

UNRBA Board of Directors: *January 16, 2019 Board Minutes*

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the Town of Butner's Town Hall. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Sig Hutchinson (Chair)	Wake County
Jimmy Clayton (Vice Chair)	Person County
Jenn Weaver (Secretary)	Town of Hillsborough
Dan McLawhorn	City of Raleigh
Michelle Woolfolk	City of Durham
Carolyn Bachl	City of Raleigh
Barry Baker	Granville County
Terry Hackett	Town of Hillsborough
Nena Nowell	City of Creedmoor
Ellen Reckhow	Durham County
Bill McKellar	Town of Butner
Jim Wrenn	Representing Granville Co., Person Co., Butner, Creedmoor & SGWASA
Michael S. Frangos	City of Creedmoor
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham
David Harris	Durham Soil & Water Conservation
Mike Woodard	N. C. Senate
Tom Davis	Orange County
John Huisman	NC DEQ DWR
Sally Greene	Orange County (call in)
Peter Rabbe	American Rivers
Bob Hornik	Hillsborough, Stem, & Creedmoor
Jay Sauber	Water Quality consultant
Doug Durbin	Brown & Caldwell
Katie Cromwell	Representing Granville Co., Person Co., Stem, Butner, & Creedmoor
James Bryan	Orange County
Alix Matos	Brown & Caldwell
Forrest Westall	UNRBA
Haywood Phthisic	UNRBA
Ryan Eaves (Treasurer)	Durham County (call in)

Welcome and Recognition -

The Chair, Sig Hutchinson, called the meeting of the UNRBA to order, welcomed all attendees, and asked each attendee to introduce themselves. The Chair asked if any of the Board Directors had 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.

Action Items -

Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2018 Board Meeting - The Chair asked the Board if there were any

edits or corrections to the minutes. Being none, Jimmy Clayton made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill McKellar, and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Ryan Eaves presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 26, 2018. The checking account balance less invoices in process is \$548,882.73 and the savings account balance is \$507,345.74. Ellen Reckhow made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Jimmy Clayton, and approved by the Board.

Officer Elections for 2019 – The Chair asked Bill McKellar to report the recommendations for officers for 2019 beginning with the Chair position. Jimmy Clayton, the Vice Chair, took the helm for this nomination. Bill reported the committee recommends Sig Hutchinson for the position of Chair. With no other nominations, Ellen Reckhow made the motion to approve Sig as Chair, seconded by Reggie Hicks, and approved by the Board. Sig, returning to Chair, asked Bill for the committee's recommendation for Vice Chair, Bill reported the committee recommended Jimmy Clayton for Vice Chair. With no other nominations, Ellen Reckhow made the motion to approve Jimmy Clayton for Vice Chair, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approved by the Board. Sig asked for the committee recommendation for Treasurer and Bill report the committee recommended Ryan Eaves. With no other nominations, Ellen Reckhow made the motion to approve Ryan as Treasurer, seconded by Jenn Weaver, and approved by the Board. Sig asked for the recommendation from the committee for Secretary and Bill reported Jenn Weaver was recommended. With no other nomination, Ellen Reckhow made the motion to approve Jenn Weaver as Secretary, seconded Nena Nowell, and approved by the Board.

UNRBA Comments on DWR/EMC 303(d) List and integrated Report: Forrest reviewed the draft comments on the Draft 303(d) List and integrated Report presented for the Board's consideration. Falls Lake is classified as a 4b water under Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act, meaning it has a management strategy for its impairment (nutrient enrichment). Forrest reviewed the salient concerns as related to Falls Lake. Following discussion, Ellen Reckhow made the motion to approve submitting the comments as presented, seconded by Barry Baker, and approved by the Board. The comments are posted to the website for this meeting date.

Information Items -

Discussion on Board Meeting Format and Improving Communications Within the UNRBA – Forrest requested input from the Board's about actions that would improve the Board meeting process. He indicated that the objective would be to improve the content of the meetings, provide better focus on the agenda items that need decision-making and policy direction from the Board. as provided by the Board members with overviews and access to detailed information prior to the meeting. The Board provided several recommendations and identified specific actions directed at the objectives identified. These actions include: 1) providing an agenda with a written summary of the item and action needed by the Board, 2) provide additional detail and information through links to the website, 3) remove items from the agenda that can be posted to the website for reference, and 4) if information is referenced to other meetings of Committees or Workgroups of the Board or PFC, include in the agenda a link to that information.

Update on N.C. Nutrient Criteria Development Plan Activities – Forest and Jay Sauber, water quality consultant, updated the Board on the work occurring on the development of nutrient criteria. Jay noted that the recent approval of the Missouri's water quality standards could have positive impacts in North Carolina. DWR's Nutrient Criteria Development Plan approved by EPA Region 4 required the formation of a Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) to make recommendations to DWR on potential revision to NC's nutrient-related water quality standards. The SAC has been meeting approximately 4 years with their main focus on pH and chlorophyll-a. Based on recent decisions by the SAC, there may be proposals coming forward in the future that will revise these standards for lakes, streams and estuaries. However, the SAC is mainly focused at this point on High Rock Lake in the Yadkin River Basin.

DWR Activities – John Huisman with DWR gave an update to the Board noting: there is a new Chair of the

Environmental Management Commission (EMC), Dr. Stan Meiburg; The proposed Nutrient Rules were presented to the EMC in January and approved to go to public notice; the buffer rules have been to public notice and should come back to the EMC in March. DWR continues to work toward the development on the Stage I Existing Development model program.

Monitoring Program Update – Doug Durbin reported the all data has been received from the 51 months of the Monitoring Program. Doug reported the transitional monitoring program is underway, the final monitoring report of the data collected to support he modeling is in preparation. After a rather long delay, the Falls Lake Sediment Evaluations has been received from the researcher at UNC.

Modeling and Regulatory Support Update – Alix Matos with Brown & Caldwell updated the board on work progress in the MRS program. The Monitoring Program is completed and the Modeling portion is underway with completion in 2020. For more information please review the slide in the Meeting Presentation.

Executive Director Report – For the list of executive director report items click on this link:

[Executive Director's Report](#)

It was noted that the next scheduled Board meeting will be March 20, 2019. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved