

**Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®  
September 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
City of Wilson, N. C.**

**Attending:**

Chuck Smithwick (Chair)	Contentnea MSD	Jonathan Bulla (Treas)	Town of Cary
Nathan Howell	City of Raleigh	Dan Wall	Johnston County
Corrie Bondor	Town of Cary	Lori Avent (Sec)	Town of Apex
Dan McLawhorn	McLawhorn Legal	Jimmy Pridgen (V-Chair)	City of Wilson
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham	Scott Smart	City of Raleigh (virtual)
David White	Town of Clayton	Bert Sherman	City of Goldsboro
Jonathon Lucas	Aqua, N.C.	Dylan Haman	Town of Grifton
William Beattie	Town of Apex	James Blalock	Town of Clayton
Laura Pruitt	City of Wilson	Andrew Harris	Waypoint Anal.
Justin Oakes	Town of Farmville	Jay Sauber	Sauber Water Quality Consultant
Barrett Jenkins	Davey Mitigation	David Staab	City of Wilson
Steven Jensen	Town of Benson	Salvidor Valdiviezo	Twon of Benson
Philip Smith	Town of Kenly	John Kiviniemi	Hazen & Sawyer
Nick Coco	DWR – Permitting	Brian Pridgen	Contentnea MSD
Ray Burgos	CovationBio	Ben Overton	City of Kinston
Richard Weaver	MCAS-CH	Travis Warters	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 14 of 19 members present representing the LNBA and 16 of 24 members present representing the NRCA. The Chair welcomed the Board members and guests.

**Board Minutes** – The Board Minutes for the May 1, 2025 meeting were presented. Being no revisions, Dan Wall made the motion to approve, seconded by Jimmy Pridgen and approved by the Boards.

**LNBA/NRCA Financials** – *Treasurer's Reports* – Jonathan presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of May, June, July, and August, 2025 to the Boards. As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, the LNBA account balance is \$386,739.92 and NRCA account balance is \$428,555.96. Following discussion, Reggie Hicks made the motion to approve, seconded by Dan Wall, and approved by the Boards.

*Civic Federal Credit Union Issue* – Haywood reported CFCU had a software issue that rejected checks drawn on the LNBA checking account in June and July. The credit union reimbursed the LNBA for charges to the checking account by our vendors. Civic reported the issue had been resolved and no further issue should occur.

*Update on Legal Counsel Search* – The Chair updated the Board members in the search for a replacement to the associations' general counsel. Three firms have been identified that have experience in governmental, nonprofit corporation, and environmental background. Following discussion, Reggie Hicks made a motion for the Executive Committee to bring a recommendation to the Board at the November meeting, seconded by David White, and approved by the Boards.

## **NRCA Updates -**

*NRCA Draft Midyear Report* – Haywood reviewed the midyear report noting there has been increases by a few members that are not normally expected. Haywood noted there has been wet conditions that may be influencing the data. The complete report will be sent for member review. Haywood also reviewed the end of pipe TN summary noting there had been recent conversations to lower the permit requirements for total nitrogen (in Falls Lake) to 2.0 mg/L. The EOP summary of the membership does not support this reduction.

## **LNBA Updates –**

Work continues on the Lower Neuse River Monitoring Service Contract No. 6 with Waypoint Analytical. All sampling was completed by Waypoint in May, June, and July, 2025 with no exceptions.

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

**Neuse River Basin Modeling Update** – The Chair opened the discussion on the draft Neuse River Watershed Model and asked Haywood to review the example transport factor tables for the Board. Haywood illustrated, with the 2024 annual report, how the draft transport factors changed the reported estuary total nitrogen delivery (reduction of approximately 43,000 lbs.). From the NRCA's perspective there is a significant benefit provide those members that are adversely impacted can be remedied. At this point, we need to engage DWR for additional information on completion of the draft Neuse Watershed Model, time table for implementation, if at all, and holding harmless those impacted by the transport factor revision.

**Tar Pamlico Proposed** – Dan and Haywood noted that the proposed rules for the Tar Pamlico Basin (for those wastewater facilities) had been modified, approved by EMC, and now codified in the statutes.

**LNBA/NRCA Training Workshop** – Haywood reported there were 30 operators that received 6 hours CEUs in Kinston and 30 that received 6 hours CEUs in Raleigh at the annual training workshops. The amount spent on lunch/snacks for both workshops was \$1,814.38.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025 at 10:00 hosted by Town of Cary in Cary, N. C. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.