

UNRBA Board of Directors: *March 16, 2016 Board Minutes*

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Town of Butner's Town Hall. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Pam Hemminger (Chair)	Orange County
Lindsay Mize (Vice Chair)	South Granville Water and Sewer Authority
Jimmy Clayton (Treasurer)	Person County
Terry Hackett	Town of Hillsborough
Carolyn Bachl	City of Raleigh
Ed Mims	Granville County
Randy Cahoon	City of Creedmoor
Dan McLawhorn	City of Raleigh
Jim Wrenn	Attorney Rep. Granville Co., Person Co., Butner, Creedmoor & SGWASA
Barry Baker	Granville County
Tom Davis	Orange County
Michelle Woolfolk	City of Durham
Jennifer Fitts	Granville, Person, Butner, & Creedmoor
Don O'Toole	City of Durham
Jenn Weaver	Town of Hillsborough
Nancy McFarlane	City of Raleigh
Sybil Tate	Person County
Bob Hornik	Hillsborough, Stem, Roxboro, & Creedmoor
Ryan Eaves	Durham County
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham
Michael Orbon	Wake County
Sig Hutchinson	Wake County
David Harris	Durham County Soil & Water Conservation
Alix Matos	Cardno
Donald Long	Long Inc.
John Huisman	NC DEQ
Nancy Wood	Durham County
Bill McKellar	Town of Butner
Earl McGee	Orange County
Peter Rabbe	American River
Jay Sauber	Water Quality Consultant
Del Mims	City of Creedmoor
Forrest Westall	UNRBA Executive Director

Welcome and Recognition -

The Chair, Pam Hemminger, called the meeting of the UNRBA to order, welcomed all attendees, and asked each attendee to introduce themselves.

Administrative Items -

The Board minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Sig Hutchinson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Nancy McFarlane, and approved by the

Board.

Forrest noted the Path Forward Committee has changed the meeting date from the first Tuesday to the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Sarah Collins with the League of Municipalities gave the Board an update of legislative actions of the last session and what to expect in the coming short session.

Status Updates and Action Items -

Request for Qualifications for Modeling Support for the Stage II Reexamination Process - Michelle Woolfolk reported to the Board that the PFC has discussed the need to proceed in developing a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to begin the modeling process for the reexamination process for Stage II of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Rules. Michelle reviewed steps the UNRBA had taken since the adoption of the Falls Lake Rules and the implementation of a monitoring program. The firm the UNRBA contracts with will provide modeling and other services to support the Association's Reexamination of the Falls Lake Rules and also provide assistance in developing and evaluating alternate regulatory approaches to develop appropriate proposed revisions to the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy. The selected contractor will use the monitoring data being developed by the UNRBA to evaluate the conditions in the lake, examine various program modifications that may be implemented to reduce nutrients, and determine revised program components relative to the most appropriate actions that should be taken rather than those currently provided under Stage II of the Falls Lake Rules' requirements.

The schedule for selecting a contractor will occur between this meeting and the next with a recommendation for the Board at the May 18 meeting. Following discussion Ed Mims made the motion to approve the RFQ schedule and authorize the PFC to advertise and bring a recommendation back to the Board at the May 18 meeting, seconded by Sig Hutchinson, and approved by the Board.

FY 2016-17 UNRBA Budget and Membership Fees – Forrest presented the recommended Budget and membership fees for FY 2016-17. The total budget for the next fiscal year is \$978,800.00 (\$800,000 for the monitoring program and \$178,800 for the administrative budget). Following discussion, Lindsay Mize made the motion to approve the budget/membership fees as presented, seconded by Bill McKellar, and approved by a roll call vote with all members present voting to approve.

Comments on DWR's Draft 2106 303(d) List - Jay Sauber, water quality consultant to the UNRBA, briefed the Board on the 2016 Draft 303(d) List. Jay reported there are several areas of the lake have been re-segmented, there were questionable methods used to evaluate chlorophyll-a sample in the photic zone, and the locations where samples were taken had been considered in previous reports. Jay noted there are only two new segments listed in this report for impaired waters. Following discussion, a motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to finalize comments for signature by the Chair and submit those comments on the 2016 Draft 303(d) and Integrated Report by Lindsay Mize, seconded by Jimmy Clayton, and approved by the Board.

2106 Status Report on the Falls Lake Nutrient Strategy – John Huisman with DEQ reviewed the 2016 Status Report of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy. The Division is required to report this information to the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) every 5 years. John noted the major wastewater facilities in the watershed had achieved a 20% reduction in total nitrogen and a 67% reduction of total phosphorous as of 2014. Agriculture's projections in nitrogen loss risk, as submitted by the Falls Lake Watershed Oversight Committee, are about 35%. New Development Nutrient Offset Payments as of June, 2015 are 50,766 lbs. of nitrogen and 3,645 lbs. of phosphorous. Overall, implementation is proceeding (timely), sources are on track to meet Stage I reduction goals, nutrient loads and water quality are generally improving, and the regulated community is working constructively and collaboratively with the Division. Forrest noted that he greatly appreciated the Division's responsiveness to the comments provided by the

UNRBA.

Monitoring Program Update – Forrest reported the Monitoring Program is running smoothly and to expect the annual report in mid-April.

Nutrient Credit Scope of Work and Project Status – Alix Matos with Cardno updated the Board on progress achieved in developing the nutrient credits. Several of the Task I credits are in the review process and more will be released in March. The presentation to the Board showed practices that are installed or how those installed practices could be modified (as part of the credit project) to create a different or improved practice. Task II is currently on hold until the second half of 2016 to allow for the nonstructural practices to be completed. Forrest reported DWR has agreed to support the credit project with a \$20,000 205j grant.

Treasurer's Report – Jimmy Clayton presented the Treasurer's Report and the current balance in the checking account is \$85,777.93 and \$827,464.47 in the savings account as of today.

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

- * Work on Falls Lake Report, meeting with DWR.
- * Environmental Review Commission of the NC General Assembly meeting on February 10th .
- * Water Resources Research Institute of the University of NC Annual Conference, March 17-18.
- * Water Quality Committee of the EMC and Environmental Management Commission meeting, March 9 -10.
- * Nutrient Scientific Advisory Board Meeting March 11th .
- * Draft 2016 303(d) List.
- * Additional Funding from DEQ for Credits Project.
- * Meeting with DEMLR and DWR on February 19th .

The next scheduled Board meeting is May 18, 2016, 9:30 to 12 at Butner Town Hall.

With no other business, the meeting was then adjourned.