

## UNRBA Board of Directors: **Draft** May 18, 2022 Board Minutes

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The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 via conference call/webinar due to the COVID-19 issues. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Sig Hutchinson (Chair)	Wake County
Jenn Weaver (Vice Chair)	Town of Butner
Ryan Eaves (Treasurer)	Durham County
Wendy Jacobs (Secretary)	Town of Hillsborough
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham
Bill McKellar	Town of Butner
Russ May	Granville County
James Bryan	Orange County
Terry Hackett	Town of Hillsborough
Steve Wall	UNC Collaboratorium
Michelle Woolfolk	City of Durham
Kathy Cooper	City of Raleigh
Carolyn Bachl	City of Raleigh
Sandy Wilbur	City of Durham
Sally Greene	Orange County
Dave Pavlus	Town of Stem
Wesley Poole	Orange County
Dan McLawhorn	Self
Katie Cromwell	Representing Granville and Person Stormwater Utility (Granville Co., Person Co., Stem, Butner, & Creedmoor)
David Harris	Durham County Soil & Water
John Huisman	DWR
Nancy Daly	Wake County
Simon Warren	Raftelis
Scott Schroyer	SGWASA
Carrie Mitchell	Town of Wake Forest
Bob Hornick	Town of Hillsborough
Dustin Brewer	Durham Soil and Water
Jay Sauber	Sauber Water Quality Consulting
Alix Matos	Brown & Caldwell
Forrest Westall	UNRBA
Haywood Phthisic	UNRBA

### **Welcome and Recognition -**

The Chair, Sig Hutchinson, called the meeting of the UNRBA Board to order and welcomed all those in attendance through remote access. The Chair asked if any of the Board Directors have any "conflict of interest" issues with any agenda items, and no conflicts were identified. The Chair called the roll and 11 of 14 members were present for a quorum. The Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions and, being none, Bill McKellar made the motion to approve, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approved by the Board.

### **Action Items -**

*Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2022 Board Meeting* – The Chair asked the Board if there were any edits or corrections to the draft minutes provided. Being none, Bill McKellar made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approved by the Board.

*Treasurer's Report* – Ryan Eaves presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2022. The checking account balance at the close of the statement was \$399,441.51 and the savings account balance was \$573,244.06. Following review of the report, Wendy Jacobs made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approved by the Board.

*Future Meeting Format* – Forrest reported that the Covid issues have reached a point that many local government organizations have resumed some of their meetings as face to face sessions. He had polled Board members on procedures moving forward and the responses received indicated Board members would like to see future meetings as face to face with a virtual option. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board is to return to meeting face to face with a virtual option beginning with the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Surplus Property* – Forrest reported UNRBA has a boat (2015 Zodiac 310AL with an electric trolling motor (and batteries)). The equipment is no longer of value to the organization and Forrest asked that the equipment be declared surplus property. Following discussion, Wendy Jacobs made the motion to declare the equipment surplus, seconded by Sally Greene, and approved by the Board.

*Revised Engagement Letter for Dr. Martin Lebo* – Dr. Martin Lebo previously contracted with the UNRBA through CEA and that company is in default. The Board previously approved action by the Executive Director to formally terminate that agreement. That task has been completed. Dr. Lebo and his team are now working with WSP, Inc. Dr. Lebo's services to assist and support the statistical evaluation of site-specific criteria in Falls Lake are still needed. Forrest asked the Board for authorization to complete the contract with Dr. Lebo through WSP, review by a member of the legal group and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement. Bill McKellar made the motion to approve, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approved by the Board.

#### **Informational Items -**

*IAIA Status of Submittal to EMC* – Forrest updated the Board on the status of the IAIA program. The revised documents have been submitted to the Division and the Environmental Management Commission on May 12, 2022.

*Objection Letters Regarding the Proposed Chlorophyll-a Site Specific Standard for High Rock Lake* – Forrest reported the status of the chlorophyll-a site specific standard for High Rock Lake. Forrest noted the EMC's Hearing Officer Report has not been released at this time but may be available ahead of the EMC meeting in July. Forrest reported that a form objection letter (for the RRC) was authorized and would be available to UNRBA members should it be required. More information will be forth coming.

*Modeling and Regulatory Support Status* – Alix Matos with Brown and Caldwell updated the Board on the modeling progress to date. For detailed information please review meeting presentation: [May 18 2022 Meeting Presentation](#)

*Statistical Model Development for the Chlorophyll-a Water Quality Standard* – Forrest discussed the development of the statistical/Bayesian model that will link the water quality in the lake to its designated uses and will inform the development of a site specific value for a revised chlorophyll-a standard.

*Summary of Joint Symposium with the NC Policy Collaboratory* – Forrest reported the second joint symposium with the Collaboratory was held April 7, 2022. This was a "in person" meeting that was well received and attended. The attendees were UNRBA members, university staff, DWR staff, and many other organizations.

*Communications* – The UNRBA is planning a stakeholder meeting in the fall once calibration of the lake model and evaluation of preliminary scenarios have occurred; coordination with the member communication staff persons to reach the general public; meeting is planned with the new DWR Director; and meetings are planned with DWR staff.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be June 15, 2022 at 9:30 A.M face to face, with a remote access option. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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