

UNRBA Board of Directors: *May 21, 2014 Board Minutes*

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the Town of Butner's Town Hall. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Melissa Hodges	Town of Butner
Sybil Tate	Person County
Gerard Seibert	Town of Stem
Terry Hackett	Town of Hillsborough
Kenneth Waldroup	City Of Raleigh
Pam Hemminger (Chair)	Orange County
Jimmy Clayton (Treasurer)	Person County
Lindsay Mize (Vice Chair)	South Granville Water and Sewer Authority
Dan McLawhorn	City of Raleigh
Nancy McFarlane	City of Raleigh
Ed Mims	Granville County
Melinda Clark	Wake County
Jimmy Minor	City of Creedmoor
Ellen Reckhow	Durham County
Rick Flowe	City of Creedmoor
Jim Wrenn	Attorney Rep. Granville Co., Person Co., Butner, Creedmoor & SGWASA
Henrietta Locklear	Granville, Person, Creedmoor, Butner, and Stem (Stormwater)
Jenn Weaver	Town of Hillsborough
Don O'Toole	City of Durham
Tom Lane	Town of Butner
Michelle Woolfolk	City of Durham
Tom Davis	Orange County
Reginald Hicks	City of Durham
Barry Baker	Granville County
James Bryan	Orange County
Lauren Elmore	Cardno- ENTRIX
Jennifer Fitts	Granville, Person, Creedmoor, Butner, and Stem (Stormwater)
Alix Matos	Cardno-ENTRIX
Howard Kimbrell	Highfill Engineering
Bill McKellar	Town of Butner
Jessica Galdwin	Town of Butner
Jay Sauber	Sauber Water Consulting
Nancy Wood	Durham County
Seth Barefoot	City of Raleigh
Mike O'Driscoll	East Carolina University
Matt Van de Bogart	Cardno-ENTRIX
Sarah Collins	NC League of Municipalities
Donald Long	Safe Water Environmental
Charles Humphrey	East Carolina University
Eban Bean	East Carolina University
Robert Rosenthal	Durham County Soil & Water Conservation
Forrest Westall	UNRBA Executive Director
Haywood Phthisic	LNBA/NRCA/UNRBA

Welcome and Recognition -

Chair Pam Hemminger called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves and share relevant information with the group.

Administrative Items and Update - The draft “minutes” for the March 19th meeting were presented to the Board. Lindsay Mize made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ed Mims, and the Board approved the minutes.

Forrest reminded the Board of the recent change in the by-laws that approved and required the designation of a “Second Alternate”. He asked that each member make that designation by completing the form that was previously emailed to the Board members. Forrest also noted that the website includes information on all meetings at: <http://unrba.org/meetings>. He also thanked Jim Wrenn’s office for their assistance in completing and submitting the necessary reports for lobbying as required by law.

Sarah Collins with the League of Municipalities gave the Board an update on the current legislative actions occurring at the General Assembly.

Ongoing Projects –

Monitoring Development Project – Forrest updated the Board and noted the Modeling Framework was submitted to the Div. of Water Resources (DWR) in April and comments had been received from DWR. The comments were reviewed, a response prepared, and resubmitted to DWR. Most comments were of a definition nature and not substantive (to the modeling framework). Forrest noted that several technical memoranda for the monitoring plan had been release for review and the monitoring plan is in the final review prior to submitting to DWR.

Lauren gave a brief update on the monitoring development program. She noted that the EFDC (Environmental Fluid Dynamics Code) model (same model DWR originally use for Falls Lake) is being used. Lauren and Forrest stated DWR had suggested that the UNRBA use the EFDC model in earlier meetings so it was included in the plan. This does not preclude the use of other models in this process and the Description of the Modeling Framework states that other models will be used as quality assurance and confirmation of the EFDC results. Also, it was noted that the plan is adaptable and can be adjusted as the process moves forward. Lauren stated Cardno has initiated discussions with contract laboratories that currently work under the State’s coalition monitoring program. Forrest noted this is a critical step in order to have sampling begin as soon as DWR approves the plan. Forrest confirmed that the monitoring budget and the FY 2015 dues have been approved and the finalization of the contract amendment for Cardno would be completed as soon as all of the approvals are received from DWR. In order to begin monitoring as soon as possible, the contract amendment package will be developed and circulated through the PFC before the amendment is signed.

Nutrient Credits Development Project – Alix Matos updated the Board on the status of the nutrient credit project. A meeting has been scheduled for May 22 to review 55 different measures to narrow the scope of the project to 20 – 25 nutrient reductions practices to develop. Forrest noted the soil and water conservation groups would participate in this process.

HB 74 Update – Forrest updated the Board on the HB 74 process. He noted the PFC reviewed/discuss this process on May 14th. The tentative schedule appears to be as follows:

Public Comment Period:	March 17 – May 21, 2014
Status Update to WQC EMC:	July, 2014
Final EMC Approval:	September, 2014
Report to RRC:	October, 2014
Final Determination Effective:	End of 2014

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process: 2015 (public comment period will be included in process)

FY 2015 Budget and Dues: Forrest reminded the Board the budget has been adopted and membership dues will be mailed on or after July 01, 2014.

US Water Alliance: Kenny noted that the Alliance reached out to the City of Raleigh and asked if there would be an interest on the UNRBA to participate in the upcoming One Water Leadership Summit to discuss the work that has occurred on Falls Lake. The conference will be held in September. Forrest noted it is a great opportunity to spot light the work the UNRBA has accomplished. Following discussion, Jimmy Minor made a motion to send one or two UNRBA members (dependent on budget), seconded by Lindsay Mize, and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – In Jimmy's absence, Haywood presented the Treasurer's Report and the current balance in the checking account is \$165,637.95 and \$628,228.51 in the savings account as of today. The balance of each project was noted on the treasurer's report.

Executive Director Report – Forrest briefly noted the following activities since the January meeting and upcoming work items:

- * Credits Development Meetings, March 20 & 24th .
- * Monitoring Project Meetings: April 10, April 17 (PFC), April 29 (PFC), May 6 (PFC WG), and May 14th .
- * NCSU Workshop on Ecological Flows, March 21st .
- * Southeastern Lakes Mangement Conference, March 26-28th .
- * League of Municipalities Regulatory Action Committee WQ Subcommittee, April 1.
- * NC Water Quality Association Meeting, May 7th .
- * NSAB Meeting, May 2nd .
- * DWR Release of the Most Recent Drat Nutrient Credits Process Document, Provided to PFC, pending meeting.
- * NCACC Environment Steering Committee, May 20th .

Following the Executive Director's report, the Board discussed the need for the June 19th meeting, having an August meeting instead, and cancelling the September 18th meeting. Lindsay Mize made a motion to cancel the June date, meet August 21st, and cancel the September meeting due to the OWLs Conference, that motion was seconded by Kenny Waldroup, and approved by the Board.

With no other business the meeting was then adjourned.