

Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®
January 25, 2018, Meeting Minutes
City of Goldsboro, N.C.

Attending:

Donald Smith	Town of Cary	Laura Pruitt	City of Wilson
Tony Hawkins	City of New Bern	Jeff White	Dow Dupont-Kinston
Barry Parks	City of Wilson	Emily Elmore	City of Kinston
Paul Allen	Town of Benson	Erica Bailey	City of Raleigh
John Cratch	Town of Apex	Michelle Daw	City of Goldsboro
T. J. Lynch	City of Raleigh	Danny Lassiter	CWS, Inc.
James Warren	Town of Clayton	Chuck Smithwick	Contentnea MSD
Dan Wall	Johnston County	Tim Broome	Johnston County
Kenny Stevens, Jr.	City of Kinston	Kathy Hill	City of Goldsboro
Glenn Dunn	Poyner & Spruill	Robert Sherman	City of Goldsboro
Steve Tedder	Black & Veatch	Mike Wagner	City of Goldsboro
Martin Lebo	AquaAeTer	Mark Vander Borgh	DEQ DWR Water Science
William Graham	Duke Energy Progress	Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA

The Vice-Chair, Barry Parks, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 12 of 18 members present representing the LNBA and 13 of 22 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 November 2, 2017 meeting were presented. Mike Wagner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dan Wall, and approved by the Boards.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's Reports for December 2017 and November 2018 were presented by Donald Smith, Treasurer. As of December 21st, the LNBA account balances were \$175,029.25 and NRCA account balances are \$194,361.55. Chuck Smithwick made a motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by Kenny Stevens, and approved by the Boards.

The Finance Committee (Chuck, Donald, & Barry) and Haywood presented the FY 2018-19 recommended budgets and membership fees for the LNBA/NRCA with no proposed increases. Following discussion, John Cratch made the motion to approve the budgets and membership fees as presented, seconded by T. J. Lynch, and approved by the Boards.

Barry reported the executive director's contract will be up for renewal in May and referred it to the Finance Committee to review and bring a contract back for the Boards' consideration at the May 3, 2018 meeting.

LNBA Sampling Committee Report – Work on the Lower Neuse River Monitoring Service Contract No. 5 with Environment I continues. All sampling was completed by Environment 1 in November and December 2017. Data sets have been received through October 2017 and uploaded to the website. All invoices through December 2017 have been processed and paid. The November sampling data are in the final review and should be distributed by the end of January.

November 2017 –

J6044500 (Bear Creek at Bear Creek Road (SR 1311) near Kinston) was not sampled due to bridge construction. This bridge is scheduled to be replaced in the spring of 2018.

December 2017 - All samples were collected and analyzed per the MOA requirements. Analysis of these samples are in progress.

NRCA Draft Nitrogen Lease Policy – The NRCA Finance Committee met via conference calls to review and formulate a policy for the Board’s consideration on leasing the NRCA’s nitrogen allocation. The committee provided a list of issues to consider in the developing the policy such as: lease term, lease rate (cost per pound), lease on first come, first serve, competition between member leases and NRCA, and the use of funds if the NRCA leases its nitrogen. The recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Board’s consideration is:

- * All members shall exhaust all efforts to lease nitrogen from other members before making a request to lease from the NRCA.
- * Leases between the NRCA and a member(s) will be limited to a 5 year term with an option to lease an additional 5 years provided the NRCA as the available nitrogen to lease.

Following discussion by the Board, T. J. Lynch made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee (as presented) as a temporary policy, seconded by Jeff White, and approved by the Board.

2018 NRCA NPDES Permit Renewal – Haywood noted the NRCA will renew the NPDES permit in 2018 (due July 1, 2018). Members need to review their permits for renewal in 2018.

02B Rules Draft Rule Comments – Haywood reported the EMC Water Quality Committee received the Draft Rules for Re-adoption at their January meeting and noted the rules would be reviewed and receive additional comments in the near future. Not all of the comments were addressed in pervious comment submittals. The major issue is the 200%, 30 year purchase requirement and asked the Board’s approval to submit the comments once more. Following discussion by the Board, T. J. Lynch made a motion to approve submit the comments, seconded by Kenny Stevens, Jr., and approved by the Board.

Buffer Draft Rules – The draft buffer rules will be before the EMC in March and the issue that has not been address is requiring mitigation for maintaining sewer line right-of-way if you have not maintained your easements. The Board is requested to authorize additional comments to the EMC to remove this requirement from the proposed rule. Following discussion Kenny Stevens made the motion to approve submitting comments, seconded by Dan Wall, and approved by the Board.

EPA Public Comment Request on Water Quality Standards in Missouri – Haywood report that the EPA is seeking public comments in Missouri that will allow biological integrity to be part of the evaluation of water quality in lakes or tributaries. Given the short time period for comments Haywood asked the Board for authorization to allow the executive committee to review and make comments if appropriate. Following discussion by the NRCA Board, T. J. Lynch made a motion to approve the executive committee to review and make comments if appropriate, seconded by Mike Wagner, and approved by the Board.

Member Reports – All members were given the opportunity to share any items that may be of interest to the associations.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2018 at 10:00 to be hosted by the Contentnea MSD, in Grifton, N. C. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved