



MINUTES --Jordan Lake One Water Coalition  
Initial Board Meeting (Online)

11/14/2024 10:30 to 12:00PM

On-line: Microsoft Teams Meeting FINAL

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<i>Allie Dinwiddie</i>	<i>NC Department of Agriculture</i>
Amy Barber	Presenter
Andy McDaniel	NCDOT
Anna Richards	Orange County
Brian Lipscomb	NCDOT
Carl Rist	City of Durham
Davis Conners	NCDEQ
David Stancil	Orange County
David Phlegar	City of Greensboro
Donna Myers	American Rivers
Emily Barrett	Central Pines Regional Council
Erin Crouse	NC Conservation Fund
Grace Messinger	PCC
Hope Stuart	PTRC
Jamie Revels	Town of Cary
Jamie Smedsmo	UNC Chapel Hill Energy Services
Jason Atwood (Guest)	Duke University
Jay Gibson	Durham County

Jessica Bolin	Town of Apex
Jonathan Jacobs	Town of Apex
<i>Joey Hester</i>	<i>DWR</i>
Judy Stalder	TREBIC
JV Loperfido	City of Durham
Kimberly Nimmer (GUEST)	OWASA
Kristine Williams	City Greensboro
Liz Johnson	Town of Morrisville
Lori Bush	Town of Cary
McKenzie Bradshaw	Durham County
Melissa McCullough	Town of Chapel Hill
Matthew Flynn	Town of Cary
Nancy Daly	Wake County
Patty Barry	CPRC
Robert Howes	Triangle Land Conservancy
Ryan Eaves	Durham County
Ryan Mullins	NCDOT
Sammy Bauer	Town of Chapel Hill
Tammi Thurm	City of Greensboro
Terri Buckner	Individual
Trevor Clements	Tetra Tech

Shaded indicates BOD voting member

*Italics indicates JLOW partner organization*

### **Welcome from the Chair & Agenda Review**

**Patty Barry (CPRC) & Lori Bush (Town of Cary)**- Opened the meeting and greeted the group with request for introduction from new guests.

- **Joey Hester (DWR)**: from the Nonpoint Source Planning branch in DWR introduced himself, explaining his role and contributions to the group.
- **Ryan Mullins**: from the hydraulics unit at NCDOT introduced himself, detailing his role in the Highway Storm Water program and his contributions to the group.

- **Robert House:** also known as Bo, from Triangle Land Conservancy introduced himself, mentioning his involvement in the project with the Conservation Fund and his past work with the group.

### **Recognition of Commissioner Richards:**

**Lori Bush (Town of Cary)** discussed Anna's retirement and her contributions to the Jordan Lake One Water Coalition, emphasizing the importance of continued commissioner involvement. Anna Richards shared her retirement plans, expressing her appreciation for the community's commitment to protecting natural resources. She encouraged continued commissioner involvement in the coalition.

### **Minutes Review and Approval- Oct 10, 2024**

**Lori Bush (Town of Cary)** asked for changes or comments to minutes.

Motion: **Trevor Clements (Tetra Tech)**

Second: **Grace Messinger (PCC)**

All approved: Online & In-Person

### **JLOW FY25 Budget Review & Discussion**

**Emily Barrett (CPRC)** provided a budget update, highlighting higher-than-expected staff costs and the need for streamlined support to remain fiscally responsible. Patty proposed reducing the number of board meetings to manage the budget effectively.

**Patty (CPRC)** proposed reducing the number of board meetings from 8 to 6 within the next eight months. This was to manage the budget effectively and avoid overburdening members with too many meetings. Patty outlined a detailed meeting schedule, including the Jordan rules workgroup and the DWR technical advisory group meetings. She emphasized the importance of these meetings for the strategic action plan and public education outreach.

### **Conservation Fund and Triangle Land Conservancy Regional Watershed Protection Project**

Erin Crouse and Robert Howes presented a conservation project to purchase 80 acres in Chapel Hill. The project aims to conserve the largest remaining undeveloped, privately owned property in Chapel Hill, adjacent to a 40-acre development.

**Funding and Timeline:** The project requires approximately \$3 million in total funding, with a mix of North Carolina water funding and local match. The goal is to convey the property to the Triangle Land Conservancy by late spring or early summer of 2026.

**Developer Partnership:** The developer, who owns both the 40-acre development and the 80-acre property, is interested in pursuing a conservation outcome. They will construct trails and provide funding for a staff member to maintain the property.

**Community Impact:** The property is adjacent to the future bus rapid transit, making it accessible to the community. The project aims to provide public trails and preserve the natural environment, contributing to regional watershed protection.

#### **Public Outreach & Education Workgroup— Update**

**Patty Barry (CPRC)** explained we have 130 reserved tickets right now. Next up is our December 12th stakeholder meeting from 9:30-12:30pm. We have an agenda ready. Review of the agenda was made. Please RSVP so we know how much food to order. Patty explained we will have a field trip after. There is a stormwater management project that was done with PCC. Grace (PCC) will present and give a tour for individuals to see the projects that have taken place. An Eventbrite link was placed in the chat for participants to follow.

#### **Strategic Action Plan Workgroup- Update**

**Hope Stuart (PTRC)** announced the selection of SEC and Debbie Mann as consultants for the strategic action plan. They were chosen for their expertise in water infrastructure issues and strategic planning for large watersheds.

**Scope of Services:** The consultants will assist JLOW with developing an organizational strategic action plan, identifying key next steps, facilitating stakeholder interviews, and conducting a one-day in-person retreat. They will also support JLOW in becoming a compliance organization.

## **Jordan Lake Rules Workgroup- Update**

**Andrew McDaniel (NCDOT) and Trevor Clements (TETRA TECH)** discussed the transition of the rules workgroup from concept development to rule review. The focus will now be on reviewing and providing feedback on draft rule language.

**Feedback Importance:** Andrew emphasized the importance of providing feedback during the informal rule development period. He noted that this is a critical time for influencing the rules and ensuring they align with JLOW's goals.

**Meeting Schedule:** The workgroup will have frequent meetings to review draft rule language and coordinate with DWR. The goal is to have formalized comments from JLOW by the first quarter of next year.

**Retirement Announcement:** Andrew announced his retirement from NCDOT at the end of the year, introducing Brian Lipscomb and Ryan Mullins as his successors and expressing his pride in the formation of JLOW.

### **Closing Remarks, Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

We will vote on Annette Lucas's membership at the next meeting. Patty Barry (CPRC) reminded everyone of the upcoming JLOW Annual All Stakeholder Meeting on December 12, 2024, 9:30 am to 12:30 am at Alamance Community College.

Sign-up at URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1053479979979?aff=oddtcreator>