

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
AND  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS  
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM  
JULY 24, 2013  
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

UOBWA Members Present:

Melvin Davis, Chairman  
Elton Collins  
Bob Snipes  
Nancy Denson  
Chris Thomas  
Amrey Harden  
Pat Graham  
Jock Connell

UOBWA Alternates Present:

Gary Duck  
Harry Sims  
Mark Saxon

RMC Members Present:

Elton Collins, Chairman  
Melvin Davis  
Nancy Denson  
Bob Snipes  
Pat Graham  
Harry Sims  
Cecil Hammonds

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Evans Brinson, NEGRC Comptroller  
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Bobby Sills, Nelsnick Enterprises, Inc.  
Hill Baughman, Jacobs  
Ashley Cryer, Jacobs Intern  
Katie Wingrove, Jacobs Intern  
Isabella Lopez, Jacobs Intern  
Melissa Gende, Jacobs Intern  
Mark Beardsley, Mainstreet Newspapers

## **CALL TO ORDER OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (RMC) AND READING AND APPROVAL OF JULY 2012 MINUTES**

RMC Chairman Elton Collins called the meeting of the Resource Management Commission (RMC) to order at 9:30 a.m. RMC Secretary Mott Beck read the minutes from the July 2012 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Bob Snipes and seconded by UOBWA Chairman Melvin Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

## **INTRODUCTION OF RMC MEMBERS**

At this time, Chairman Collins introduced members of the RMC and gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the RMC.

## **ELECTION OF RMC OFFICERS**

NEGRC Executive Director Jim Dove presided during the election of RMC officers. He opened the floor for nominations, and the following persons were nominated:

**Chairman** - *Elton Collins* (motion to elect made by Mayor Nancy Denson, seconded by Commissioner Pat Graham, passed unanimously.)

**Vice Chairman** - *Harry Sims* (motion to elect made by Mayor Denson, seconded by Mr. Chris Thomas, passed unanimously.)

**Secretary** - *Mott Beck* (motion to elect made by Chairman Davis, seconded by Mayor Denson, passed unanimously.)

## **ADJOURNMENT OF RMC MEETING**

There being no further business, the RMC meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

## **CALL TO ORDER OF UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY (UOBWA) AND ACTION ON PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chairman Davis called the meeting of the UOBWA to order at 9:40 a.m. He asked for a motion to approve the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes. Such a motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Snipes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time, NEGRC Comptroller Evans Brinson gave the financial report. The total liabilities and fund balance for the month ending June 30, 2013 were \$58,663,567. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Operations:** At the meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, a lengthy discussion was held regarding the drought level. Due to significant rainfall and steady drought indicators, it was the consensus of Committee members to recommend that the drought Level be changed from Level "1" to Level "0", effective August 5<sup>th</sup>, and to follow the state's water restriction

guidelines. Athens-Clarke County requested that its effective date be August 8<sup>th</sup>, since that is when the Commission meets. A motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nominating:** At this time, Mr. Snipes reported that the Nominating Committee met prior to the Authority meeting to nominate a slate of officers for the coming year. In addition to Mr. Snipes, other members of the Committee were Mr. Harden and Mr. Collins. The nominees are:

Melvin Davis	-	Chairman
Nancy Denson	-	Vice Chairman
Mott Beck	-	Secretary

### **ELECTION OF UOBWA OFFICERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS**

Mr. Dove now presided over the election and asked if there were any other nominees from the floor. There being none, a motion to elect the slate of nominees as presented by the Committee was made by Mr. Harden and seconded by Mr. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Dove advised that Mr. Harden's two-year term as At-Large Representative to the Authority expires at the end of today's meeting. He opened the floor for nominations, and no others were noted. A motion to re-elect Mr. Harden for a two-year term was made by Commissioner Pat Graham and seconded by Mr. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORT ON BEAR CREEK BOAT RAMP AND FISHING**

Commissioner Harry Sims presented a financial report for the Bear Creek boat ramp and fishing site for February – July as prepared by Ricky Sanders. It indicates that revenues are up since fees were increased and months of operation were decreased. The Recreation Committee will meet with Mr. Sanders to review a comparison to last year's operation prior to the September Authority meeting.

### **OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

Operations of the facility are normal and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. The reservoir remains at full pool, and there has been no pumping from the Middle Oconee River. The VFD pump has been installed and is working very well. Staff continues to address items brought forth as a result of the dam inspection by EPD's Safe Dams Division.

### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

At this time, Mr. Snipes gave the engineering report from the joint meeting of the Operations/Engineering Committees. The two Committees have met on several occasions to review and discuss two issues: chlorine system replacement and chlorine system piping.

It is the consensus of both Committees that the issue of chlorine system replacement be deferred at a time in the future when there is an upgrade to the treatment plant. After a brief

discussion, a motion to defer this item was made by Mr. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the chlorine line replacement, Committee members requested that staff refine cost estimates and forward to Committee members prior to another joint meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Collins, Finance Committee Chairman, will be invited to this meeting to discuss a funding source for this expenditure. A recommendation will be made at a Called Meeting of the Authority on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion to resume Open Session was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary