

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED
Thursday, May 28, 2015**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 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, Clarence Mills, Virgil O’Neal, Stephen Tripp, Mike Hill, Bruce Parson, Sammy Aiken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Albright, Jimmy Cousins, Jamie Cannon, Greg Smith, Neal Baggett

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

Special Guests: Brandon Holland

Call to Order

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

Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Mike Hill moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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| ACTION ITEMS |
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1. **Approval of April 2015 Minutes**.....**Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Bruce Parson moved to approve the April 2015 Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Virgil O’Neal and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

2. **Approval of May 2015 Treasurer’s Report**.....**Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Mike Hill moved to adopt the May 2015 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Steve Miller and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Ward & Smith Mr. James Norment

Mr. James Norment stated he had a few updates at this time.

The DOT Reimbursement Agreement between NRWASA and the State to reimburse NRWASA for the Engineering and Legal Fees has been accepted. The reimbursement agreement includes both the Engineering and Legal fees. As previously reported, the DOT standard contract was not well suited for NRWASA's needs. The document was rewritten and the rewrite has been accepted by the DOT. We are waiting for final information from the Wooten Co. Mr. Norment states NRWASA is in a good position to incur limited cost and to be able to supervise all engineering and construction.

In Raleigh, the General Assembly is working on the state budget for FY2015-2017. There are opportunities to work with Mr. Mitch Gillespie, currently the Senior Policy Advisor to the Speaker. Previously, Mr. Gillespie had been a key player in our interbasin and Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area issues. We are also continuing to communicate with DENR as well as monitoring legislation of interest to NRWASA. However, there is currently no legislation that NRWASA needs to act on with regard to supporting or opposing.

4. FY14/15 Annual Audit Communication Letter Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Herring states Mr. Gary Ridgeway, McGladrey LLP had surgery and couldn't attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Herring summarized the important matters addressed in the Communication Letter from McGladrey, LLP dated May 28, 2015. Communication, Independence, Planning Processes and Reports on Internal Control, Non-compliance and Fraud are addressed.

5. DOT Use & Occupancy Agreement Mr. Harold Herring

We have signed the Agreement with DOT. The relocation will be per the DOT Design and Build Team. We have signed a release regarding the water lines, Maintenance by NRWASA on the DOT Right of way. DOT will replace any defective materials per Mr. Robert Emory. There will be no cost to NRWASA for Engineering or Legal fees.

6. Miscellaneous Discussion Items Chairman Barry Sutton

There was a brief discussion of a rate cut for City of Kinston Electricity. Mrs. Rhonda Barwick states, "Final rates should be in place in September or October 2015."

7. Informational Chairman Barry Sutton

No Items were discussed.

8. Public Comments Chairman Barry Sutton

There were no public comments offered.

Closed Session

Pursuant to a motion made by Mayor Stephen Tripp, seconded by Mr. Mike Hill, and unanimously approved, the Board entered a Closed Session at 6:23pm, to consult with our Legal Counsel and consider with acquisition of real property pursuant to General Statutes Section 143-318.11.

Mr. Mike Hill made the motion to come out of Closed Session. Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson, and upon unanimous vote, the Board approved a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 6:49pm.

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to Open Session, Mr. Mike Hill made the motion to authorize Mr. Harold Herring to obtain an appraisal on adjoining land for Land Application. Mr. Steve Miller states the Finance Committee approves. Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 6:49 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mike Hill, seconded by Mr. Clarence Mills.

Sincerely,

Tonya Taylor
Administrative Secretary

Joe Albright
NRWASA Secretary