepared and submitted in April as required.

LNBA/NRCA Training Workshop – Haywood reported the dates for the annual training workshop have been set: July 29th in Kinston and July 31st in Raleigh. Registration information will be emailed the first week or so in June.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 10:00 hosted by City of Wilson in Wilson, N. C. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.