

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 23, 2013
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Melvin Davis
Eric Klerk
Tom Crow
Bob Snipes
Nancy Denson
Pat Graham
Jock Connell
Amrey Harden

Alternates Present:

Harry Sims

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Evans Brinson, NEGRC Comptroller
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson and Cullen
Hill Baughman, Jacobs
Leanne Akins, The Paper
Mark Beardsley, Mainstreet Newspapers

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chairman Melvin Davis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He introduced new Authority members, which included Barrow County BOC Chairperson Pat Graham, Barrow County Manager Jock Connell, and Jackson County BOC Chairman Tom Crow.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

At this time, Chairman Davis asked for a motion to approve the November 2012 meeting minutes. Such a motion was made by Mr. Bob Snipes and seconded by Commissioner Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The next item on the agenda was the financial report by NEGRC Comptroller Evans Brinson. The total liabilities and fund balance for the month ending December 31, 2012 were \$60,516,566. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Amrey Harden and seconded by Mr. Snipes. The motion passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Operations Committee Chairman Chris Thomas, Mr. Hill Baughman gave the report. He advised that operations are on or under budget in all categories, and even though drought indicators reflect a "zero" drought level, the Authority's Drought Contingency plan states that it would have to remain a "zero" for two consecutive months before the drought level could be changed. It was the consensus of members to continue in a Level II at this time. There were two breaks in the chlorine system last year, and two this year. This issue has been discussed on several occasions, and a solution is under study. One option would be to reroute the lines through the chemical building and out of traffic routes. Staff will seek proposals and cost estimates for a resolution to this issue and report back to the Committee for review and discussion. On another matter, when the problem occurred last year with the chlorine lines, the contractor installed metal plates over the lines for protection for a period of one year. He wishes the plates to be returned or purchased by the Authority at a cost of \$5,000. However, staff has found similar plates for \$4,000. This matter will continue to be addressed, and a report will be given to the Committee at a later date. Mr. Baughman advised that the new vehicle and variable speed pump for the River Pump Station were the only large ticket items in the budget this year. He has received four quotes for the vehicle and is reviewing them to determine which would be more cost effective. This expenditure was approved when the Authority adopted the FY13 Budget in November and does not require further action. Mr. Baughman reported that the variable speed pump at the River Pump Station will require a slight amount of engineering services, and he is in the process of obtaining proposals. He will continue to address this item and report back to the Committee. This expenditure was also approved in the adopted FY13 Budget and requires no further action.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Operations of the facility are normal and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. There have been no major issues, and the monthly EPD report contained neither findings nor recommendations. The Reservoir remains at full pool.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Davis advised he would revise Committee appointments when all members and alternates are seated. There are four standing Committees that meet as needed between Authority meetings – Operation, Recreation, Engineering, and Finance.

Last fall, Legal Counsel advised that action by various Attorney Generals against JP Morgan Chase for price fixing had been filed, and those entities selling bonds and having involvement in any way could participate. The Authority voted to do so. As a result, a check in the amount of \$71,680.72 was received recently, and Mr. Brinson will consult with the Auditor to determine disbursement of the funds.

The next meeting will be held on March 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
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