**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED**
**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

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| **MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Virgil O'Neal, Bruce Parson, Rhonda Barwick, Polly Hardee, Dylan Haman, Billy Kennedy, Cody Murphy, Dennis Pope, Darrell Rudisill, Barbara Seaforth |
| **MEMBERS ABSENT:** | Jamie Cannon, Vallie Johnson, Victor Styles |
| **ALTERNATES PRESENT:** | Rusty Byrd, B.R. Jackson |
| **NRWASA STAFF PRESENT:** | Harold Herring - Executive Director<br>Brandie Thompson – Administrative Assistant<br>Kathryn Barker – Administrative Secretary<br>Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent<br>Jacob Brown – WTP Assistant Superintendent<br>Dustin Smith – Facilities Supervisor<br>Jamie Norment – Legal Counsel |
| **SPECIAL GUESTS:** | None |

## Call to Order

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

Mr. Billy Kennedy moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Virgil O'Neal and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## ACTION ITEMS

**1. Approval of May 22, 2025 Minutes .......... Chairman Barry Sutton**

Mr. Dylan Haman moved to approve the May 22, 2025 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried

**2. Approval of August 2025 Treasurer's Report .......... Chairman Barry Sutton**

Mr. Dylan Haman moved to adopt the August 2025 Monthly Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Dennis Pope and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**3. 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 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. Herring did further advise that Eastern Pines was very close to being able to add another Director to the NRWASA Board, due to their increase in the number of Active Customer Connections. Board had no further questions.

**4. Election of Officers ........ Mr. Jamie Norment**

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

Mr. Jamie Norment opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Darrell Rudisill moved to retain the same officers. Seconded by Mr. Dylan Haman and upon unanimous vote the motion carried. All Officers accepted their nominations for reappointment.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

**5. Ward & Smith ........ Mr. Jamie Norment**

Mr. Jamie Norment updated the Board regarding information he just received from the UNC School of Government. He further advised that earlier this year the General Assembly directed the UNC School of Government to do a study on water and wastewater regionalization and how that may occur. Over the month of September, the UNC School of Government will be taking comments and holding webinars for comments on things like issues relating to cataloging what has been going in the State, identifying impediments to regionalization relating to water and wastewater and whether there is anything the General Assembly can or should do to help regionalization or help regulate it in some way. Mr. Norment stated that he felt that NRWASA was one of the pace setters. He further stated that he would be sending out the documentation that was received to Mr. Harold Herring and Chairman Sutton to forward to the Board.

Mr. Jamie Norment further stated that NRWASA received the second settlement check this week from 3M for the PFAS lawsuits. Mr. Norment further advised that NRWASA would be receiving an additional check some time later this year for roughly the same amount.

Mr. Jamie Norment stated that the General Assembly has adjourned for the year. None of the PFAS regulation or PFAS polluter pay passed this year, but further stated that this would be tabled to next year. The General Assembly did pass the REINS Act that would essentially stop any new environmental rules that cost money, especially if it is over $20 million dollars State-wide.

**6. CDM Smith-Engineering Task Order#2-HVAC Assistance-Hypo/MCC Areas ........ Mr. Harold Herring & Mr. Charlie Colie**

Mr. Harold Herring advised the Board that NRWASA recently had an issue with the A/C system for the Hypochlorite room. He further stated that NRWASA hired a contractor to replace the Hypo A/C unit, but unfortunately it is across the driveway, underground and over 250 linear feet of piping to the return and back to the unit. Due to the way the A/C unit is set up, this has further caused (2) motors to burn up with the new system. Mr. Herring stated that they have now learned from Trane that the distance is too long, due to an environmental change in the type of freon used and it can not be put underground. He further stated that now everything would need to be retrofitted with the electrical and HVAC to make it work to cool the chemicals. CDM Smith Engineering Task Order #2 will address these issues.

Mr. Charlie Colie presented a power point presentation of the current A/C unit in the Hypo and MCC rooms and issues concerning the units and answered Board Member questions.

Mr. Harold Herring advised the Board that the total expense would be $200,000, which includes the Engineering, Construction and taxes. He further advised the Board that NRWASA moved $250,000 in FY 24-25 to Capital Reserve, which is where the monies will be used to pay for this project. Mr. Herring asked that the Board to approve the Task Order #2. Mr. Dylan Haman moved to approve Task Order #2, Seconded by Mr. Darrell Rudisill and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

**7. Capital Project Budget Ordinance--HVAC Assistance-Hypo/MCC Areas ............... Mr. Harold Herring & Mr. Charlie Colie**

Mr. Harold herring referred the Board members to the Ordinance in the Agenda. He further asked the Board to make a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Bruce Parson moved to approve the Ordinance, Seconded by Mr. Billy Kennedy and upon unanimous vote the motion carried

**8. Generator-Replace Gasket and Radiator ............................................... Mr. Harold Herring**

Mr. Charlie Colie advised the Board that NRWASA was conducting a PM on the plant generator, which is used for emergency back-up power and peak shave. It was noticed during the PM, that the generator has a radiator leak. He further stated that the radiator would need to be replaced. He also advised that while the radiator leak was found, it was also found that that the oil pan and exhaust gaskets need to be replaced as well. Mr. Charlie Colie advised the Board that the Generator is a 2,000 KW and NRWASA averages about 19-20 hours a month running during peak shave. He further stated that the Generator saved NRWASA approximately $47,000 for FY 24-25.

Mr. Harold Herring advised the Board that NRWASA is currently working on obtaining estimates on repairs. He further advised the Board that the repairs would be between $100,000-$200,000. Mr. Herring advised the Board that they would get bids, move forward with construction, to try to maintain load management to get the load management credit. He further stated that the funds would come out of Contract Services and they would find the monies to move forward. Mr. Harold Herring asked that the Board to make a motion to approve the repairs to the Generator. Mr. Darrell Rudisill moved to approve the Repairs to the Generator, Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried

**9. FY24/25 Annual Report ............................................... Mr. Harold Herring & Mr. Charlie Colie**

Mr. Harold Herring and Mr. Charlie Colie gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY24/25 Annual Report and answered Board Member questions.

**10. Miscellaneous Discussion Items ............................................... Chairman Barry Sutton**

Chairman Sutton discussed with the Board the Annual Holiday Gathering held in December. He further advised that the attendance at the 2024 Holiday Gathering had declined. After discussions with the Board, Chairman Sutton advised that the Board will move forward with the Holiday Gathering this year, but advised all Board members to make every effort to attend this year. Chairman Sutton advised that a Save the Date for the Holiday Gathering on Thursday, December 4, 2025 would be forthcoming, as soon as a location was reserved.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 7:20 pm. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Virgil O'Neal. Seconded by Mr. Billy Kennedy and after unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Sincerely,
Kathryn J. Barker
Kathryn Barker
Administrative Secretary
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Virgil O'Neal,
NRWASA Secretary