

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED  
Thursday, August 24, 2023**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023 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, Oryan Lowry, Anthony Riggs, Darrell Rudisill, Victor Styles

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sammy Aiken, Jamie Cannon, Bruce Parson

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Rusty Byrd, B.R. Jackson

**NRWASA STAFF PRESENT:** Harold Herring - Executive Director  
Angela McKenzie – Administrative Assistant  
Kathryn Barker - Administrative Secretary  
Cliff Parson - Legal Counsel  
Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent  
Jacob Brown – WTP Assistant Superintendent  
Dustin Smith- Facility Supervisor

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** None

**Call to Order**

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Virgil O’Neal moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
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**1. Swearing in of New Board Member.....Chairman Sutton**

Mayor B.R. Jackson introduced the Town of Grifton’s new Town Manager, Mr. Oryan Lowry. Mr. Lowry grew up in Robeson County and has 20 years of service in Local Government.

Chairman Barry Sutton led New Director Mr. Oryan Lowry in the Oath of Office to replace Mr. Mark Warren as Director for the Town of Grifton.

**2. Approval of May 2023 Minutes.....Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Steve Miller moved to approve the May 2023 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Anthony Riggs and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**3. Approval of August 2023 Treasurer’s Report.....Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Vallie Johnson moved to adopt the August 2023 Monthly Treasurer’s Report and seconded by Mr. Andy Heath. 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, 2023 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 2023 Active Customer Connections Report. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**5. 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. Parson stated that all are eligible for re-election.

Mr. Parson opened the floor for nominations. Mayor B.R. Jackson moved to retain the same officers. Seconded by Ms. Polly Hardee. The nominations were closed by Motion of Acclamation by Mr. Virgil O’Neal. Seconded by Mr. Andy Heath and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried. All Officers accepted their nominations for reappointment.

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

Mr. Charlie Colie advised the Board that NRWASA is currently in agreement with CDM Smith to find a solution to the PFAS issue. He further stated that the testing study was still in the beginning stages, but NRWASA hopes to begin conducting samples using powder carbon beginning next Wednesday.

Chairman Sutton further commented that he felt that NRWASA was proactive regarding the PFAS issue and trying to remain ahead of the curve.

<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
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**7. Ward & Smith ..... Mr. Cliff Parson**

Mr. Cliff Parson updated the Board regarding the PFAS litigation and stated that he was cautiously optimistic that there will be a settlement and hopefully funds will be available at that time.

Mr. Darrell Rudisill asked if any feedback had been received regarding the EPA comments. Mr. Parson further stated that there had not been any feedback from the EPA and most likely would not be, since rules and revised limits will not be available until the end of next year.

**8. FY22/23 Annual Report ..... Mr. Harold Herring**

Mr. Harold Herring and Mr. Charlie Colie gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY22/23 Annual Report and answered Board Member questions.


**9. Miscellaneous & Informational Discussion Items ..... Chairman Sutton**


There were no miscellaneous nor informational items to be discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 6:54 P.M.  
Motion to adjourn by Mr. Victor Styles seconded by Mr. Anthony Riggs.

Sincerely,

  
Kathryn Barker,  
Administrative Secretary

  
Virgil O'Neal,  
NRWASA Secretary