1) **Rep Jimmy Bales called the meeting to order at 10 AM.**
   - Meeting was held at the Lee S. Dukes, Jr./North Mecklenburg Water Treatment Plant in Huntersville, NC
   - Welcoming remarks by the Chairman
   - Suggestions for changes to the previous meeting minutes:
     - Include members who attended as part of the minutes
     - Sign minutes at the bottom to identify who wrote them

2) **Old Business Items:**
   - Letter from the NC Attorney General
     - No response to the previous memo to SC’s Attorney General
     - Senator Hayes will follow up with AG’s office

3) **Reports of New Surface Water Permitting Bill:**
   - David Baize, SC Gave an update on surface water bill, S452
     - Several senate sub-committee hearings were held
     - Minimum flows resolved with proposal from DNR on seasonal flows:
       40/30/20 (percent of mean annual flow) for winter/spring/summer, respectively- Jan-April would be at 40%; May, June, Dec. at 30%
     - Caveat: DHEC and DNR working on a MOA to determine how they will work together to implement this seasonal plan
     - It is anticipated that the Bill introduced will be discussed in the January 2010 legislative session

4) **Amy Pickle Attorney with Duke’s Nichols Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions**
   ([amy.pickle@duke.edu](mailto:amy.pickle@duke.edu), [www.water.unc.edu](http://www.water.unc.edu))
   - Distributed copies of SB907
   - Power point presentation with 9 recommendations that SB907 and House Bill 1101 puts into law- in 3 major categories focusing on laws and institutions, increasing the knowledge base and increasing water supply
   - Emphasized that water is a public trust resource- there are no water owners, only water users
   - Bill creates the framework for using models to understand the water budget. Models may be used to develop interim allocations, process for new and expanded withdrawals, develop permit systems, etc.
   - Bulk of the Bill is based on model code and riparian law.
   - Will be implemented basin-by-basin
   - Existing uses are protected
   - 100,000 gpd threshold- an estimated 10,00-15,000 entities in NC need permits
   - Bill would only permit withdrawals, not consumptive/non-consumptive use
   - Fee-based system so it would be self-sustainable
   - Allows for current interbasin transfer
This bill is debated now because the water users need certainty to protect existing investments and plan for the future, have adequate resource for economic growth as water can be a major global competitive advantage for NC

Full report can be found at http://water.unc.edu

5) Representative Carney had people express an interest in appointing new advisory members - would be non-voting
   - Suggestions include Rick Lee, former York County Councilman. Motion held, seconded and approved
   - Senator Hayes recognized Phillip Land, who is now retired, for his dedication and services to the State of SC

6) Commission Member in attendance:
   - Sen. Robert W. Hayes
   - Sen. Dan Coldfelter
   - Rep. Jimmy Bales
   - Mark Hollis
   - Gary Falkerberry
   - Pam Beck

7) Meeting minutes scribe:
   - Anne Rone and Mihir Mehta (SCDHEC-BOW)

8) Adjourned at 11:05 AM.