

MEETING SUMMARY

UPPER CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
JOINT MEETING

Impact Alamance Conference Center  
133 E. Davis Street  
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9:30 AM  
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**Attendees**

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**TAC Meeting**

Meeting Convened after coffee/doughnuts at 9:35am

- Jen Schmitz (TJCOG) opened the meeting
- Introductions were made around the room – many Board members present
- There were no additional items for the agenda

**Organizational Report**

- Cameron Colvin (PTRC) provided a brief organizational report
- January is the first month of additional sampling to support the Middle Cape Fear modeling effort
  - Worked with Mark Vander Borgh (DWR) to update data tables

- Will work with UNCW to ensure that the additional parameters do not present issues for the database
- Mark Vander Borgh added that long term BOD samples will be BOD20, instead of BOD30.
- Still waiting on 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter data from Meritech. Will hold QA/QC meeting later this month and forward final reviewed 2018 data to be uploaded to the UNCW database.

#### Presentation on Proposed 303(d) List Changes

- Jen presented a summary of proposed 303(d) list changes in the Upper Cape Fear that was prepared by Pamela Behm at DWR.
- There are 9 new listings within the Upper Cape Fear - <https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Water%20Quality/Planning/TMDL/303d/2018/2018-Draft-NC-303-d--New-Listings.pdf>
  - Haw Subbasin
    - Little Troublesome Creek (16-7-(1)b) – Turbidity
    - Northeast Creek (16-41-1-17-(0.7)a) – Turbidity
    - Northeast Creek (16-41-1-17-(0.7)b2) – Turbidity
    - Rock Creek (16-19-8-3) – Chlorophyll *a*
    - Stony Creek (16-14-(5.5)a) – Chlorophyll *a*
  - Deep Subbasin
    - Deep River (17-(3.7)) – Benthos
    - Rocky River (17-43-(5.5)b) – Chlorophyll *a*
    - Sandy Creek (17-16-(1)a) – Chlorophyll *a*
    - Sandy Creek (17-16-(3.5)) – Chlorophyll *a*
- There are 12 delistings within the Upper Cape Fear- [https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Water%20Quality/Planning/TMDL/303d/2018/2018\\_Active\\_Delist\\_AUs.pdf](https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Water%20Quality/Planning/TMDL/303d/2018/2018_Active_Delist_AUs.pdf)
  - 4 for completed management plans (TMDL or alternative)
  - 2 for chlorophyll *a*
  - 1 for dissolved oxygen
  - 3 for zinc
  - 2 for copper
- 5 of the new listings and 5 delistings were a result of changes in methodology
  - Mark Vander Borgh explained that DWR adjusted there 303(d) standards to meet EPA requirements
  - Gary Perlmutter (DWR) highlighted the importance of hardness sampling for the new dissolved metals standards.
    - It was explained that the UCFRBA does not collect hardness samples as a coalition.
- Public comments are due by January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Jen asked the group if they would like to submit comments on behalf of the UCFRBA or individually.
  - The group was interested in submitting comments individually.
  - Martie Groome (Greensboro) mentioned that she received comments from the Upper Neuse River Basin Association and will forward them to the group. Their main comment was that the new methods made delistings more difficult.

### Updates from around the Basin

- The group went around the table and shared recent updates at their plants
- Most are working on permit renewals or have some new construction.
- Mark Vander Borgh reminded the group that the UCFRBA's MOA needs to be renewed next year. He has worked on revisions to the format that he will share at the next meeting. DWR is working on EQUIS database, which should be more functional than STORET.
  - Martie Groome asked if MOA changes would be shared with the group.
    - Mark will present at the next meeting. MOAs are also online for the Middle Cape Fear and Yadkin River Basin Associations.

### Next Steps, Closing Remarks and Future Meeting Schedule

- Jen will send out the 303(d) presentation and comments from the UNRBA
- The next meeting will be held in April.

### **Board Meeting**

Meeting Convened at 10:45am

- Michael Rhoney (Asheboro), Board Chair, opened the meeting and invited any revisions to the agenda
  - Jen had one revision to discuss next steps and future meeting schedule at the end

### FY2017-2018 Financial Report

- Cameron presented a financial report for FY2017-2018.
- Contingency fund saw a positive gain of \$2,912 last year
  - Sampling costs were lower and interest was higher than anticipated
- \$197,095 in contingency fund at closeout

### FY2018-2019 Financial Report

- Have gained \$137,767 in revenues thus far
  - Waiting on 1 more member dues to come in
- Have spent \$81,938 thus far
  - Sampling costs will be lower than expected due to only 6 months of additional sampling for this fiscal year.
- Anticipate a net gain of \$1,188 at the end of the year
- Database management should be discussed at future meetings.
  - The state's new database system would replace STORET and be free to the coalitions. It will likely be a while until this system is ready for use.

### FY2019-2020 Proposed Budget & Member Dues

- Additional sampling to support Middle Cape Fear modeling effort will add \$7,320 in consulting costs
- Insurance has remained fairly consistent. May see another small increase.

- Three budget options were presented – a 0% increase, 1% increase, and 2% increase. Contingency fund will likely be drawn down with all 3 options to accommodate additional sampling.
- Sarah Braman (Cary) asked about interest rates.
  - Interest rates have fluctuated over the past few years. Money market account rate is 1.5%. The budget line item was adjusted to be a conservative estimate.
- Michael Rhoney opened the floor up for discussion.
  - There were no additional questions.
- A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget with a 0% increase in revenue for FY2019-2020 by Terry Houk (High Point). This motion was seconded by Martie Groome (Greensboro) and approved unanimously.
- Michael Rhoney then asked if there was any discussion around member dues for next year – no discussion.
- A motion was made to adopt proposed member dues with a 0% increase for FY2019-2020 by Terry Houk (High Point). This motion was seconded by Tony Mann (Graham) and approved unanimously.

#### TAC Vice Chair

- Michael Rhoney reminded the group that they have yet to elect a TAC Vice Chair.
- The Board decided to table this discussion until the next TAC meeting. Jen and Cameron will reach out to members that do not regularly attend meetings to recruit a TAC Vice Chair.
- Martie Groome suggested bringing back “member profiles” at future meetings, where certain members present about recent success stories in more detail than the updates from around the basin.

#### Future Business

- Cameron reminded the Board that the MOA needs to be renewed in 2020 and asked for feedback on a proposed timeline for discussions.
  - Mark Vander Borgh suggested starting earlier than later and encouraging broad attendance at the next TAC meeting when he will be presenting the new changes.
  - Martie Groome mentioned that there are a few water-related events in April that may conflict with our next meeting.
    - Jen and Cameron will schedule around these potential conflicts.

#### Next Steps, Closing Remarks, and Future Meeting Schedule

- Meeting materials will be forwarded to the group, along with UNRBA 303(d) comments.
- The next meeting will be held in April in either Mebane or Burlington.

Terry Houk (High Point) made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Charlie Cocker (Durham). The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.