

UNRBA Board of Directors: May 15, 2024, Board Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, via an in-person and conference call/webinar. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Wendy Jacobs (Chair)	Durham County
Ryan Eaves (Treasurer)	Durham County
Meaghun Darab	Town of Hillsborough
Jane Harrison (V-chair)	City of Raleigh
Vicky Daniels	Town of Butner
Bary Baker (web)	Granville County
Carl Rist (web)	City of Durham
Michelle Woolfolk	City of Durham
Terry Hackett	Town of Hillsborough
Jennifer Ganser (web)	Town of Butner
Georgana Kicinski	City of Creedmoor
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham
Scott Hammerbacher (web)	Franklin County
Ed Buchan	City of Raleigh
Wesley Poole	Orange County
Sally Greene	Orange County
Chris Bowley	Person County
Nick Nolte (web)	Town of Wake Forest
David Harris (web)	Durham County Soil & Water
Dustin Brewer (web)	Durham County Soil & Water
James Bryan	Orange County
Aarin Miles (web)	City of Durham
Nancy Daly (web)	Wake County
Kathy Cooper (web)	City of Raleigh
Joey Hester	NCDWR - Planning
Steve Tedder (web)	Black & Veatch
Jay Sauber (web)	Sauber Water Quality Consultant
Dan McLawhorn (web)	DFM Law Office
Bob Hornick (web)	Town of Hillsborough and Town of Stem
Alix Matos (web)	Brown & Caldwell
Lauren Strader	Brown & Caldwell
Forrest Westall	UNRBA
Haywood Phthisic (web)	UNRBA

(web) – attending meeting via Teams

Welcome and Recognition

The Chair, Wendy Jacobs, called the meeting of the UNRBA Board to order and welcomed all those in attendance and those participating 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 12 of 14 members were present for a quorum. The Chair asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Being none, Jane Harrison made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sally Green, and approved by the Board.

Action Items

Approval of Minutes, March 20, 2024 Board Meeting – The Chair asked the Board if there were any edits or corrections to the draft minutes provided. One typographical error was noted on a name. Georgana Kicinski made the motion to approve the minutes as presented with correction, seconded by Sally Greene, and approved by the Board.

Treasurer’s Report – Ryan Eaves presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending February 29, 2024. The checking account balance at the close of the statement was \$90,674.88 and the savings account balance was \$1,218,395.01. Following review of the report, Vicky Daniels made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented, seconded by Jane Harrison, and approved by the Board.

Informational Items

Status of Proposed Legislative Change – Forrest reported to the Board (on the proposed legislative revisions approved at the March 24th meeting) that he had discussed this issued with DWR staff and they indicated they would brief DEQ leadership and council. He also discussed with representatives of American Rivers and indicated support for this revision but would like to discuss other proposed changes from the Collaboratory report. He noted Granville County is assisting with contacting NC legislators to support adoption of this change during the short session.

Falls Lake Rules Readoption Process – Forrest noted that the Falls Lake Rules Readoption process has been triggered by the documents the UNRBA submitted in November and December, 2023 and the report provided by the NC Collaboratory. This process will be led by the Division of Water Resources. The Board will be updated as this process unfolds in the coming months.

UNRBA Website Update – Forrest reviewed the work on the upgraded website which will combine the two existing websites into one site. A preview may be available at the June meeting.

Modeling and Regulatory Support and Chlorophyll-a Update – Forrest reported the WARMF watershed model, draft WARMF Lake model, and draft EFDC lake model reports have been submitted to DWR. He noted he has requested a statement from the Division that the models have been reviewed and meet the requirements set forth in the quality assurance documents of the Division as required in the Falls Lake Rule allowing a reexamination. The lake model has been submitted and DWR is reviewing it. Dr Marty Lebo will continue his work a specific Falls Lake 303(d) assessment methodology.

Communication Support – Forrest noted a joint stakeholder workshop with DWR is being planned, a meeting with NC Collaboratory regarding revised nutrient management strategy is also under consideration, and the UNRBA and two of the Collaboratory researchers made

a presentation at the WRRRI conference in March.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be June 12, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. with a remote access option available. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.
