

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED
Thursday, January 28, 2021**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Warren

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Darrell Rudisill, Rusty Byrd

NRWASA STAFF PRESENT: Harold Herring - Executive Director
Amber Goodman - Administrative Secretary
Jamie Norment - Legal Counsel
Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent

SPECIAL GUESTS: Mr. Bill Mason, P.E. CDM Smith

Call to Order

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and welcomed Special Guests.

Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Victor Styles moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Clyde Sutton and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of October 2020 Minutes Chairman Sutton

Mr. Matthew Livingston moved to approve the October 2020 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Ray Baldree and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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

Mr. Mike Hill moved to adopt the January 2021 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. RSM Name Change Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Harold Herring shared that RSM US LLP has changed their name and joined with PBMares, LLP. Mr. Herring recommended that the Board approve the existing 3-year contract with PBMares, LLP.

Mr. Matthew Livingston moved to approve the Name Change and the existing 3-year contract with PBMares, LLP. Seconded by Mr. Mike Hill and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4. Raw Water Intake Modification Update Mr. Bill Mason

Mr. Bill Mason updated the Board on the Raw Water Intake Modification Project at the Neuse River Intake.

**5. Change Order #3 – RWI Modification Project.....Mr. Bill Mason
Mr. Steve Miller**

Mr. Bill Mason updated the Board on the Raw Water Intake Modification Project- Change Order #3 at the Neuse River Intake. Mr. Mason informed the Board of TA Loving's requests for a 15-day weather and 14-day Covid-19 time extension.

Mr. Steve Miller discussed Change Order #3 – Raw Water Intake Modification. The Finance Committee recommended to approve the 15-day time extensions request but denied the 14-day Covid-19 request.

Mr. Virgil O'Neal moved to approve the Finance Committees recommendation for the 15- day request and deny the 14- day Covid-19 request as presented. Seconded by Mr. Mike Hill and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

6. Engineering Agreement – RWI #1 Modification to Raise Screens.....Mr. Bill Mason

Mr. Bill Mason presented an Engineering Proposal to the Board of \$64,350 for CDM Smith for the Design, Permitting, Bidding and Construction Administration for the raising of the original screens.

Mr. Steve Miller and the Finance Committee recommended for NRWASA to move forward with CDM Smith's Engineering Agreement Proposal in raising both original screens to 17 feet.

Mr. Matthew Livingston moved to approve the Engineering Agreement as presented. Seconded by Mr. Clyde Sutton and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7. Capital Project Budget Ordinance.....Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Harold Herring asked for recommendations from the Board whether or not to amend or start a new budget for the Capital Project Budget – Engineering for Intake #1 Modifications. Mr. Jamie Norment, Legal Counsel, recommended to start a new budget.

Mr. Bruce Parson moved to approve a new Capital Project Budget - Engineering for Intake #1 Modifications as presented. Seconded by Mr. Matthew Livingston and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**8. Engineering Agreement – Chemical System Assessment.....Mr. Bill Mason
Mr. Charlie Colie**

Mr. Bill Mason and Mr. Charlie Colie updated the Board on the need to replace Chemical Tanks in the NRWASA Chemical Hall. The Aluminum Sulfate Tank has had to have a patch and has since been evaluated.

Mr. Steve Miller and the Finance Committee recommended for NWASA to move forward with an Engineering Agreement with CDM Smith to perform a site visit and evaluation not to exceed \$14,500, per the request of Mr. Harold Herring.

Mr. Bruce Parson moved to approve an Engineering Agreement with CDM Smith to perform a site visit and Evaluation not exceed \$14,500 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Vallie Johnson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

9. Ward & Smith.....Mr. Jamie Norment

Mr. Jamie Norment discussed the class action lawsuit from 2018 with Alum supplier colluding with distributors to fix prices. NRWASA was awarded \$159,464.03 as a court approved settlement.

Mr. Norment also mentioned that the General Assembly will be going back into their long session, passing laws and writing budgets. Mr. Norment recommended that NRWASA invite Senator Jim Perry and Representative Chris Humphrey to visit the plant and have a Ward and Smith representative educate them on NRWASA issues.

10. Annual Conversion to Free Chlorine Mr. Charlie Colie

Mr. Charlie Colie advised the Board that the annual conversion to Free Chlorine would be March 8, 2021 to April 12, 2021. The information in the agenda packets was sent to the contact people at each Member Entity to make sure it is published in the newspaper.

11. Miscellaneous & Informational Discussion Items Chairman Sutton

2021 NRWASA Board of Directors Dates are in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Harold Herring mentioned to the Board that Ms. Debbie Purvis is retiring as the NRWASA Administrative Assistant.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to a motion made by Mr. Sammy Aiken, seconded by Mr. Mike Hill, and unanimously approved, the Board entered a Closed Session at 6:48 pm, to consult with our Legal Counsel to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to General Statutes Section 143-318.11.

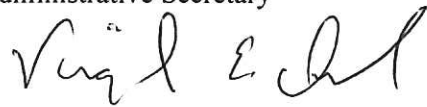
ADJOURNMENT

After returning to Open Session, Director Livingston moved to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee regarding the Executive Director's salary increase of 2% (in addition to the employee COLA increase of 2%), retroactive to July 1, 2020. After discussion, the Board approved the motion, with Director O'Neal voting no.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

Sincerely,


Amber Goodman,
Administrative Secretary


Virgil O'Neal,
NRWASA Secretary