

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED  
Thursday, March 23, 2023**

**REVISED**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Virgil O’Neal, Sammy Aiken, Rhonda Barwick, Polly Hardee, Andy Heath, Vallie Johnson, Timmy Kennedy, Anthony Riggs, Victor Styles, Darrell Rudisill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jamie Cannon, Mark Warren, Bruce Parson

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** B.R. Jackson

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

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Mr. Billy Raynor, Town of Grifton Utilities Manager  
Mr. Clyde Sutton, Former Board of Director for Deep Run Water Corporation  
Mr. Mike Hill, Former Board of Director for Town of Pink Hill  
Mr. Mike Hill’s wife, Sonya Hill  
Mr. Mike Hill’s daughter, Wendy Kennedy  
Mr. Mike Hill’s step-daughter, Amanda Boyd  
Town of Pink Hill Mayor, Yvonne Deatherage

**Call to Order**

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed Special Guests.

**Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda**

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

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

Chairman Sutton advised the Board that Mr. James Quinn with the Town of Pink Hill will be sworn in as the new Board of Director, but unfortunately due to work conflicts, he was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

**2. Recognition of Past Board Members.....Chairman Sutton**

Chairman Sutton recognized Mr. Clyde Sutton and thanked him for his years of service as the NRWASA Board of Director for Deep Run Water Corporation. Mr. Harold Herring also recognized and thanked him for his service.

Chairman Sutton recognized Mr. Mike Hill and thanked him for his years of service as the NRWASA Board of Director for Town of Pink Hill. Mr. Harold Herring also recognized and thanked him for his service.

**3. Approval of January 2023 Minutes ..... Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Anthony Riggs moved to approve the January 2023 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**4. Approval of Chemical Tank Replacement Phase #1 Amendment #3 ..... Harold Herring**

Mr. Harold Herring referred the Board to Amendment # 3 in the Agenda book and asked the NRWASA Board to approve the Amendment. Mr. Virgil O'Neal moved to approve Chemical Tank Replacement Phase#1 Amendment #3. Seconded by Mr. Andy Heath and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**5. Approval of January 2023 Treasurer's Report ..... Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Victor Styles moved to adopt the March 2023 Monthly Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Sammy Aiken and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
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**6. Ward & Smith ..... Mr. Jamie Norment**

Mr. Jamie Norment advised the Board that he was in Raleigh all this week meeting with the North Carolina General Assembly. He further stated that the NCGA is in the beginning of a 2-year session.

He advised the Board that the Permanent License Plate Bill for Water and Sewer Authorities has had opposition from the NCDOT.

**7. Annual Conversion to Free Chlorine ..... Mr. Charlie Colie**

Mr. Charlie Colie advised the Board that the Annual Conversion to Free Chlorine was going as planned and special thanks was given to Mr. Dustin Smith and Mr. Jacob Brown for their efforts.

**8. Resolution – Adoption of Unit Water Rates for FY22/23 ..... Mr. Harold Herring**

Mr. Virgil O'Neal moved to approve the Resolution as presented for the Adopting of the Unit Water Rate at \$4.00/1,000 gallons for FY23/24. Seconded by Mr. Timmy Kennedy and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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

Chairman Sutton stated that he needed to have every Member Entity represented on the Finance Committee. The Town of Ayden is still currently vacant. Mr. Timmy Kennedy advised that he would serve for the Town of Pink Hill on the Finance Committee. Mr. Andy Heath stated that he would serve as the representative for Deep Run Water on the Finance Committee.

Mayor B.R. Jackson advised the Board that the Town of Grifton will be holding the Shad Festival April 15<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Harold Herring stated that Mr. Steve Miller and Mr. Charlie Colie attended the Neuse River Resiliency Committee meeting. Mr. Steve Miller further stated that the committee is working toward efforts to avoid flood issues.

Mr. Sammy Aiken advised the Board that City of Kinston will holding the annual BBQ Festival on the Neuse on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend.

Being no further miscellaneous items and no public comments, Chairman Sutton advised the Board it will move into Closed Session to consult with Legal Counsel about a personnel matter pursuant to N.C. General Statutes § 143-318.11(a)(6). Mr. Andy Heath moved the motion. Seconded by Mr. Steve Miller and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

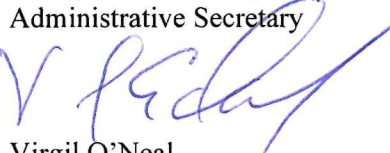
**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Board, Mayor B.R. Jackson moved to adjourn, Mr. Steve Miller seconded the motion, and Chairman Barry Sutton adjourned the meeting without objection at approximately 7:00P.M.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Barker  
Administrative Secretary



Virgil O'Neal,  
NRWASA Secretary