

# **NEUSE RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL**

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

Town Hall  
River Bend, NC

March 4, 1999

### **AGENDA**

10:00	Welcome	Chairman Bill Ritchie
10:05	Summary of 1998 Activities - NRBRC Program of Work	Guy Stefanski APNEP Staff
10:15	Components of the 1998 NRBRC Annual Report	ALL
10:45	Developing a Demonstration Project - formation of a project committee	ALL
11:15	Status of NRBRC Vacancies	Joan Giordano APNEP Staff
11:30	Develop Agenda Items for NRBRC Meeting on March 19, 1999	ALL
11:45	Open Discussion	ALL
12:00	Adjourn	



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## MINUTES

Members Present:	Bill Ritchie	Dr. John Costlow
	Sondra Riggs	Caroline Parker
	Joan Giordano	Guy Stefanski

Chairman Bill Ritchie, Mayor of River Bend, welcomed the members. He exclaimed on the length of time it had been since the group had met last.

The first agenda item was a recap of the activities the NRBRC engaged in during 1998 presented by Guy Stefanski. He distributed copies of the year's agendas and the minutes which supported them. In looking over the activities of past meetings, Dr. Costlow recommended that there be a modification to the by-laws which would allow for more expeditious handling of such items as resolutions and other time-sensitive material. The group agreed to placing discussion of such an amendment on the agenda for the next meeting of the full NRBRC on March 19th. Also, attention needs to be given to the compilation of an Annual Report for 1998.

Two resolutions entitled "Non-Point Runoff of Silt into NC Waters" and "Providing Regular Testing of Groundwater within the Neuse River Basin", were identified as previous resolutions which needed further attention because they were tabled at past meeting for various reasons. They will be considered on the agenda for the next full NRBRC meeting on March 19th.

Next, lengthy discussion centered around our committee's anticipated demonstration project. Chairman Ritchie distributed a draft concept paper entitled "Surrogate Treatment of Non-point Sources of Pollution" and asked for comment. After much deliberation Executive Committee members decided to distribute the concept paper to the full membership for discussion at the next meeting on March 19th. Staff suggested that formation of a demonstration project committee might be a good idea and that it should be considered at the meeting on the 19th.



Joan Giordano updated the group on the status of vacancies on the NRBRC. She said of the 17 counties included in the Neuse Basin, letters advising counties of vacancies in either their county or municipal slots, were sent to 14. She expounded saying that the vacancies corresponded to 9 vacancies in county delegate representation and 11 in municipal slots. She further explained that this did not include interest-group vacancies and that nominations for those positions would be solicited in the very near future. She emphasized the importance of having a full complement of membership so that geographical and topical distribution of participation would be ensured. The deadline for counties to submit their new appointments to staff is March 8th.

In other discussion, the idea of engaging in a boat trip down the Neuse, was mentioned. This particular idea was one that had been suggested before, and the group felt that such an effort would yield a first-hand look at areas needing attention relative to water quality. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Neuse River Foundation, in conjunction with the River/Creekkeepers network, could provide the boats for this effort. Inquiries into such arrangement will be made.

A recommendation that Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary, Wayne McDevitt, be invited to the Coordinating Council following the one being held on April 23rd, was made. The purpose of Secretary McDevitt's presence would be to describe the organizational structure of the DENR thereby clarifying confusion surrounding knowledge of appropriate persons and programs with whom our Council should communicate relative to submitting resolutions, making inquiries, etc. It was suggested that the request for doing this should come from Chairman Ritchie in a letter to Coordinating Council Chairman, Bill Holman.

The recommendation that letters of commendation be sent to former NRBRC members E.T. Iseley and John Cook was raised. The group felt unanimously that such recognition was in order and Chairman Ritchie agreed to drafting the letters.

In other discussion, the recommendation that the NC Dept. of Transportation be contacted to determine their requirements for compliance with state and federal regulations dealing with construction run-off and other environmental considerations, was made. It was thought that this could be a possible topic for a future meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

