

UNRBA Board of Directors May 21, 2008 Meeting Summary

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UNRBA mission: To preserve and protect the water quality in the Upper Neuse River Basin through innovative, cost effective, and environmentally sound strategies and to create a coalition of local governments and stakeholders in a water resources partnership.

**The next meeting of the UNRBA Board of Directors will be
September 17, 2008 at 11:30 am.**

Introductions and Meeting Objectives

The Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) held a lunch meeting at 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the Pergamon Restaurant in Butner

Meeting attendees are listed below (* denotes UNRBA Director or Alternate Director).

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Meeting agenda:

- Announcements
- UNRBA Updates
- Nutrient Management Strategy overview
- Nutrient Management Strategy stakeholder process overview
- Stakeholder Process staff roles
- UNRBA Interests/Concerns/Approach

Updates

UNRBA has contracted with the NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program to contact landowners and implement projects in 4 Upper Neuse watersheds plus Swift Creek in Wake County.

Sarah presented UNRBA's Knap of Reeds Watershed Restoration Plan proposal to DWQ. The presentation went very well and the prospects of this project receiving funding look good.

Announcements

Sarah Bruce announced that the July Board meeting will not be held due to a high number of absences expected and lack of decision items. The next Board meeting will be September 17, 2008 at 11:30 am, location TBA.

Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Stakeholder Process

Sarah provided a brief summary of the Nutrient Management Strategy to be developed for Falls Lake. A copy of the DWQ handout on the NMS, provided at the last meeting, is attached below as an appendix. Senate Bill 981 requires the NMS to be in place by July 2009. Triangle J will be managing the stakeholder process.

Sarah presented a proposed schedule for the stakeholder process. The kickoff meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 21, 2008.

Robert Rosenthal expressed his concern that TJCOG may be biased toward certain stakeholders, since many of them are members of Region J. Sarah assured him that TJCOG will be acting as a non-partial entity and that they have experience running a stakeholder process for the Jordan Lake NMS.

Sarah then presented a list of prospective stakeholders from outside the local governments. Nancy Newell expressed a concern that the non-local government stakeholders might outnumber the local governments. Sarah said that she would talk to Sydney Miller about this concern.

Mayor Stevens wanted to ensure that the Division of Water Quality will be working with the stakeholder group to ensure that what the stakeholders develop will be acceptable to DWQ. Stakeholders will review the existing nutrient management rules and can simply tweak these, or they can get creative with the assistance of DWQ to craft a new, different type of approach.

Impacts of Nutrient Management Strategy's impact on UNRBA: Each local government will have to write its own plan – separate from the UNRBA plan – on how to implement the strategy. UNRBA may be well positioned to assist in this capacity.

Commissioner Gardner suggested a summit for local government and non-government stakeholders with media and state elected officials to look for funding for implementing the strategy.

Concerns/Interests/UNRBA Approach

Jonathan Cooper with Kerr-Tar COG is conducting the Local Management Strategy reviews. This work documents what local governments are already doing to protect water quality, and as

such is an important piece of the gap analysis. UNRBA will do the gap analysis over the summer to analyze where management strategies are most needed in the Upper Neuse.

Mr. Baker pointed out that any information gathered about the nutrient management strategy would be highly valuable. Mayor Stevens wanted clarification as to whether holding off on the UNRBA implementation assessment would overlap with work performed for the nutrient management strategy, and if so then he supports waiting on the implementation assessment or combining the assessments as much as possible.