

Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®
February 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Webinar Meeting (Virtual due to Covid-19)

Attending:

Kenny Stevens	City of Kinston	Jimmy Pridgen	City of Wilson
Barry Parks (V-Chair)	City of Wilson	John Cratch	Town of Apex
Tony Hawkins	City of New Bern	David Hardin	Town of Apex
Dan Wall	Johnston County	Kenny Stevens	City of Kinston
T. J. Lynch	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
Mike Wagner	City of Goldsboro	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
Bert Sherman	City of Goldsboro	Steve Tedder	Tedder Farm Consulting
Mark Vander Borgh	DWR Ecosystem	Nora Deamer	DWR Planning
Mike Montebello		Gregory Knight	Black & Veatch
Jeffery Thompson	Black & Veatch	Katie Dickens	Aqua, NC
Mike Osborne	Black & Veatch	Peter Rabbe	American Rivers
Martin Lebo	CEA	Laura Pruitt	City of Wilson
Chuck Smithwick	Contentnea MSD	Leon Downing	Black & Veatch
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 14 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 November 5, 2020 meeting were presented. Being no revisions T. J. Lynch made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by James Warren, and approved by the Board.

Financials – Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's Reports, November, December 2020, and January 2021 were presented to the Board. As of February 1st, the LNBA account balance was \$229,871.98 and NRCA account balance was \$275,159.16. James Warren made the motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by T. J. Lynch, and approved by the Boards, respectively.

FY 2021–22 Budget and Membership Fees – The Finance Committee (Barry Parks, Chuck Smithwick, Donald Smith, and Haywood Phthisic) presented the LNBA and NRCA budget and membership fees for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2021. There were no proposed increases in fees proposed for the memberships but was noted variations occur in the NRCA due to the changes in discharged pounds by each member. \$5,000 was budgeted for the Modmon program and for the annual training program (\$5,000, due to Covid-19 for virtual meeting). These funds are proposed to be appropriated from fund balance. Following discussion, Kenny Stevens made the motion to approve the budget and membership fees as presented, seconded by James Warren, and approved by the Boards, respectively.

Modmon Budget Revision Request – Dr. Hans Pearl requested an amendment to the funds appropriated by the NRCA to the Modmon program to allow the funds to be used for salaries instead of supplies as originally approved by the Board. The amount approved for the current fiscal year is \$5,000. Following discussion, T. J. Lynch made the motion to approve the request revision, seconded by James Warren, and approved by the NRCA Board.

Executive Director Service Agreement – Barry Parks asked the Finance Committee to review and make a recommendation at the May Board meeting on renewing the Executive Director agreement. Following discussion, James Warren made the motion to approve the Finance Committee to negotiate the executive director agreement, seconded by Kenny Stevens, and approved by the Board, respectively.

Officer Selection Committee Appointment – Barry Parks appointed the following members to the Officer Selection Committee: T. J. Lynch, Kenny Stevens, and Chuck Smithwick. The Committee will present their recommendation at the May Board meeting.

LNBA/NRCA Training Program Update – Haywood reported discussions are ongoing with NC AWWA WEA to assist the associations in a virtual training workshop as has been provided for many years. More information will be forth coming at the May meeting.

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 November, December, and January, 2021. Data sets have been received through November, 2020 and loaded on the website. December sampling results are in data review. All invoices through December, 2020 have been processed and paid.

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

December: All samples were collected per MOA requirements. The results for samples collected in December are in data review.

January: All samples were collected per MOA requirements. Analysis of samples collected in January is ongoing. J7850000 (Neuse River at SR1470 Maple Cypress Rd. nr Fort Barnwell) could not be accessed on Jan 4th due to flooding. We were able to collect that sample on the 25th. Also, samples on one of the collection routes (green) had to be split up between 2 days (13th and 25th) due to a vehicle problem.

Doing More With Less – Driving Towards Carbon Efficient BNR – Mike Osborne with Black & Veatch (Greg Knight, Leon Downing, Jef Thompson, & Steve Tedder) made a presentation to the Boards on efficient use of available carbon minimizing the use of additional carbon sources for biological nutrient removal (BNR).

To view the presentation click on this link: [B & V - Doing More with Less, Carbon Efficient BNR](#)

Draft 303(d) List and Integrated Report – Haywood reported the draft 303(d) List and Integrated Report has just been released and comments will be drafted before the next Board meeting (comment submittal deadline is the first of April).

SB 315, Transport Factor and Nutrient Offset Credits Update – Haywood updated the Boards on the proposed modeling on the Neuse River. The Boards submitted comments on the draft RFP 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 May 6, 2021 at 10:00. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved