

Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®
September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Webinar Meeting (Virtual due to Covid-19)

Attending:

Barry Parks (Chair)	City of Wilson	Jimmy Pridgen	City of Wilson
Dan McLawhorn	City of Raleigh	David Hodgkins	Town of Farmville
Tony Hawkins	City of New Bern	David Hardin	Town of Apex
T. J. Lynch	Raleigh Water	Drake Robart	Town of Snow Hill
John Kiviniemi (V-Chair)	Raleigh Water	Jonathan Bulla	Town of Cary
Kenny Stevens	City of Kinston	Kathy Cooper	City of Raleigh
Mike Wagner	City of Goldsboro	Laura Pruitt	City of Wilson
Jeff White	Dupont	Joe Pearce	Aqua, N. C.
Mike Templeton	DWR Permitting	Dana Hill	Utilities, Inc.
Chuck Smithwick (Sec)	Contentnea MSD	Katie Dickens	Aqua, N. C.
Mark Vander Borgh	DWR Ecosystem	John Huisman	DWR Planning
Jarrold Buchanan	Town of Cary	Larry Durgin	Town of Apex
Martin Lebo	CEA	Barrett Jenkins	Restoration Systems
Shelby Arellano	Dupont	Dan Wall	Johnston County
Brian Leavitt	Town of Benson	Jay Sauber	Sauber Water Quality Consulting
Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA		

The 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 May 6, 2021 meeting were presented. Being no revisions, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Financials – *Treasurer's Report* - The Treasurer's Reports, May, June, and July, 2021 were presented to the Board. As of August 1st, the LNBA account balance was \$201,398.27 and NRCA account balance was \$282,097.35. T. J. Lynch made the motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by Tony Hawkins, and approved by the Boards, respectively.

FY 2020–21 Year to Date Expenditure Summary and FY 2021-22 Membership Fees Collected – Haywood presented the year-to-date expenditures for the current fiscal. LNBA expenditures are at 82% of the budgeted funds and NRCA expenditures are at 45% of the budgeted funds. FY 2021-22 membership fees a been received with the exception of one member. It is anticipated those dues will be received in the next week.

Total Nitrogen Assessment Fee for 2020 – Haywood reported receipt of the 2020 assessment fee from Craven County.

Internal Revenue Issue with 2019 Tax Return – Haywood noted the 2019 990 tax return for the LNBA and NRCA were timely filed in November, 2020. The returns were mailed priority through the U. S Postal service with tracking. In May notice was received from the IRS that the returns were noted received. Upon

further investigation and discussion with the postal service no information could be provided. Both returns were refiled with explanation however the NRCA received a notice of penalty for late filing. After additional discussions by our return preparer and the IRS the penalty was being rescinded.

NRCA Midyear Report – Haywood presented the 2021 Draft Midyear Report noting the membership performed well achieving an end of pipe average concentration of 2.45 mg/L. Haywood then reminded the members who had exceeded their allocations for the period should review their 2021 nitrogen discharge and consider their leasing needs if they will exceed their nitrogen allocation.

Town of Snow Hill request for membership in LNBA and NRCA – The Town of Snow Hill requested to join the LNBA and NRCA in May. A review of the Town's daily monitoring reports indicates the facility is operating at approximately 50% of its annual nitrogen allocation. On August 18th, Chuck Smithwick, Kenny Stevens, and Haywood Phthisic made a site visit and was given a tour of the facility by Drake Robart, the facility ORC. Chuck reported the committee's recommendation for the LNBA and NRCA accept the Town of Snow Hill as a member. All those members present voted (roll call vote) to approve the Town's request to join both associations.

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, 2021. Data sets have been received through May, 2021. July sampling results are in data review. All invoices through July, 2021 have been processed and paid.

All samples were collected and analyzed per the MOA requirements in May, June and July. August had the following exceptions:

J4520000 (Swift Creek at Steel Bridge near Smithfield) – unable to collect the field parameters due to bridge construction. Full sample collection was accomplished on August 2nd.

2018 303(d) Report and Integrated Report – Jay Sauber with Sauber Water Quality Consulting present will update the Board on the status of the 2020 303(d) list and integrated report. The information has been approved by EPA. Jay noted the 2022 draft 303(d) list is expected to be released in December, 2021 so it will be available for the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

LNBA/NRCA Training Program Update – Haywood reported the virtual training workshop was completed on August 4th & 5th. Approximately 50 attendees completed and received 6 contact hours. A member asked if the "maintenance technology" could be accepted for continuing education hours in the future and Haywood reported he would discuss further with NC AWWA-WEA.

Legislative Update – Haywood provided a list of pending legislation related to water and wastewater operations/facilities.

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