



Meeting Notes

Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group
12:00 PM - 1:00PM, Thursday, July 18, 2024

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Presentations and Updates
- Business Items
- Roundtable Discussion
- Next Steps & Adjourn

WELCOME

A meeting of the Yadkin Pee-Dee Water Management Group was held virtually on Thursday, July 18, 2024. Alan Fowler called the meeting to order at 12:01; attendees introduced themselves by name and organization.

MEETING ATTENDEES

The following representatives and guests were present either in person or via Teams. A quorum was confirmed with ten member organizations represented.

Member Attendees

Charlotte Water	David Czerr	
City of Albemarle	Jay Voyles	Bryan Hinson
City of Concord	Kevin Plemons	
City of Kannapolis	Gerald Faulkner	
City of Monroe	David Rankin	
City of Statesville		
Cube Yadkin Generation		Joyce Foster
Davidson County		
Davidson Water, Inc.	Ron Sink	
Davie County		
Duke Energy	John Crutchfield	
Montgomery County		
Rowan County		
Salisbury-Rowan Utilities		Jim Amaral
Town of Wilkesboro		
Union County		
WSACC		
WS/FC Utility Commission	Alan Fowler	Bill Brewer, Chris Triplett, Courtney Driver

Non-Member Attendees

HDR: Sara Yeh, Nicola Hill, Audri Baker

PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

FUTURE PRESENTATIONS AND TOPICS BRAINSTORMING

Sara Yeh reviewed recent YPDWGM Membership Meeting topics and presentations as an introduction to the discussion of future planning. Attendees provided the following suggestions:

- Water supply availability. Potential contact: Linwood Peele
- Grant funding opportunities for non-profit groups
- NC Division of Water Resources representative regarding drought classifications and status of water systems across the state. Potential contact: Klaus Albertin
- USACE representative regarding low inflow protocol for W Kerr Scott Reservoir – what is their internal process for developing a low inflow protocol? What steps does a utility/stakeholder group need to do to start the process to develop a low inflow protocol? Potential contact: Tony Young
- Duke Energy predictive tool for high water response in conjunction with RTI in more detail. Potential contact: Phil Fraganane.

SECRETARY TREASURER REPORT

Bimonthly Financial Summary

- Total funds in bank account: \$360,625
- Accounts receivable (dues): \$162,500
- Expenses since last meeting: \$2,816

Banking Update

- Business accounts have been set up under the YPDWMG name at Civic Federal Credit Union. Funds are in the process of being transferred from the account held by Fountainworks.

Dues Payment Update

- Four dues have been paid: Duke Energy, Davidson County, Salisbury-Rowan Utilities, and the City of Monroe.
- All payments are due by July 31; members were asked to confirm payments are being executed.

Insurance Renewal

- The policy has been renewed; there was a slight increase in cost this year.

SC RIVER BASIN COUNCIL UPDATE

John Crutchfield reported on recent work by the Council.

- SWAM modeling has been completed
- Groundwater modeling results will be available soon
- The May/June meeting focused on surface water management strategies and prioritization
- The July meeting will include a tour of a Sonoco plant to learn how they manage and reuse water

WATER RESOURCES PLAN PHASE 4B

Sara Yeh gave an update on Phase 4B activities. HDR has kicked off work on evaluations and on getting the Stakeholder Advisory Committee set up.

- There will be two stakeholder meetings.
- Scenarios on water quality will be developed over the next 6 months, including:
 - A scenario where new regulations could drive an increase in cost resulting in reduced demand.
 - Increased regionalism with more people moving to urban situations from well-water sources.
- Update on these topics at the next meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Draft minutes were provided prior to the meeting; no changes were requested.

- MOTION: Approve Thursday, June 20, 2024 minutes as written; motion carried. [Czerr, Crutchfield]

CHAIR'S REPORT

New Chair and Vice Chair Introductions

- Mr. Fowler provided a brief history of his 22 years in local government including transitions from wastewater to drinking water and from laboratory to operations work. He cited the progress the YPDWMG has made in the time he has been involved.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Members shared the various operational and algal challenges they are experiencing related to the extended period of hot and dry weather.
- Charlotte Water is continuing to hold public meetings related to their Notice of Intent for an interbasin transfer modification. A meeting in Rock Hill later this month will bring the total to seven meetings. A deeper dive into the stakeholder engagement and feedback process will begin this fall.
- Robert Walters, Davidson Water's Vice President of Construction & Engineering is retiring after 40 years. Mr. Walters has been an AWWA chair, served nationally and received many accolades during his career. Davidson Water has hired Ben Palmer, a 27-year water veteran, to step into Robert's role.
- Salisbury-Rowan Utilities has begun the search for a new director following Jim Behmer's retirement.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024. Location to be determined. Mr. Crutchfield offered Duke Energy's Lake Tillery facility pending availability.

Mr. Fowler adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Approve Thursday, June 20, 2024 minutes as written; motion carried.