

UNRBA Board of Directors: November 16, 2022 Board Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 via an in-person and conference call/webinar. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Sig Hutchinson (Chair)	Wake County
Jenn Weaver (Vice Chair)	Town of Hillsborough
Ryan Eaves (Treasurer) (virtual)	Durham County
Wendy Jacobs (Secretary)	Durham County
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham
Russ May (virtual)	Granville County
Georgana Kicinski	City of Creedmoor
Barry Baker (virtual)	Granville County
Terry Hackett	Town of Hillsborough
Carolyn Bachl (virtual)	City of Raleigh
Nancy Daly (virtual)	Wake County
Kathy Cooper (virtual)	City of Raleigh
Katie Cromwell	Representing Granville and Person Stormwater Utility (Granville Co., Person Co., Stem, Butner, & Creedmoor)
Jim Wrenn	Representing Granville Co., Person Co., Butner, and Creedmoor
Peter Raabe	American Rivers
Sally Green (virtual)	Orange County
Dustin Brewer (virtual)	Durham County Soil & Water
Ashley Rodgers (virtual)	Wake County
Don O'Toole	City of Durham
Wesley Poole	Orange County
Monica Sarna (virtual)	Town of Wake Forest
Scott Schroyer	SGWASA
Dan McLawhorn (virtual)	McLawhorn Law
Don Mial (virtual)	Wake County
Simon Warren	Raftellis
Robert Hornik (virtual)	Town of Hillsborough
Jay Sauber	Sauber Water Quality Consulting
Alix Matos	Brown & Caldwell
Forrest Westall	UNRBA
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Welcome and Recognition -

The Chair, Sig Hutchinson, 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 10 of 14 members were present for a quorum.

Review and Approval of the Agenda – The Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Being

none, Georgana Kicinski made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approved by the Board.

Action Items -

Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2022 Board Meeting – The Chair asked the Board if there were any edits or corrections to the draft minutes provided. Being none, Jenn Weaver made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Wendy Jacobs, and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Ryan Eaves presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2022. The checking account balance at the close of the statement was \$415,839.26 and the savings account balance was \$1,176,496.61. 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.

2023 Meeting Dates – The meeting dates for the Board and Path Forward Committee were presented for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, Georgana Kicinski made the motion to approve, seconded by Wendy Jacobs, and approved by the Board.

Officer Nominating Committee Appointment – Forrest reported the Officer Nominating Committee has been Terry Hackett, Bill McKellar, and Carolyn Bachl and asked the Board to reaffirm the committee members. Following discussion, Jenn Weaver made the motion to approve, seconded by Wendy Jacobs, and approved by the Board.

Personnel Committee Appointment – Forrest reported the Personnel Committee will be meeting soon and asked for confirmation of the committee membership. Don O'Toole has been chair. Other members included are the executive committee (officers), Jim Wrenn, Carolyn Bachl and Reggie Hicks. Following discuss, Jenn Weaver made the motion to approve the committee members as indicated above, seconded by Wendy Jacobs, and approved by the Board. Don stated that the committee will meet on December 5th at 1:30 with the location to be determined. Don also stated that all directors and alternates are welcome to participate.

Recess from UNRBA Board to IAIA Compliance Group Committee (CGC) - The UNRBA Board recessed from its meeting to take up action as the Compliance Group Committee. Jenn Weaver made the motion to recess from the UNRBA Board meeting, seconded by Wendy Jacobs, and approved by the Board.

Compliance Group Committee Review/Approval of Annual Report – The IAIA CGC came to order and Forrest reviewed the report with the Board. Following discussion, the Jenn Weaver made the motion to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Wendy Jacobs, and approved by the CGC.

Recess from CGC and Resume UNRBA Board Meeting – With CGC business completed Georgana Kicinski made the motion to adjourn the CGC meeting and resume the UNRBA Board meeting, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approve by the CGC members. The Chair called for the resumption of the UNRBA Board meeting.

Informational Items -

FY 2024 Budget Discussion – Forrest discussed the projection for the FY 2024 budget and stated he did not recommend any reduction in membership fees for FY 2024. While the modeling and regulatory program is moving toward completion of its work and the UNRBA is development a set of recommendation for a revised nutrient management strategy as well as a potential site-specific chlorophyll-a standard petition for Falls Lake, work still remains to complete this by the end of December 2023. He also noted that additional work to support the recommendations and to work with the Division of Water Resources, the Environmental Management Commission and the NC General Assembly will certainly be required in 2024.

High Rock Lake Implementation Plan Stakeholder Meeting – Forrest reported the first stakeholder meeting was held on September 29, 2022. DWR indicated the process will take approximately 2 years to develop draft rules. Updates will be forthcoming as the process proceeds.

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: [November 16 2022 Meeting Presentation](#) .

Developing Recommendations for Revised Nutrient Management Strategy and Petition for a Site-Specific Chlorophyll-a Water Quality Standard - Forrest reviewed the steps forward for the next year as the modeling program is completed and recommendations for a revised strategy developed. He noted that this work will also include a review of the need for a site specific standard for chlorophyll-a in Falls Lake.

Communications – Forrest noted many items continue to be in play relative to the expanding need for communication, including the American River designation of the Neuse River, a stakeholder meeting is planned for the winter of 2023 following the model calibrations, a third joint symposium with the NC Policy Collaboratory will be scheduled for the spring of 2023. A workshop is also under consideration for the fall of 2023 to provide an opportunity to comment on the recommendations developed for the revised nutrient management strategy.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be January 18, 2023 at 9:30 A.M face to face, with a remote access option. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.