



**Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Agenda
November 18, 2020, 9:30 AM to Noon**
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- I. Opening—Sig Hutchinson, Chair
 - A. Introductions and Announcements
 - B. Roll Call for Quorum
 - C. Identification of any Conflicts
 - D. Review and Approval of Agenda
- II. Action Items
 - A. Approval of [September 16, 2020 Draft Board Minutes](#)
 - B. Approval of the [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - C. Approval of [2021 Proposed Meeting Schedule](#)
 - D. Appointment of the Nominating Committee

III. Administrative Items

- A. [Prospective Budget for FY2022](#)
- B. Personnel Committee Meeting

IV. Status Reports and Informational Items

A. Stage I Existing Development Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) Program

At the September 18, 2020 Board meeting, the Board Directors discussed the status of the IAIA Program and the supporting program documents and actions that would be necessary to put the IAIA program in place. The Executive Director sought support for continuing the efforts to finalize the critical supporting materials for the IAIA. The Board authorized ongoing work to continue and agreed that Board Directors and member staff would reach out to the governing boards and commissions for the jurisdictions that have existing development regulatory requirements under the Falls Lake Rules. The mechanism for putting this program in place has been the focus of the UNRBA's Legal Group, and the Board requested that we reach out to members that did not have representation on the Legal Group. Following the September Board meeting, legal representation from Durham County, Franklin County, Wake County and the Town of Wake Forest were added to the Legal Group. At the October PFC meeting, member representatives supported the development of revisions to the UNRBA Bylaws that would allow the IAIA to function under the umbrella of the UNRBA. The Legal Group developed proposed revisions to the UNRBA Bylaws to allow formation of a Compliance Group Committee comprised of those members that decide to participate in the IAIA. The revisions specify the requirements to participate in this committee as well voting requirements and addition of participants after the initialization of the program. The PFC reviewed the proposed Bylaws revisions at the November 3rd meeting. At today's meeting, we will summarize the proposed Bylaws revisions and review the status of the State's efforts to develop and adopt a Model Program as required under the Existing Development Rule. General feedback from the membership since September has been very positive. The Board Directors will be asked to provide updates on local discussions about the IAIA and the jurisdictions' intent to participation in the IAIA. We will review the schedule for working toward a July 1, 2021 implementation date for the IAIA.

B. Modeling and Regulatory Support (MRS) Status:

Item Summary (Alix Matos): The DWR (Division of Water Resources) 319 grant was finalized to fund revisions to the watershed model code for the simulation of onsite wastewater treatment systems; code revisions are complete and the required report is being drafted. The Transition Monitoring program ended in June 2020, and all data have been received and quality assured. A final technical memorandum summarizing this data is being drafted. The modeling team is also developing the water quality model for the watershed to include atmospheric deposition, sanitary sewer overflows, major and minor wastewater treatment plants, nutrient application, and onsite wastewater treatment systems. The Modeling Team is drafting an interim technical memorandum to describe the watershed modeling and hydrologic performance.

C. Update - DWR 2020 Integrated Report and 303(d) Assessments

Item Summary (Jay Sauber): The DWR draft Integrated Water Quality Assessment Report and the 303(d) list for 2020 were previously anticipated for June 2020. DWR now anticipates public releases for these two documents during the month of January 2021.

D. Plan for Development of a Site-specific Chlorophyll-a Standard

Item Summary (Forrest Westall): On October 4th the UNRBA Legal Group discussed the FY2021 scope of work with Barnes and Thornburg relative to their legal support to the UNRBA. This session included the modeling team and plans for utilizing the statistical modeling effort to support the development of relationships between the water quality parameters and use support. This effort will continue in parallel with the Re-examination effort and represents an important consideration for developing recommendations for a revised Falls Lake management strategy.

E. Ongoing DEQ Discussions/Issues:

Item Summary (Forrest Westall):

- Conversations continue on the development of a joint Symposium with the UNC Collaboratory. This Symposium is being planned for May-June of 2021 and will have to be developed taking into consideration the ongoing issues with COVID-19.
- We continue to plan and schedule a meeting/workshop with DEQ to review the findings of the 2019 Annual Monitoring Report and summarize/review the model development underway. We have discussed this with DWR and, depending on the ongoing considerations due to COVID-19, the meeting will be scheduled based on compliance with state requirements for assembly and social distancing.
- The re-examination, 303(d) assessment procedures, need for a site-specific chlorophyll-a criterion(a), NC Numeric Nutrient Criteria Development Plan, the work of the Scientific Advisory Council, and the evaluation by the UNC Collaboratory are interrelated and connected to the work that continues and will be specifically addressed in our legal support scope of work and the use of our subject matter experts.
- Continue to engage DEQ in the larger technical stakeholder sessions and secure input to modeling as it is being developed. The UNRBA technical stakeholder workshop has been postponed to the fall due to COVID-19 and the joint Symposium with the UNC Collaboratory
- Continue discussions with DEQ on a Memorandum of Agreement that will provide agreed-to guidelines on DEQ's response to the Re-examination submittal.
- Communications objectives continue to be reviewed relative to planned interaction with stakeholders.

F. Closing Comments—Chair Sig Hutchinson

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