

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED  
Thursday, August 22, 2024**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Virgil O’Neal, Rhonda Barwick, Polly Hardee, Andy Heath, Vallie Johnson, Darrell Rudisill, Barbara Seaforth

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jamie Cannon, Scott Howard, Cody Murphy, Anthony Riggs, Victor Styles

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** None

**NRWASA STAFF PRESENT:** Harold Herring - Executive Director  
Jessica House – Administrative Secretary  
Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent  
Jacob Brown – WTP Assistant Superintendent  
Dustin Smith – Facilities Supervisor  
Cliff Parson – Legal Counsel

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** None

**Call to Order**

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed new NRWASA Board Member, Barbara Seaforth.

**Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Darrell Rudisill moved to adopt the Revised Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Vallie Johnson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Swearing in of new Board of Directors and Alternates ..... Chairman Barry Sutton**

Chairman Barry Sutton led New Director Ms. Barbara Seaforth in the Oath of Office to fill the vacancy for the City of Kinston.

**2. Approval of May 23, 2024 Minutes ..... Chairman Barry Sutton**

Mr. Virgil O’Neal moved to approve the May 23, 2024 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Steve Miller and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried

**3. Approval of August 2024 Treasurer’s Report ..... Chairman Barry Sutton**

Mr. Vallie Johnson moved to adopt the August 2024 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Andy Heath and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**4. Approval of Active Customer Connections Report ..... Mr. Harold Herring**

Mr. Herring advised the Board that Active Customer Connection requests were sent out to each Member Entity for July 1, 2024 and that all Member Entities met the requirements of Article II: 1.E of the NRWASA By-Laws. He also informed the Board that there will not be any increases in number of Members at this time. Mr. Virgil O’Neal moved to approve the August 2024 Active Customer Connections Report. Seconded by Mr. Andy Heath and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**5. Resolution – 2024 Fall PFAS Grant Application ..... Mr. Harold Herring**

Mr. Herring advised the Board that NRWASA would apply every six months for each Grant available. Mr. Darrell Rudisill moved to approve the Resolution as presented for the 2024 Fall PFAS Grant Application. Seconded by Mr. Vallie Johnson and Andy Heath and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**6. Election of Officers ..... Mr. Cliff Parson**

Mr. Cliff Parson stated that the current officers are: Chairman Barry Sutton, Vice-Chairman Steve Miller, Secretary Virgil O’Neal, and Treasurer Bruce Parson. Mr. Cliff Parson stated that all are eligible for re-election.

Mr. Cliff Parson opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Darrell Rudisill moved to retain the same officers. Seconded by Mr. Vallie Johnson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried. All Officers accepted their nominations for reappointment.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**7. PFAS Engineering and Testing Study ..... Mr. Charlie Colie**

Mr. Charlie Colie advised the Board that NRWASA has been working with CDM Smith to perform pilot testing for PFAS. With the additional funding from the State Grant, NRWASA has expanded the testing with CDM Smith. The Neuse River Basin is not in the best shape. The limit was changed by EPA from 7 to 4.

**8. Ward & Smith ..... Mr. Cliff Parson**

Mr. Cliff Parson updated the Board regarding the PFAS litigation. Several companies have settled and the details should be available by First Quarter next year.

**9. FY23/24 Annual Report ..... Mr. Harold Herring & Mr. Charlie Colie**

Mr. Harold Herring and Mr. Charlie Colie gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY23/24 Annual Report and answered Board Member questions.

**10. Miscellaneous Discussion Items ..... Chairman Barry Sutton**  
There were no Miscellaneous items to be discussed.

**11. Public Comments ..... Chairman Barry Sutton**  
No Public Comments

**12. Closed Session ..... Chairman Barry Sutton**  
Being no further miscellaneous items and no public comments, Chairman Sutton advised the Board it will move into Closed Session to consult with Personnel Committee. Mr. Steve Miller moved to adjourn to closed session. Seconded by Mr. Virgil O’Neal and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

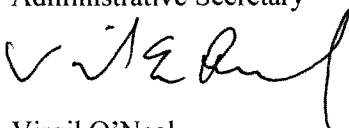
Open Session resumed at 7:23 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 7:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Virgil O’Neal. Seconded by Mr. Vallie Johnson and after unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Jessica House  
Administrative Secretary



Virgil O’Neal,  
NRWASA Secretary