

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN SITTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CRAVEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 9:15 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Perry Morris  
Vice Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Commissioner Jason R. Jones  
Commissioner Theron McCabe  
Commissioner M. Renée Sisk  
Commissioner Steve Tyson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Harold Blizzard, County Manager  
Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer  
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board  
Jim Hicks, County Attorney

Following the roll call, Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**WATER ORDINANCE**

In December, 2009, the Water Board conducted a public hearing on proposed revisions to the Craven County Water Ordinance at which time comments from Mr. John Thomas and the President of the local Homebuilders Association were received. Subsequently, staff and the County Attorney further revised the proposed Water Ordinance, taking into consideration input from the public hearing. The latest draft of the proposed Water Ordinance was reviewed with the Water Board, and the Board was requested to schedule another public hearing. Water Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, explained that the content of the draft ordinance is basically that of the Water Rules and Regulations but in the form of an ordinance. No fee increases are included in the proposed document. He highlighted several provisions that were included as a result of comments at the last public hearing. Commissioner Sisk moved to schedule a public hearing for April 5 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hayes indicated that the ordinance may be adopted without insertion of a figure in the Capital Reserve Fee provision; however, a figure would be needed at some point and he recommended that the ordinance be passed with the figure included. A capital reserve fee should 1) help to fund a new treatment facility that must be built and 2) help to keep the user fees lower. The percentage of increase to existing customers' rates will vary based on the level of capital reserve fee. Staff was directed to prepare comparative figures for the Board's next meeting.

**WATER ALLOCATION PLAN**

At its October 19, 2009 meeting, the Water Board recognized a need to develop a short-term water allocation plan to guide new water allocations in a fair and responsible manner until such a time as new water capacity is available, which is expected in 2013. A proposed Short-Term Water Allocation Plan was presented for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Hayes recommended that a public hearing be set for this plan also. Commissioner Sisk moved to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on April 5, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hayes announced that water is now available on all County roads.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Perry Morris  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board