

**Item Title:** Amend the Rules of Procedure for the Wake County Water Partnership and Appoint Members

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves amendments to the Wake County Water Partnership Rules of Procedure and appoints members.**

**Item Summary:**

On May 15, 2016, the Board of Commissioners authorized the creation of the Wake County Water Partnership. The Water Partnership is planned as an advisory group to create positive impacts for our County and our region in the areas of health, sustainability of positive lifestyles, and economic stability and prosperity.

*Amendments to the Rules of Procedure:*

The initial Rules for the Partnership identified categories for an eighteen member group. Since that time, it is recommended that the membership be expanded to twenty-one members with three representing a “citizen” category. The membership categories now will include:

- Wake County Board of Commissioners (1)
- Municipal Representatives (10)
- Environmental Advocacy Group (1)
- Private Water Provider (1)
- Private Well Owner (1)
- Wake County Soil and Water Conservation District (1)
- North Carolina Agriculture Community (1)
- Academic Expert in Environmental Policy or Economics (1)
- Building and Real Estate Community (1)
- Citizen (3)

A second amendment to the Rules would provide that membership to the Partnership would be citizen and staff level appointees.

A third amendment to the Rules would provide terms for the primary mission and focus of the Water Partnership with agenda items to focus on:

- Water stewardship, education and outreach
- Water management cooperation
- Reports on efforts of water collaboratives
- Green infrastructure projects, standards and opportunities

*Membership:*

The Board of Commissioners is requested to appoint members to the Water Partnership as identified in the attached list. The Board may opt to change the names of appointees by position or select appointees for categories that may currently be blank. All

applications received for consideration for appointment to the Water Partnerships are attached.

**Attachments:**

1. Water Partnership Rules of Procedure (As approved)
2. Wake County Water Partnership Rules
3. Water Partnership Membership Recommendation
4. Applications