

**NEUSE REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DATED
Thursday, October 26, 2023**

The Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority held its Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Water Treatment Plant.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Sutton, Steve Miller, Bruce Parson, Virgil O’Neal, Sammy Aiken, Polly Hardee, Vallie Johnson, Oryan Lowry, Anthony Riggs, Darrell Rudisill, Victor Styles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rhonda Barwick, Jamie Cannon, Andy Heath

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Rusty Byrd, B.R. Jackson

NRWASA STAFF PRESENT: Harold Herring - Executive Director
Kathryn Barker - Administrative Secretary
Jamie Norment – Legal Counsel
Charlie Colie - WTP Superintendent
Jacob Brown – WTP Assistant Superintendent
Dustin Smith- Facility Supervisor

SPECIAL GUESTS: Robbie Bittner, Partner, PB Mares, LLP
Scott Howard, Town Manager for Town of Ayden

Call to Order

Chairman Barry Sutton called the meeting to order at 5:59 P.M. and welcomed Special Guests Mr. Robbie Bittner, PB Mares, LLP and Scott Howard, Town Manager for Town of Ayden.

Revisions, Additions and Adoption of Agenda

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of August 2023 Minutes** **Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Victor Styles moved to approve the August 2023 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Virgil O’Neal and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

2. **Approval of September 2023 Minutes** **Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Vallie Johnson moved to approve the September 2023 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

3. **Approval of October 2023 Treasurer’s Report** **Chairman Sutton**

Mr. Virgil O’Neal moved to adopt the October 2023 Monthly Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4. 2023/2024 Chemical Bid Part 2 Mr. Charlie Colie

Mr. Charlie Colie informed the Board that NRWASA took Formal Chemical bids for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Part 2 on October 3, 2023

Mr. Virgil O’Neal asked the Board what difference in the chemical prices from FY23/24 Part 2 from FY22/23 Part 1. Mr. Charlie Colie stated that the prices for FY23/24 Part 2, were \$49,000 less than FY23/24 Part 1. No further questions, Mr. Sammy Aiken moved to approve the 2023/2024 Chemical Bid Part 2 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Virgil O’Neal and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

5. 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Dates Resolution Mr. Harold Herring

Mr. Harold Herring discussed the 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Dates with the Board.

Mr. Sammy Aiken moved to approve the 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Dates Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Vallie Johnson and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. FY22/23 Annual Audit Report, PB Mares LLP Mr. Robbie Bittner

Mr. Robbie Bittner shared the highlights of the FY22/23 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. Virgil O’Neal moved to accept the FY22/23 Annual Audit Report. Seconded by Mr. Steve Miller and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7. Ward & Smith Mr. Jamie Norment

Mr. Jamie Norment stated that there were no legal issues to report at this time. Mr. Jamie Norment further stated that NC General Assembly approved the State Budget on October 3, 2023 and adjourned for the rest of October and November of this year. The EPA has under review the PFAS/PFOS requirements and have not issued the final rule yet.

8. Neuse/Intake#1 Update Mr. Harold Herring/Mr. Charlie Colie

Mr. Harold Herring advised the Board that NRWASA finished raising the Intake #1 existing screens in 2021 an additional 5 feet above the elevation they were currently at, to an elevation of 20 feet. NRWASA also installed new screens down stream and spent approximately \$5 million. Mr. Harold Herring further stated that we have only had one major rain fall event since June 13, 2023. However, the Neuse River Sandbar has increased.

Mr. Charlie Colie presented a couple of slides to the Board that on June 13, 2023 the river level was 3.61’ as to the Kinston USGS Gauge and October 16, 2023, the river level was 3.24’. Mr. Charlie Colie further stated that Intake#2 was currently running well. He also presented a slide regarding the Intake Sandbar and how it has shifted from 2008-2023.

Mr. Charlie Colie further stated that a diver inspection and a survey has been completed, but we have not received any details back regarding the survey. Once the survey results are received, NRWASA will discuss with the Engineers, for further options.

9. Miscellaneous & Informational Discussion Items Chairman Sutton

Chairman Sutton discussed with Board regarding the Board Holiday Gathering and he further stated that the Board has not had a Holiday Gathering in several years. After discussion with Board Members, the Board decided to move forward with

having a Holiday Gathering. Chairman Sutton advised the Board to tentatively save the date for December 7, 2023 and further details would be forthcoming.

Being no further miscellaneous items and no public comments, Chairman Sutton advised the Board it will move into Closed Session to consult with Legal Counsel. Mr. Bruce Parsons moved the motion. Seconded by Mr. Victor Styles and upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

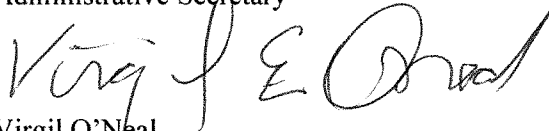
ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned without objection at approximately 7:25 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Virgil O'Neal seconded by Mr. Sammy Aiken.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Barker,
Administrative Secretary



Virgil O'Neal,
NRWASA Secretary