

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED
Thursday, February 26, 2015**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Henry Heath, Terry Koonce, Stephen Tripp, Clarence Mills, Sammy Aiken, Virgil O’Neal, Jamie Cannon, Greg Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Hill, Bruce Parson, Neal Baggett, Joe Albright, Jimmy Cousins

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Rusty Byrd, Rhonda Barwick

NRWASA STAFF PRESENT:
Harold Herring - Executive Director
Debbie Purvis - Administrative Assistant
Tonya Taylor- Administrative Secretary
James Norment - Legal Counsel
Charlie Colie – WTP ORC
Jacob Brown – Assistant WTP ORC
Kyle Smith - Distribution Superintendent

Special Guests: Brandon Holland – Town Manager, Ayden
Brady Smith – BSA Troop 241
Kimberly Smith – BSA Troop 241
Brandon Martin-BSA Troop 241
Brady Martin – BSA Troop 241
Joshua Kirkland – BSA Troop 241

Call to Order

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed Special Guests. Mr. Kyle Smith introduced Members of BSA Troop 241, who were attending as part of the efforts to earn the Communications Merit Badge. Ms. Tonya Taylor, a new NRWASA Employee was introduced.

Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Greg Smith moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Jamie Cannon and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of January 2015 Minutes Chairman Sutton

Mr. Virgil O’Neal moved to approve the January 2015 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Greg Smith and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

2. Approval of January 2015 Treasurer’s Report Chairman Sutton

Mr. Greg Smith moved to adopt the January 2015 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Clarence Mills and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Ward & Smith Mr. James Norment

Mr. James Norment updated the board on changes to Legislators and committees in Raleigh, NC. The new Secretary of DENR is Dr. Donald van der Vaart. Dr. van der Vaart is an energy expert, an attorney, an engineer and holds a PhD in Chemistry. We have had a good experience working with him in the past. Mr. Tom Reeder is now the Assistant Secretary of the Environment. He replaced Mr. Mitch Gillespie. Mr. Gillespie is now Senior Policy Advisor to the Speaker of the House, Mr. Tim Moore. Mr. Matthew Dockham is now the new DENR Legislative Liaison. We will be working with Mr. Dockham on Budgetary and Legislative issues. Mr. Jerry Carrol has now moved to the Environmental Management Commission. Mr. Norment will continue to monitor upcoming Legislation and new bills that are introduced.

Mr. Virgil O'Neal inquired about the banked water issue. No new information available. However, Mr. Norment will investigate the issue.

Mr. Sammy Aiken inquired about the opportunities to meet with Legislators at open forums. There is an upcoming opportunity for the League of Municipalities. Mr. Norment and Mr. Sutton encouraged all Board Members to take advantage of these opportunities.

Ward & Smith recently hired a new Attorney/Lobbyist, Whitney Christenson. She was a former lobbyist for the League of Municipalities and is familiar with environmental water issues.

4. Improvements to Falling Creek PRV Site (PRV #5K) Ms. Rhonda Barwick

Mrs. Rhonda Barwick, City of Kinston, gave a presentation on the request for reimbursement for improvements made to Falling Creek PRV Site (PRV 5K). The directors discussed the change in water pressure the improvements have made. Changing from 4" to 8" pipe was discussed along with an 11 PSI change in water pressure. Mr. Virgil O'Neal made the motion to have the Finance Committee meet and discuss this issue and look at all the facts about possibly reimbursing the City for some or all of the costs related to the improvements. Then the committee would take the information back to the Board with a recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Greg Smith and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

5. Annual Conversion to Free Chlorine Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Herring reminded the Board that the annual conversion to Free Chlorine would be March 16, 2015 to April 20, 2015. The information packets have been sent to the contact people at each Member Entity to make sure it is published in the newspaper. Chairman Sutton was reminded that some of Lenoir County Members go together and put a news release in the paper.

Mr. Sammy Aiken asked some questions regarding flushing of lines and hydrants and reclamation of this water. There was a brief discussion on ways to reuse this water.

6. Miscellaneous Discussion Items Chairman Barry Sutton

Mr. Sammy Aiken asked for an update on the Coal Ash clean up situation with Duke Progress Energy and the Goldsboro site. Mr. Norment discussed the current sites being cleaned up and the future clean-up of the Goldsboro site. Based on public information, Goldsboro site does not seem to be leaking or otherwise endangering our supply of water. The cost of this cleanup was discussed. Clean up of the Eden site was also discussed.

7. Informational.....Chairman Barry Sutton

Mr. Herring briefly discussed the two articles regarding NRWASA in the local papers. One article reported on NRWASA winning the best tasting water in NC and the second article covered the Pitt County Southwest bypass impacts on NRWASA water lines. The Chair was pleased with both articles and found them to be informative.

8. Public Comments.....Chairman Barry Sutton

There were no public comments offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 6:32 P.M.

Sincerely,

Tonya Taylor
Administrative Secretary

Joe Albright
NRWASA Secretary