

**Lower Neuse Basin Association®/Neuse River Compliance Association®
November 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes
City of Wilson, N. C.**

Attending:

John Kiviniemi (Chair)	Raleigh Water	Donald Smith (Treas)	Town of Cary
Kenny Stevens (Sec)	City of Kinston	Chuck Smithwick (V-Chair)	Contentnea MSD
Brian Leavitt	Town of Benson	Lori Avent (call in)	Town of Apex
Benjamin Overton	City of Goldsboro	Reggie Hicks	City of Durham
Jimmy Pridgen	City of Wilson	Richard Hamilton	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	Johnathon Bulla	Town of Cary
Dan Wall	Johnston County	Bill Simpson	Town of Clayton (call in)
David Huffman	NC DWR	Anthony Futrell	CWS – Fairfield Harbour
Mark Vander Borgh	NC DWR	Steve Tedder	Black & Vetch
Rick Day	City of Havelock	Kimberly Pickett	Town of Benson
Katie Dickens	Aqua, N.C.	Barrett Jenkins	Restoration Systems
Mark Oliveira	Environment I	Travis Cooke	RES
Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA		

The Chair, John Kiviniemi, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was called and there were 13 of 19 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 5, 2022 meeting were presented. Being no revisions, Kenny Stevens made the motion to approve, seconded by Dan Wall, and approved by the Board.

Financials – *Treasurer's Report* – Donald Smith presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of August 31, 2022 through October 31, 2022 to the Board. As of October 31st, the LNBA account balance was \$305,045.25 and NRCA account balance was \$353,227.53. Dan Wall made the motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Jimmy Pridgen, and approved by the Boards, respectively.

990 Tax Return for the LNBA and NRCA – Haywood reported he distributed the LNBA and NRCA 990 Tax Return for 2021 to the Board for review and comment. The tax returns will be submitted electronically by November 15th.

Finance Committee Appointments – The Chair announced the appointments to the Finance Committee to review the draft budget and membership fees for FY 2023-24. The committee members will be Donald Smith, Treasurer, Jimmy Pridgen, Chuck Smithwick, and Lori Avent.

Website Update – Haywood reported he's continuing to discuss options for the revised website due to the fact the software company will discontinue supporting the version of software the website currently operates. In the discussions with the software developer the upgrade will cost on the order of \$30,000 to build the new website.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2023 - Proposed meeting dates for 2023 are: February 2nd; May 4th; September 7th, and November 2nd.

Neuse River, “River of the Year” – John reported American Rivers held a celebration of the Neuse River, “River of the Year” designation in October. The celebration was well attended with dignitaries from the State and Federal level, many LNBA/NRCA members, and many communities located in the river basin. There were approximately 100 attendees at the celebration.

NRCA Updates –

NRCA NPDES Permit Renewal – Haywood reported the NRCA’s permit will be update for renewal January 1, 2024 so working will beginning on that process after the first of the year, The permit application will be due for submittal July 1, 2023.

Midyear Nutrient Report – Haywood reported the draft midyear report (the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) has been prepared for review. The report is prepared from DMRs so please review your data for accuracy and completeness. If you find any errors, please contact Haywood.

Nitrogen Exceedances and Leases for 2022 – Haywood reminded those who are close or will exceed their nitrogen allocations to execute a lease before December 31, 2022. Failure to do so will result in an assessment from the NRCA. A summary of all nitrogen exceedances was presented to the Board for review.

LNBA Updates –

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 with the exceptions listed below:

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

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

Results are in the final review step.

October: All samples collected and analyzed per MOA requirements.

Analysis of these samples is ongoing.

All invoices have been processed and paid through September, 2022.

Sampling Site J4110000, Marks Creek on Pritchard Road – The existing sampling site is located on a two lane, heavily travelled, blind curve road and has become a safety issue. An alternative site has been identified downstream and the process is underway to curtail sampling at the existing site and move to the new site.

LNBA MOA with DWR – Haywood noted the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DWR (Coalition Monitoring Program) will be up for renewal by July 31, 2024

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

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023 at 10:00 hosted by the City of Raleigh. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved