

**Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®**  
**September 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**City of Wilson, N. C.**

**Attending:**

John Kiviniemi (V-Chair)	Raleigh Water	Donald Smith (Trea)	Town of Cary
Kenny Stevens	City of Kinston	Chuck Smithwick (Sec)	Contentnea MSD
Dan McLawhorn	McLawhorn Law	Lori Avent	Town of Apex
Benjamin Overton	City of Goldsboro	Kyle Manning	City of Wilson
Jimmy Pridgen	City of Wilson	Robert Sherman	City of Goldsboro
Kathy Cooper	City of Raleigh (call in)	Laura Pruitt	City of Wilson
Tony Hawkins	City of New Bern	David Suggs	CovationBio
Larry Durgin	Town of Apex	Michael Zatlley	Town of Clayton
Dan Wall	Johnston County	Bill Simpson	Town of Clayton
Drake Robart	Town of Snow Hill	Adam Stephenson	Town of Fuquay-Varina
Mark Vander Borgh	NC DWR	Steve Tedder	Black & Vetch
Rick Day (call in)	City of Havelock	Jay Sauber	Sauber Water Quality (call in)
Mike Graham (call in)	Duke Energy-Progress	Kimberly Pickett	Town of Benson
Katie Dickens	Aqua, N.C.	Rich Weaver	MCAS – Cherry Point
Ilona Williams	Town of Clayton	Barrett Jenkins	Restoration Systems
Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA		

The Vice Chair, John Kiviniemi, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 17 of 19 members present representing the LNBA and 18 of 25 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 May 5, 2022 meeting were presented. Being no revisions, Jimmy Pridgen made the motion to approve, seconded by Dan Wall, and approved by the Board.

**Financials** – *Treasurer's Report* – Donald Smith presented the Treasurer's Reports, May, June, and July, 2022 were presented to the Board. As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, the LNBA account balance was \$224,304.44 and NRCA account balance was \$305,826.00. Bert Sherman made the motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by Bill Simpson, and approved by the Boards, respectively.

*Website Update* – Haywood reported to the Board at a previous meeting the website will need some attention. The current version of Drupal is being phased out (support) and I had a meeting with the website integrator in August to discuss upgrading the website to a current version of Drupal. We have approximately 12 to 15 months to complete the upgrade. More information will come in the near future.

**NRCA Updates** –

*Meeting with DWR Director* – John reported the executive committee met with Director Rodgers in June to introduce the LNBA/NRCA. The committee discussed many topics of interest including nitrogen loading at the estuary, 303(d) listings, effluent outfall line permitting, silver issue as related to dissolved metals standards, and the relationship in general with the Division.

*Swamp Water Designations* – Haywood reported to the Board that legislation has been passed at the closed of the short session that addresses “low dissolved oxygen” waters (not swamp waters). There are concerns about the interpretation of this legislation so more discussion will come forward.

*DWR Watershed RFP Update* – Haywood provided a brief update updated to the Boards that little or no progress has been made at this time.

*Siler City Draft Permit* – Haywood reported comments were submitted on the draft permit for the Town of Siler City. A 2<sup>nd</sup> draft permit was sent out in July for public comment but no comments were made as the Director indicate this was a site specific issue for that receiving stream.

*NPDES Permit Fees* – During the short session of legislation the Division pushed forward a request to increase NPDES permit fees however the increases didn’t make it through the budget session.

*Poultry Article* – Haywood noted a reporter with the Charlotte Observer contact him regarding the poultry industry in North Carolina. After conferring with the executive committee, the reporter was told the association would be glad to discuss the successes of the NRCA. Contact information for the Division and other knowledgeable people was forwarded to the reporter so he could make contact.

#### **LNBA Updates –**

*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 May, June, July, and August with the exceptions listed below:

**May:** All samples collected, analyzed and reported per MOA requirements. Final results have been submitted.

**June:** All samples collected, analyzed per MOA requirements with the following exceptions:

J2230000 (Smith Creek at SR2045 Burlington Mill Rd. nr Wake Forest) 06/08/22 & 06/22/22: No sample collected; dry stream.

J4080000 (Poplar Creek at SR2049 Bethlehem Rd. nr. Knightdale) 06/08/22: No sample collected; dry stream.

J4690000 (Middle Creek at SR1152 Holly Springs Rd. nr Holly Springs): 06/06/22 & 06/23/22: No sample collected; road/bridge construction.

J5390000 (Hannah Creek at SR1158 Allens Crossroads Dr. nr Benson): 06/23/22: No sample collected; disconnected stream.

*Final results will be submitted shortly.*

**July:** All samples collected, analyzed per MOA requirements with the following exceptions:

J2230000 (Smith Creek at SR2045 Burlington Mill Rd. nr Wake Forest) 07/06/22: No sample collected; Too shallow for sample collection.

J4080000 (Poplar Creek at SR2049 Bethlehem Rd. nr. Knightdale) 07/06/22: No sample collected; Too shallow for sample collection.

J4110000 (Mark’s Creek at SR1714 Pritchard Rd. nr. Wilson) 07/06/22: No sample collected; Too shallow for sample collection.

J6055000 (Mosley Creek at SR1327 Wiley Measley Rd. nr. LaGrange) 07/13/22: No sample collected; Too shallow for sample collection.

J7850000 (Neuse River at SR1470 Maple Cypress Rd. nr. Fort Barnwell) 07/13/22: No sample collected; unable to access due to construction.

*Results are in the final review step.*

**August:** All samples collected per MOA requirements with the following exception:

J4080000 (Poplar Creek at SR2049 Bethlehem Rd. nr. Knightdale) 08/15/22: No sample collected; Too shallow for sample collection.

*Analysis of these samples is ongoing.*

**LNBA/NRCA Operator Training Program** – Haywood reported there were 77 attendees receiving 6 CEU credit hours for attending the training workshop in August (43 in Raleigh and 34 in Kinston). The total cost for food and snacks for both locations was \$2,141.41.

**Officer Elections for the Period of September 1, 2022 until May 4, 2023** – The current Chair, Barry Parks, retired effective July 31<sup>st</sup>, so elections are held to install officers for the period indicated above. The vice chair will preside over the elections.

*Chair* - For the position of Chair John Kiviniemi was nominated by Donald Smith, seconded by Chuck Smithwick. Being no other nominations, the Board voted to approve John as Chair for the period.

*Vice Chair* – With the John accepting the Chair position the vice chair position was now vacant. John opened the floor for nominations and John nominated Chuck Smithwick, seconded by Kenny Stevens. With no other nominations the Board voted to approve Chuck as Vice Chair.

*Secretary* - With Chuck accepting to the Vice Chair position the secretary position was now vacant. John asked if there were any nomination for this position and Chuck nominated Kenny Stevens, seconded by Jimmy Pridgen. With no other nominations the Board voted to approve Kenny Stevens as Secretary.

**Review of the LNBA and NRCA** – Haywood made a presentation to the Board of the history of the LNBA and the NRCA. The presentation may be reviewed at the link: [LNBA & NRCA History](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2022 at 10:00 with location TBD. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.