

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

Attending:

Barry Parks (Chair)	City of Wilson	John Kiviniemi (V-Chair)	Raleigh Water
Donald Smith (Treas)	Town of Cary	Tony Hawkins	City of New Bern
Dan McLawhorn	Raleigh Water	David Hardin	Town of Apex
T. J. Lynch	Raleigh Water	Reginald Hicks	City of Durham
Jimmy Pridgen	City of Wilson	Bobby Edwards	City of Goldsboro
Kenny Stevens	City of Kinston	Kathy Cooper	City of Raleigh
Mike Wagner	Town of Fuquay-Varina	Brian Leavitt	Tow of Benson
Timothy Lawrence	MCAS Cherry Point	Gary Perlmutter	DWR Permitting
Chuck Smithwick (Sec)	Contentnea MSD	Katie Dickens	Aqua, N. C.
Mark Vander Borgh	DWR Ecosystem	Trish D'Arconte	DWR Planning
Laura Pruitt	City of Wilson	Larry Durgin	Town of Apex
Martin Lebo	CEA	Barrett Jenkins	Restoration Systems
Jeff White	Dupont	Dan Wall	Johnston County
Bill Simpson	Town of Clayton	Jay Sauber	Sauber Water Quality Consulting
John Huisman	DWR Planning	Joey Hester	DWR Planning
Adam Stephson	Town of Fuquay-Varina	Steve Tedder	Tedder Farm Consulting
Barrett Jenkins	Restoration Systems	Zachary Thomas	NC DEQ
Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA	Marquis Crews	N. C. Pandemic Recovery Office

The Chair, Barry Parks, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 13 of 18 members present representing the LNBA and 16 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 2, 2021 meeting were presented. Being no revisions, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Financials – Treasurer's Report – Donald Smith presented the Treasurer's Reports, August, September, and October, 2021 were presented to the Board. As of October 31st, the LNBA account balance was \$285,802.77 and NRCA account balance was \$323,469.29. T. J. Lynch made the motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by Kenny Stevens, and approved by the Boards, respectively.

Continued Support for the Modmon Program – Haywood reported to the Board that future of the Modmon program is questionable. Hans Pearl, who runs the program, has reported the program is funded in the State's budget but the budget has yet to be adopted. The NRCA has been funding the program in the amount of \$5,000 annual for the past several years. Haywood reported the Finance Committee will be reviewing continued support of the program in January and will report to the Board their recommendation at the February meeting.

2020 LNBA/NRCA 990 Tax Returns – Haywood reported the 990 tax returns are prepared and ready for submittal to the IRS. If anyone has a question please let me know. The returns are due to be filed by November 15, 2021.

Internal Revenue Issue with 2019 Tax Return – Haywood reported that notice had been received from the IRS that the issues surrounding the submittals of the 2019 990 tax returns has been resolved.

NRCA Updates – Haywood reminded those who may need to lease nitrogen in 2021 should be preparing their leases for 2021.

Siler City Speculative Limits – Haywood reported to the Board that Siler City received speculative limits for a proposed expansion and noted an organic nitrogen limit of 3.0 mg/L. Gary Perlmutter, permit writer with DWR, commented on the circumstances regarding the speculative limits. The concerns expressed with the organic nitrogen limit revolved around the fact that it was not clear if the 3.0 mg/L total nitrogen limit included the 3.0 mg/L organic limit or was in addition to the total limit. Haywood noted this is of concern and the NRCA may want to comment should a permit go to notice.

NRCA Executive Committee Discussion on Nitrogen Allocations – Haywood discussed issues surrounding the member nitrogen allocations and what direction the NRCA may consider in the future. The NRCA Executive Committee's discussed these issues following the September Board meeting. Barry Parks noted some members are leasing nitrogen without progress to improve their facilities to reduce end of pipe nitrogen discharges. It was suggested all members review their current operations and to keep Haywood updated on projects that will improve (reduce) the end of pipe nitrogen discharge.

NRCA Executive Committee Upcoming Meeting with DWR regarding the Neuse Watershed RFP – The executive committee has scheduled a meeting with DWR to discuss the RFP for the watershed model (from recent legislation). Of concern is the documents used in the RFP showing the Phase II proposed transport factor. The meeting is scheduled for November 19th. The information omitted from the RFP was the "hold harmless" portion in nitrogen loading allocations in the Phase II calculations.

CHPP Comments – Jay Sauber reviewed the comments on the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan that were submitted in October. To review the comments please click on this link: [CHPP Comments](#)

LNBA/NRCA Board Meeting Dates for 2022 – The meeting dates proposed for 2022 are:

February 3rd; May 5th, September 1st, and November 3rd.

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

All samples were collected and analyzed per the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) requirements in September with the following expect exceptions:

September - J4080000 (Poplar Creek at Bethlehem Road (SR 2049) near Knightdale) – unable to collect the field parameters (2nd set) due to the low water level. Full sample collection was accomplished on September 21st. September data is in final review.

All samples were collected and analyzed per the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) requirements in October. Laboratory analysis is on this data is ongoing at this time

N. C Pandemic Recovery Office Presentation – Marquis Crews with the N. C. Pandemic Recovery Office made a presentation on available funds through this office. To review the presentation please click on this link: [N. C. Pandemic Recovery Presentation](#)

Member Reports – Haywood noted Dan McLawhorn and T. J. Lynch of the City of Raleigh are retiring in December and Michelle Daw with the City of Goldsboro has retired.

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

Approved