

UNRBA Board of Directors: *October 17, 2012 Meeting Summary*

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the Town of Butner's Town Hall.

Meeting attendees are listed below (* denotes member Director to the Board; ** denotes alternate, year denotes original appointment date).

Name	Affiliation
Melissa Hodges	Town of Butner
Nancy Alford *(2012)	Town of Stem
Jessica Gladwin	Town of Butner
Barry Baker ** (2009)	Granville County
Mike Gering*	Town of Hillsborough
Pam Hemminger (Chair)*(2009)	Orange County
Jimmy Clayton (Treasurer)*(2000)	Person County
Lindsay Mize * (2005)	South Granville Water and Sewer Authority
Randy Stagner* (2011)	City of Raleigh
Randy Cahoon	City of Creedmoor
Don O'Toole (2010)	City of Durham Attorney's Office
Reginald Hicks** (2008)	City of Durham Water Management Department
Kenny Waldroup ** (2006)	City of Raleigh
Tom Davis** (2009)	Orange Co. Dept. of Environment, Agriculture, and Parks and Rec.
Dan McLawhorn	City of Raleigh Attorney's Office
Carolyn Bachl	City of Raleigh Attorney's Office
Jim Wrenn	Attorney rep. Granville Co., Person Co., Butner, Creedmoor & SGWASA
Renee Green	Town of Stem
Sandra Berry	Visitor
Alix Matos	Cardno-ENTRIX (CE)
Jay Sauber	NCDENR DWQ, ESS
Pam Behm	NCDENR DWQ
John Huisman	NCDENR - DWQ
Forrest Westall	UNRBA Executive Director
Melinda Clark **	Wake County
Erin Wynia	N.C. League of Municipalities
Steve Bristow	Wake County - DES
Haywood Phthisic	UNRBA/LNBA/NRCA

Welcome and Recognition -

Chair Pam Hemminger called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves and share anything relevant to the group. The meeting summary from August 22, 2012 was presented for approval. Randy Stagner made a motion to approve the meeting summary, seconded by Lindsay Mize, and the summary was approved by the Board.

Follow-up Items Since the August Meeting –

New Development Workshop - Forrest reported 30 people attended the workshop on the Falls Lake New Development Rules held September 11th. The workshop went well and there is consideration of presenting the same material to the development community in the future.

Resolution on N.C. General Permit for Single Family Discharges – Forrest presented a draft resolution for the Board’s consideration on the General Permit for Single Family Discharges (septic systems, sand filters). Forrest noted that since the last meeting Raleigh secured a stay on issuing new septic system permits in Falls Lake for 12 months. Forrest feels DWQ will resurrect the stakeholder group or some form of interest group input to review this issue and he plans to be part of that process (and noted all jurisdictions should take part in this process). He also noted that Raleigh has a meeting scheduled with DWQ for October 22nd to discuss this issue and that the City had invited him to participate. Forrest said he would promote a process that had full opportunity for affected jurisdictions in the UNRBA to participate.

During the discussion of this item it was noted that the DWQ watershed model for the Falls Lake Rules indicated septic systems represents 7% of the nitrogen load to the lake and sand filter systems represent approximately 1% of all septic systems. Concerns were expressed that the jurisdictions may face the burden of finding solutions for failing sand filter and on-site systems under the Falls Rules instead of the individual owner. Also noted is that the resolution will tie the general permits for sand filters together with the Falls Lake Rules. Forrest noted that discussions with DWQ should include establishing a nutrient credit for those systems should they be connected to a public system or for other treatment improvements that would reduce nutrients to the Lake. Following further discussion a motion was made by Mike Gering, seconded by Lindsay Mize, and approved by the Board. The motion was made to reflect an amendment to the resolution that specifies “sand filter systems” and not on-site systems that would include non-discharging septic systems. The Chair asked Forrest to contact those members not present (Durham Co., Franklin Co., Wake Forest, and Creedmoor) to make them aware of the Board action.

Treasurer's Report - Jimmy Clayton presented the treasurer's report and the current balance in the checking account is \$345,633.05 and \$112,983.56 in the savings account. All membership dues have been received for FY 2012-13.

Web Site Committee Update - Mike Gering updated the Board on the progress of the web site committee and the UNRBA's web site. Mike noted the following enhancements: created committees and their membership; member contact page that will only be available to UNRBA members (log in feature); members page (public access); and a “Resource” page with links to regulatory, local government, and TJCOG resources. Mike noted the website accommodates bylaw requirements regarding terms for Directors and Committee members. Mike noted to contact him for “log in” account information.

Legislative Update – Erin Wynia with the League of Municipalities gave an update on the active in the legislative committees. The Environmental Review Commission (ERC) met recently and heard reports on water supply issues, Environmental Management Commission activity, ecological flow, the 303 (d) listing, and review reclaimed water regulations to allow more uses as a resource. There may be more discussion in the upcoming legislative sessions of revisions to the Jordan Lake rules.

Path Forward Committee Report – Kenny Waldroup gave the Path Forward Committee (PFC) report. The PFC met September 18th and again on October 10th and received reports from Cardno on the status of the project. Future monitoring requirements were discussed and the resolution on the sand filter issues. Kenny noted the committee needs direction on whether to proceed with a “Request for Proposal or Qualification (RFP/RFQ)” to identify those qualified to develop a future monitoring program or negotiate with United States Geological Survey (USGS) to perform the work. He noted USGS could not work with the UNRBA if and RFP/RFQ were circulated.

Alix Matos with Cardno gave an overview of the general objectives for the future monitoring program. She provided a handout with preliminary recommendations for future monitoring studies. Since a model has not been selected the items on this list could vary due to model requirements. Work on the project is proceeding on schedule. Alix noted some of the objectives of the monitoring program would be: reduce uncertainty with source load allocations; demonstrate compliance; provide a basis for trading; and prioritize BMP implementation for most overall effectiveness.

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Forrest noted that the PFC will need to prioritize the monitoring studies because the association will not be able to afford all the monitoring options presented. After further discussion the Chair asked the PFC to bring back a recommendation for the Board's consideration on how to proceed with RFP/RFQ/USGS proposal.

Jurisdictional Loads Development Process – John Huisman with DWQ Planning Section gave an overview of the process for development of the jurisdictional loads. John discussed the load reductions that will be required of wastewater treatment facilities, storm water programs, agriculture, and other identified loads for Stage I and II. John discussed threshold dates for the jurisdiction (DWQ is required to provide JLs to the EMC July 01, 2013). John noted an important task for DWQ is to identify the mechanism (tool) of how the loads will be calculated, evaluated, and established (many "tools" are being reviewed such as Tar-Pam, Jordan, City of Durham, etc). John briefly discussed the work of the Nutrient SAB to establish trading credit for select nutrient reduction tools. Following Board discussion Lindsay Mize made a motion that the UNRBA request the Nutrient SAB to allow the UNRBA to provide technical assistance to help establish a more expanded list of nutrient credits (currently very refined list) and may provide additional support. The motion was seconded by Mike Gering, and approved by the Board.

Executive Director Report - Forrest reported on the following items:

- * Attended many committee meetings including NC Lake Management Society, League Regulatory Advisory Committee, Path Forward Committee, Nutrient SAB, and plans to attend the Watershed Oversight Committee (WOC) meeting on Oct 19th.

- * Forrest noted the Nutrient SAB is not performing any work or establishing any nutrient credits for the WOC.

It was noted that the next Board meetings will be December 12th and January 16th in Butner and the meeting was adjourned.