UNRBA Board of Directors: November 20, 2024, Board Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) met in person at 10:45 A.M. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. Meeting attendees are listed below.

Name	Affiliation
Wendy Jacobs (Chair)	Durham County
Jane Harrison (Vice Chair)	City of Raleigh
Ryan Eaves (Treasurer)	Durham County
Russ May (Secretary)	Granville County
Georgana Kicinski	City of Creedmoor
Reggie Hicks	City of Durham
Carl Rist	City of Durham
Anna Smith	City of Durham
Marvin Williams	City of Durham
Bertha Winbush	City of Durham
Michelle Woolfolk	City of Durham
Carolyn Bachl	City of Raleigh
David Harris	Durham County Soil & Water
Barry Baker	Granville County
Drew Cummings	Granville County
Tim Karan	Granville County
Wesley Poole	Orange County
Scott Schroyer	SGWASA
Jennifer Ganser	Town of Butner
Meaghun Darab	Town of Hillsborough
Terry Hackett	Town of Hillsborough
Forrest Westall	UNRBA
Katie Cromwell	Upper Jurisdictions
Nancy Daly	Wake County
Donna Meyers	American Rivers
Alix Matos	Brown & Caldwell
Christina Dang	Brown & Caldwell
Dan McLawhorn	DFM Law Office
John Huisman	DWR
Steve Wall	NC Collaboratory
Samantha Krop	Neuse River Keeper
Grace Messinger	Piedmont Conservation Council
Carleen Evans	Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans, and Co., LLP

Welcome and Recognition

The Chair, Wendy Jacobs, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. Wendy asked if any of the Board Directors have any "conflict of interest" issues with any agenda items, and no conflicts were identified. The Chair called the roll and 9 of 14 members were present for a quorum. The Chair asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Being none, Georgana Kicinski made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jane Harrison, and approved by the Board.

Action Items and Discussions of the UNRBA Board of Directors

Approval of Minutes, September 18, 2024 Board Meeting **–** The Chair asked the Board if there were any edits or corrections to the draft minutes provided. Being none, Carl Rist made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Russ May, and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Ryan Eaves presented the Treasurer Report ~ November 2024 for the period ending November 8, 2024. The checking account balance at the close of the statement was $372,294.07 and the savings account balance was $1,502,808.44. Following review of the report, Jane Harrison made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Carl Rist, and approved by the Board.

Acceptances of the UNRBA Audit Report – Carleen Evans (Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans, and Co., LLP) presented the June 30, 2024 Audit Presentation. Ms. Evans stated that the audit had an unqualified report meaning no findings of concern. The Board discussed the risk of exceeding the FDIC insured amount of $250,000. This risk was also discussed following the previous audit when the Board decided that the cost of private insurance outweighed the risk of exceeding the FDIC amount. The Chair noted that splitting the accounts and managing them across several banks would be resource intensive. The confirmation of the Board's previous view was reflected in a general show of agreement of the representatives present. Following review of the report, Meaghun Darab made the motion to accept the Audit Report as presented, seconded by Jane Harrison, and approved by the Board.

Discussion of Setting up a YouTube Channel to Host UNRBA Modeling Videos – Alix Matos discussed options for hosting UNRBA modeling videos. The Board decided by consensus that the UNRBA should establish its own YouTube channel for this purpose.

Discussion of the FY2026 UNRBA Budget - The Executive Director presented his recommendations for the FY2026 planning level budget of $899,500. The Board discussed evaluation of capping the money accrued in the legal fund based on pending advice from the legal group which is comprised of UNRBA members' legal representatives and serves in an advisory capacity to the Path Forward Committee (PFC) and the Board. The Board also discussed the need for future water quality monitoring in the watershed and that during their November meeting, the PFC requested a five-year budget projection. The PFC will continue to discuss the recommended budget and provide a recommendation to the Board at its March 2025 meeting.

Motion to Recess from the Regular Session of the Board and Convene the Compliance Group Committee (CGC) – Georgana Kicinski made the motion, Russ May seconded, and the Board approved.

Action Items and Discussions of the UNRBA Compliance Group Committee (CGC)

Approval of the FY23-24 UNRBA Summary Report for Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) – Alix Matos presented the FY23-24 UNRBA Summary Report for the IAIA. All participants met or exceeded their investment requirements in FY23-24. Based on the three years of implementation, the participants have committed to investments totaling more than $8.6 million more than the required amount. Forrest noted that during the process for developing and adopting the revised rules, the required investment levels will be evaluated and that there will be pressure to increase those levels under new rules for dealing with existing lands in the watershed. John Huisman noted that in future implementation (e.g., under revised

rules), DWR was open to allowing grant funding to count toward compliance. Following review of the report, Carl Rist made the motion to approve the annual report as presented, seconded by Meaghun Darab, and approved by the Board.

Motion to Recess from the CGC and Resume the Regular Session of the Board – Meaghun Darab made the motion, Russ May seconded, and the Board approved.

It was noted that the next scheduled Board meeting will be January 15, at 9:30 A.M. at the Butner Town Hall. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.