

**Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®**  
**November 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
**Webinar Meeting (Virtual due to Covid-19)**

**Attending:**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Kenny Stevens         | City of Kinston       | Jimmy Pridgen         | City of Wilson         |
| Barry Parks (V-Chair) | City of Wilson        | Larry Durgin          | Town of Apex           |
| Tony Hawkins          | City of New Bern      | David Hardin          | Town of Apex           |
| Dan Wall              | Johnston County       | Dan McLawhorn (Chair) | City of Raleigh        |
| T. J. Lynch           | Raleigh Water         | Dana Hill             | CWS-NC                 |
| Erika Bailey          | Raleigh Water         | Joe Pearce            | Aqua, N.C.             |
| John Kiviniemi        | Raleigh Water         | Jonathan Bulla        | Town of Cary           |
| Adam Stevenson        | Town of Fuquay-Varina | Jeff Mahagan          | Town of Hillsborough   |
| Elliot Thomas         | Craven County         | James Warren (Sec.)   | Town of Clayton        |
| Donald Smith (Treas.) | Town of Cary          | Reginald Hicks        | City of Durham         |
| Brian Leavitt         | Town of Benson        | David Huffman         | DWR Ecosystem          |
| Mike Wagner           | City of Goldsboro     | Steve Tedder          | Tedder Farm Consulting |
| Mark Vander Borgh     | DWR Ecosystem         | Mike Templeton        | DWR Permitting         |
| Martin Lebo           | CEA                   | Laura Pruitt          | City of Wilson         |
| Haywood Phthisic      | LNBA/NRCA             |                       |                        |

The Chair, Dan McLawhorn, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 11 of 18 members present representing the LNBA and 15 of 24 members present representing the NRCA. There was a quorum present for both associations. Guests were introduced and recognized.

**Board Minutes** – The Board Minutes from the September 3, 2020 meeting were presented and approved as submitted with no revisions.

**Financials** – *Treasurer's Report* - The Treasurer's Reports through October 31, 2020 were presented by Donald. As of Nov. 1st, the LNBA account balance was \$259,697.33 and NRCA account balance was \$286,026.07. Treasurers' Reports were approved by the Boards.

**LNBA Sampling Report** – Work continues on the Lower Neuse River Monitoring Service Contract No. 5 with Environment I. All sampling was completed by Environment 1 in September and October, 2020. Data sets have been received through August, 2020 and loaded on the website. September sampling results are in data review. All invoices through September, 2020 have been processed and paid.

**September:** All samples were collected, analyzed and reported per MOA requirements.

**October:** All samples were collected per MOA requirements and those samples are being processed.

J5620000 (Little River at SR 2333 (Smithfield Road) near Zebulon) has been replaced due to bridge collapse. The sampling site has been replaced with J5630000 (Little River at Riley Hill Road near Zebulon beginning in October.

I have received a note from Hans Pearl at the Institute of Marine Sciences in Morehead City, UNC-CH. The

ModMon program did not receive funding from the General Assembly in the last session and the future of ModMon program may be compromised.

**Neuse River Resource Recovery Facility Presentation** – Erica Baily, with Raleigh Water, made a presentation to the Boards on upgrades that have been implemented at the Neuse River Facility that have reduced the total nitrogen from an average of 2.4 mg/L (2004 – 2018) to 1.78 mg/L in 2018 (year round average). In 2019 the average concentration thru September was 1.72 mg/L. The facility optimizations reduced the amount of nitrogen discharged by an amount greater than 50,000 lbs. annually. To view the presentation click on this link: [Neuse River RR Facility Nitrogen Optimizations](#) .

**Board Meeting Dates for 2021** – Haywood recommended the following dates for 2021: February 4<sup>th</sup> , May 6<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and November 4<sup>th</sup>. Haywood noted that due to the ongoing Covid-19 issues that most meeting will remain as virtual meeting for the near term with the possibility of face to face meeting in the second half of the year. The Board, by consent, approved the meeting dates.

**Operator Certification CEUs** – The Operator Certification Commission has ruled that operators have until December 31, 2021 to receive 12 hours of training (for 2020 & 2021). Haywood discussed how the associations may move forward with providing operator CEUs for 2021 including third party assistance. More information will be provided at the February meeting.

**SB 315, Transport Factor and Nutrient Offset Credits Update** – Dan and Haywood updated the Boards on the proposed modeling on the Neuse River. The Division of Water Resources has a webinar later today to discuss the proposed request for proposal (RFP) for the modeling. Given the short period for comment on the RFP it was suggested the Executive Committee prepare and submit comments on the RFP. T. J. Lynch made that motion, seconded by James Warren, and approved by the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021 at 10:00. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.