

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED
Thursday, October 24, 2024**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Virgil O’Neal, Bruce Parson, Rhonda Barwick, Polly Hardee, Andy Heath, Scott Howard, Cody Murphy, Darrell Rudisill, Barbara Seaforth, Victor Styles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jamie Cannon, Vallie Johnson, Anthony Riggs

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ray Baldree, Rusty Byrd

NRWASA STAFF PRESENT: Harold Herring - Executive Director
Angela McKenzie – Administrative Assistant
Jessica House – Administrative Secretary
Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent
Dustin Smith – Facilities Supervisor
Jamie Norment – Legal Counsel

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bill Dowbiggin, John Boyer, Nick Rogers, Landon Vick

Call to Order

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:58 P.M. and welcomed special guests.

Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of August 22, 2024 Minutes.....Chairman Barry Sutton

Mr. Andy Heath moved to approve the August 22, 2024 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Scott Howard and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried

2. Approval of August 2024 Treasurer’s Report.....Chairman Barry Sutton

Mr. Victor Styles moved to adopt the October 2024 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Andy Heath and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

3. 2024/2025 Chemical Bid Part 2.....Mr. Charlie Colie

Mr. Charlie Colie informed the Board that NRWASA took Formal Chemical Bids for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Part 2 on October 8, 2024. No further questions, Mr. Virgil O’Neal moved to approve the 2024/2025 Chemical Bid Part 2 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4. 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates Resolution.....Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Harold Herring discussed the 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates with the Board. Mr. Scott Howard moved to approve the 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Andy Heath and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. FY23/24 Annual Audit Report, PB Mares LLP Mr. Landon Vick

Mr. Landon Vick shared the highlights of the FY23/24 Annual Audit Report including an unmodified opinion, no deficiencies, and a clean report. Mr. Landon Vick thanked NRWASA for allowing PB Mares to serve them and providing all audit information as requested in a timely manner.
Mr. Virgil O’Neal moved to accept the FY23/24 Annual Audit Report. Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

6. PFAS Treatment Study Update Mr. Bill Dowbiggin

Mr. Bill Dowbiggin presented the Board with information about the PFAS Treatment Study. The limits are now at 4 ng/L for PFOA and PFOS. NRWASA has been working with CDM Smith to perform testing for PFAS. With the additional funding from the State Grant, NRWASA has expanded the testing with CDM Smith. Mr. Dowbiggin discussed several options for treatment and outlined life and costs of each.

7. Morphological Study Update Mr. John Boyer

Mr. John Boyer updated the Board regarding the Morphological Study and Emergency Maintenance Dredging. CDM Smith obtained permits in August and September for dredging through March 14, 2026. In river work is only allowed from October through January each year. River conditions have improved from October 2023 to present. Mr. Boyer recommends holding dredging until next year as sediment has moved downstream and away from original screens at Intake #1. The Sedimentation Study includes modeling of Neuse River movement and shear stress. Mr. Boyer recommended extending the riprap armoring or the construction of a submerged vane to increase flow velocity. Mr. Boyer discussed a cost benefit analysis of the vane and riprap vs. dredging.

8. Ward & Smith Mr. Jamie Norment

Mr. Jamie Norment updated the Board on the settlements with 3M, Dupont, Tyco, and BASF. The State of North Carolina has started hearings concerning the discharge of PFAS. Mr. Norment recommends NRWASA monitor the hearings or attend the hearings to issue comments about the new standards and costs of compliance.
Mr. Virgil O’Neal made a motion to allow NRWASA to attend hearings and supply comments about the new standards. Seconded by Mr. Bruce Parson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

9. Capital Project Budget Ordinance – Emergency (GV-7) 36” Gate Valve Replacement Mr. Harold Herring and Mr. Charlie Colie

Mr. Harold Herring advised the Board of a Gate Valve failure. Mr. Charlie Colie presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation about the failure and replacement. Mr. Andy Heath made a motion to approve the Capital Project Budget Ordinance – Emergency (GV-7) 36” Gate Valve Replacement. Seconded by Mr. Virgil O’Neal and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

10. Miscellaneous Discussion Items Chairman Barry Sutton
Board of Directors Holiday Gathering at Kings BBQ on December 5, 2024.

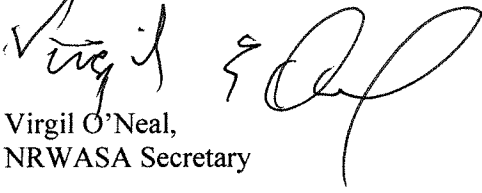
10. Public Comments Chairman Barry Sutton
No Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 7:37 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bruce Parson. Seconded by Mr. Virgil O’Neal, and after unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Sincerely,

Angela McKenzie
Administrative Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virgil O'Neal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "O" at the end.

Virgil O'Neal,
NRWASA Secretary