

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
JOINT MEETING
OPERATIONS / ENGINEERING COMMITTEES
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS
JULY 17, 2013
2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Operations Committee Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman
Eric Klerk
Lynn Smarr (representing Jock Connell)

Engineering Committee Members Present:

Bob Snipes, Committee Chairman
Emil Beshara

Others Present:

Melvin Davis, UOBWA Chairman
Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Hill Baughman, Jacobs
Ken Moore, Jacobs
Blane Williams, ACC Assistant Manager
Joe Leslie, Jackson County Water & Sewer Authority

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Engineering Committee Chairman Bob Snipes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He advised the engineering segment of the meeting would be discussed prior to the Operations Committee's regular monthly meeting.

**REVIEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON
CHLORINE SYSTEM AND CHLORINE SOLUTION PIPING**

At the joint meeting on June 26th, members requested that Jacobs staff make amendments to the Technical Memorandums pertaining to the chlorine system alternatives and the chlorine solution piping system. Copies of the amended documents were forwarded to members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Snipes provided an overview of amended information regarding the chlorine solution piping system. After considerable discussion, Mr. Snipes indicated the Committees should determine if we should move forward, the options to pursue, and sources of funding. It was the consensus that there is a desire to move forward, and Option C is more viable. It was further agreed that Jacobs staff should revisit this Option and provide a cost estimate replacing all lines using both types of pipe identified, and consider using conduit when possible and pipe trenches at other times. In addition, a Called Meeting of the Authority should be held on August 7th (following another Joint Committee Meeting on August 5th) to entertain the recommendation of the Joint Engineering/Operations Committees. In addition, the Finance Committee is requested to review the Authority's Replacement Program and determine the amount of funds unobligated at present. Finance Committee Chairman Elton Collins will be invited to the Joint Meeting of August 5th.

At this time, Mr. Snipes led discussion regarding potential Chlorine System alternatives. This matter was originally brought forward due to concerns regarding safety and risk management. After a thorough discussion, members agreed that any efforts regarding a change can be undertaken in the future as the plant is upgraded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26TH JOINT MEETING

At this time, Operations Committee Chairman Chris Thomas presided and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26th Joint Meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Eric Klerk and seconded by Ms. Lynn Smarr. The motion passed unanimously.

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

This agenda item was addressed first at the request of Athens-Clarke County Assistant Manager Blane Williams. At the meeting on June 26th, it was the consensus of members to recommend to the Authority that the drought level be changed from Level I to Level 0, effective August 5th; and to follow the state's water restriction guidelines. Athens-Clarke County is requesting that the effective date be changed to August 8th, after their Commission meeting. Members agreed to this request.

SPECIAL PERMITS

There were no Special Permits last month.

MONTHLY EPD REPORT

Operations of the facility were normal during the past month and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

The reservoir remains at full pool, and the VFD at the River Pump Station has been installed and is working very well. All issues brought forth by Safe Dams during the recent inspection have been addressed with the exception of re-seeding and rip rap. Staff is in the process of obtaining quotes for these items.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Joint Meeting is scheduled for August 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary