

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Rhonda Barwick, Bruce Parson, Polly Hardee, Vallie Johnson, Sammy Aiken, Virgil O’Neal, Matthew Livingston, Victor Styles, Anthony Riggs, Clyde Sutton, Ray Baldree

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Hill, Mark Warren, Jamie Cannon

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Rusty Byrd

NRWASA STAFF PRESENT: Harold Herring - Executive Director
Angela McKenzie – Administrative Assistant
Amber Goodman - Administrative Secretary
Jamie Norment - Legal Counsel
Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent
Jacob Brown – WTP Assistant Superintendent
John Whitfield- Facility Supervisor

SPECIAL GUESTS: Mr. Bill Mason, P.E. CDM Smith
NC Representative Chris Humphrey

Call to Order

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. and welcomed Special Guests.

Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of May 2021 Minutes.....Chairman Sutton

Mr. Victor Styles moved to approve the May 2021 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Ray Baldree and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

2. Approval of August 2021 Treasurer’s Report.....Chairman Sutton

Mr. Matthew Livingston moved to adopt the August 2021 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

3. 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. Norment opened the floor for nominations. The nominations were closed by Motion of Acclamation by Mr. Clyde Sutton. Seconded by Mr. Matthew Livingston and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried. All Officers accepted their nominations for reappointment. Mr. Norment declared nominations closed.

4. Approval of Active Customer Connections Report.....Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Herring advised the Board that all Member Entities met the requirements of Article II: 1.E. of the NRWASA By-Laws. Mr. Virgil O'Neal moved to approve the August 2021 Active Customer Connections Report. Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Raw Water Intake #2 Update.....Mr. Bill Mason

Mr. Bill Mason informed the Board that the new screens at the Neuse River Raw Water Intake are installed and have been in use for 3 weeks. The project is waiting on the final survey.

6. Chemical Tank Replacement.....Mr. Bill Mason

Mr. Bill Mason updated the Board on the schedule for the Chemical Tank Replacement of two bulk Alum tanks, one Alum day tank, Ammonia yard piping and additional chemical piping for the Water Treatment Plant.

7. Raw Water Intake #1 Update/ Bid.....Mr. Bill Mason

Mr. Bill Mason stated that NRWASA took Formal Bids for the Raw Water Intake #1 Raise Screens Project. He informed the Board that he had met with the Finance Committee after the bid and that they recommended that the Board award the bid to the Haren Construction for \$792,000 per the tabulation sheet attached in the Agenda Packet.

8. Finance Committee Report.....Mr. Steve Miller

Mr. Steve Miller discussed the Formal Bids for the Raw Water Intake #1 Raise Screens Project. The Finance Committee unanimously recommended awarding the Bid to Haren Construction.

Mr. Bruce Parson moved to approve the Award of the Raw Water Intake #1 Raise Screens to Haren Construction. Seconded by Mr. Clyde Sutton and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

9. Capital Project Budget Amendment #1- Raw Water Intake #1 Modifications Construction to Raise.....Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Harold Herring recommended to the Board that the Capital Projects Budget needed to be amended to reflect the Construction Costs and Contingency Fund for the Raw Water Intake Modification #1 Project at the Neuse River Intake.

Mr. Matthew Livingston moved to approve the Amendment #1 to the Capital Project Budget. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

10. Ward & Smith.....Mr. Jamie Norment

Mr. Jamie Norment mentioned how good it was of Representative Humphrey to come visit NRWASA and take a plant tour. Also mentioning that Representative Jim Perry would like to come Tour NRWASA. Mr. Norment updated the Board on the DEQ Rules and reviewed NRWASA's response and appreciation for being able to give their opinion.

11. FY20/21 Annual Report.....Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Herring shared a PowerPoint presentation of the FY20/21 Annual Report and answered Board Member questions.

12. Miscellaneous & Informational Discussion Items Chairman Sutton

Mr. Barry Sutton and Mr. Harold Herring spoke to the Board about the precautions that NRWASA is taking to ensure the safety of the Board Members and Employees in regards to COVID.

Mr. Matthew Livingston informed the Board of The Town of Ayden's Collard Festival is September 10th & 11th.

Mr. Harold Herring congratulated Mrs. Rhonda Barwick, who is now the Interim Acting Kinston City Manager and Mr. Steve Miller, who is the Interim Public Services Director for the City of Kinston.

Mrs. Rhonda Barwick mentioned Grupporeco manufacturing facility will be bringing 100 new jobs and \$28 million to Kinston. They will be City of Kinston Water and Sewer customers.

Mr. Sammy Aiken asked whether or not NRWASA would consider investing in a Gas Tank to keep onsite. Mr. Harold Herring responded that it is currently being investigated.

Mr. Clyde Sutton informed the Board that Ms. Carol Sykes, Mayor of Pink Hill, is not doing well.

Mr. Harold Herring informed the Board of the passing of Mr. Frank Sheffield of Ward and Smith back in June.

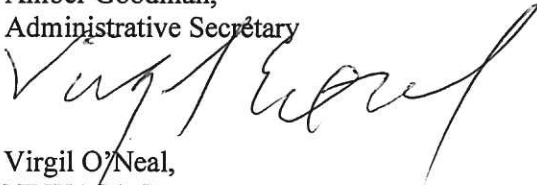
ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 6:44 P.M.
Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bruce Parson seconded by Mr. Ray Baldree.

Sincerely,



Amber Goodman,
Administrative Secretary



Virgil O'Neal,
NRWASA Secretary