

Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®
May 4, 2017, Meeting Minutes
City of Kinston, N.C.

Attending:

Donald Smith	Town of Cary	Dan McLawhorn	City of Raleigh
John Cratch	Town of Apex	Jeff White	Dupont - Kinston
Fred Dancy	SGWASA	Emily Elmore	City of Kinston
Paul Allen	Town of Benson	Barry Parks	City of Wilson
Tim Webb	City of Havelock	Brian Leavitt	Town of Benson
T. J. Lynch	City of Raleigh	Danny Lassiter	CWS, Inc.
James Warren	Town of Clayton	Chuck Smithwick	Contentnea MSD
Dan Wall	Johnston County	Julie Grzyb	DEQ DWR Permitting
Bing Bai	DEQ DWR Permitting	Matthew Stillwell	DEQ DWR Permitting
Rusty Hayes	Craven County	Tim Broome	Johnston County
Hans Pearl	UNC-CH IMS	Mary Sadler	Hazen & Sawyer
Martin Lebo	AquAeTer	Peter Raabe	American Rivers
Kenny Stevens	City of Kinston	Glenn Dunn	Poyner & Spruill
Craig Hoover	DEQ DWR Permitting	Jay Sauber	Water Quality Consultant
John Craft	Town of LaGrange	Mark Oliveria	Environment I
Mike McAllister	Town of Kenly	Mike Wagner	City of Goldsboro
Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA		

The Chair, Dan McLawhorn, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 14 of 18 members present representing the LNBA and 17 of 22 members present representing the NRCA. There was a quorum present for both association. Guests were introduced and recognized.

Board Minutes – The Board Minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. With no revisions, John Craft made a motion to approve, seconded by Rusty Hayes, and approved by the Boards.

Proposed By-Law Revision – The By-Laws Committee (James Warren, Tim Webb, and Haywood Phthisic) reported on a revision for the Board’s consideration:

Officers: The committee recommends the Board consider allowing the Alternates to serve as officers (currently only Directors may serve as officers).

Following discussion by the Board, T. J. Lynch made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation, seconded by John Craft, and approved by the Board.

Officer Selection Committee Report – The Officer Selection Committee (T. J. Lynch, Kenny Stevens, and John Cratch) reported to the Board their recommendations for Officers to serve the next two-year term.

Chairman – Dan McLawhorn, City of Raleigh
 Treasurer – Donald Smith, Town of Cary

Vice-Chair – Barry Parks, City of Wilson
 Secretary – James Warren, Town of Clayton

The floor was then opened for additional nominations. Being none, a motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation, seconded by T. J. Lynch, and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's Report for February, March, and April, 2017, were presented by Donald Smith, Treasurer. As of April 26th the LNBA account balances were \$115,190.58 and NRCA account balances are \$155,216.19. Chuck Smithwick made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by T. J. Lynch, and approved by the Board.

Contract renewals for the following contractors were presented:

Sauber Water Quality Consulting – Amount, \$3,500.00 (one each LNBA & NRCA)
MFG Consulting, LLC – Amount, \$1,500.00 (one each LNBA & NRCA)
ModMon Funding UNC-CH IMS - \$5,000.00 (NRCA)

Following discussion, T. J. Lynch made a motion to approve the contracts as presented, seconded by Barry Parks, and approved by the Board.

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 February, March, and April, 2017. Data sets have been received through February, 2017 and loaded on the website. All invoices through March, 2017 have been processed and paid.

February, 2017 – All samples collected, analyzed, and reported per MOA.

March, 2017 - All samples were collected and analyzed per MOA requirements. Results are in the data review stage.

April, 2017 - All samples were collected per MOA requirements. Results are in the data review stage.

LNBA/NRCA Annual Training Workshop – The dates for the annual operator training workshop will be July 18, 2017 in Raleigh and July 20, 2017 in Kinston. Registration will begin on June 7, 2017 and information will be emailed to the members in early June.

LNBA and NRCA Annual Reports – The annual reports for both associations have been prepared and submitted to DEQ Division of Water Resources as required.

Letter to Secretary Regan – A letter to the newly appointed Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality was presented to the Board for consideration by the Board. The letter introduced the associations to the secretary and expresses concern about the lack of success in the Neuse Management Strategy and requests the Division closely examine this fact in the next Neuse River Plan evaluation. Following discussion, Barry Parks made a motion to approve sending the letter, seconded by Dan Wall, and approved by the Board.

NRCA Nitrogen Projections – Haywood presented the total nitrogen projections based on historical values achieved by the NRCA members and showed projected growth in nitrogen discharged. Growth rates of 2.0%, 2.5%, and 3% were presented indicating that in 2035 the NRCA will reach its permitted allocation. T. J. presented projected growth in total nitrogen for the City of Raleigh which had similar results of reaching total nitrogen limits. Click on these links to view this information: [NRCA and City of Raleigh Total Nitrogen Projections](#) . Johnston County made a presentation on the work they are doing related to dissolved organic nitrogen to determine if it readily biodegradable. To view this presentation click on this

link: [Johnston County's DON Project](#)

Dissolved Organic Nitrogen Presentation – Hans Pearl with UNC-Ch, IMS made a presentation to the Board summarizing his work on dissolved organic nitrogen and the relationship with algal growth. To view that information click on this link: [Dissolved Organic Nitrogen Presentation](#) Hans is hopeful that they will receive funding to move this work forward.

Yellow Lance Report – The Yellow Lance mussel is designation of habitat is out for public review and it could affect areas in the Neuse River. Comments may be submitted if time permits.

Comments on the Rules Review – After a considerable amount of idle time the Rules Review process is starting to move forward. Dan presented draft comments for consideration in submitting to DWR as this process progresses and ask all to review. A meeting with DWR will be arranged in the near future.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2017 at 10:00 hosted by the Dupont-Kinston. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED