NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED
Thursday, October 23, 2025

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Bruce Parson, Rhonda Barwick, Dylan Haman, Vallie Johnson, Billy Kennedy, Cody Murphy, Dennis Pope, Victor Styles
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jamie Cannon, Polly Hardee, Virgil O'Neal, Darrell Rudisill, Barbara Seaforth
ALTERNATES PRESENT:	Rusty Byrd, B.R. Jackson, Henry McLean
NRWASA STAFF PRESENT:	Harold Herring - Executive Director Brandie Thompson – Administrative Assistant Kathryn Barker – Administrative Secretary Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent Dustin Smith – Facilities Supervisor Cliff Parson – Legal Counsel
SPECIAL GUESTS:	Bill Dowbiggin, PE, CDM Smith Reed Barton, PE, CDM Smith Nick Rogers, PhD, CDM Smith Robbie Bittner, PB Mares, LLP

Call to Order

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM. and welcomed special guests.

Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of August 28, 2025 Minutes** .... **Chairman Barry Sutton**

Mr. Dylan Haman moved to approve the August 28, 2025 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Vallie Johnson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried

2. **Amendment #1-Emergency (GV-7) 36" Gate Valve Replacement** .... **Mr. Harold Herring**

Mr. Harold Herring asked the Board to approve the Amendment #1-Emergency (GV-7) 36" Gate Valve Replacement. He further advised that once the Amendment #1 was approved, this would conclude this project. Mr. Vallie Johnson moved to approve the Amendment #1 Emergency (GV-7) 36" Gate Valve Replacement. Seconded by Mr. Steve Miller and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried

3. **Approval of October 2025 Treasurer's Report** .... **Chairman Barry Sutton**

Mr. Dylan Haman moved to adopt the October 2025 Monthly Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4. 2025/2026 Chemical Bid Part 2 .... Mr. Charlie Colie

Mr. Charlie Colie informed the Board that NRWASA took Formal Chemical Bids for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Part 2 on October 1, 2025. No further questions, Mr. Billy Kennedy moved to approve the 2025/2026 Chemical Bid Part 2 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dennis Pope and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

5. 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Dates Resolution .... Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Harold Herring discussed the 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Dates with the Board. Mr. Dylan Haman moved to approve the 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Dates Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Dennis Pope and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. FY24/25 Annual Audit Report, PB Mares LLP .... Mr. Robbie Bittner

Mr. Robbie Bittner shared the highlights of the FY24/25 Annual Audit Report including an unmodified opinion, no deficiencies, and a clean report. Mr. Robbie Bittner thanked NRWASA for allowing PB Mares to serve them and providing all audit information as requested in a timely manner.

Mr. Bruce Parson moved to accept the FY24/25 Annual Audit Report. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7. PFAS Treatment Study Update .... Mr. Bill Dowbiggin

Mr. Bill Dowbiggin presented to the Board a PFAS Power Point. He discussed PFAS requirements for water systems per the 2024 PFAS rule. He went over the Pilot Findings, Pilot Conclusions. Mr. Dowbiggan advised the Board that the construction costs is estimated to be $32 million in 2025, which includes pumps, building, contactors, etc. He further advised the Board that per the EPA, NRWASA would have to be in compliance by 2029 and therefore, advised the Board that he recommended that NRWASA start the design process by January 2026. He further advised the Board of the timeline, which would include the Design process to take place in 2026, Permitting, Bidding and Project Finance in 2027 and the lastly, the Construction Phase would take place in 2028-2029. Mr. Dowbiggan also advised the Board that SRF has committed to NRWASA around $25 Million in loans at 2.04% and a just over $7 million in grants. Lastly, he advised the Board that CDM Smith would put together a proposal for the Engineering and Design and present it to the Board for review.

8. Ward & Smith .... Mr. Cliff Parson

Mr. Cliff Parson had no items to be discussed.

9. Miscellaneous Discussion Items .... Chairman Barry Sutton

Mr. Harold Herring reminded the Board of the Board of Directors of the Holiday Gathering that will be held this year at Kings Restaurant on December 4, 2025.

10. Public Comments .... Chairman Barry Sutton
No Public Comments

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to a motion made by Mr. Billy Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson, and unanimously approved, the Board entered a Closed Session at 7:07 p.m., to consult with our Legal Counsel to discuss a Real Estate Acquisition and personnel matter pursuant to General Statutes Section 143-318.11.

Sincerely,

Kathryn J. Barker

Kathryn Barker
Administrative Secretary

Virgil O'Neal,
NRWASA Secretary