

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS
JANUARY 16, 2013
2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman
Jock Connell
Glenn Coleman (Representing Gary Duck)
Eric Klerk

Others Present

Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson & Cullen
Hill Baughman, Jacobs

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 28TH MEETING

Chairman Chris Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28th meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Glenn Coleman and seconded by Mr. Eric Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY EPD REPORT

Operations were normal during the past month and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. Staff was happy to report that operations are on or under budget on all categories.

SPECIAL PERMITS

There were no new permit application requests.

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Even though drought indicators reflect at 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.

CHLORINE LINES SOLUTION

There were two breaks in the chlorine system last year, and two this year. This issue has been discussed on several occasions, and staff advised that an alternative solution is needed. One option would be to reroute the lines through the chemical building and out of traffic routes. It was the consensus of members for staff to seek proposals and cost estimates for a resolution to this issue and bring 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.

2012 CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS (INCLUDING NEW VEHICLE)

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 also advised that the variable speed pump 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee will meet at its regular time on February 20th. This meeting will be held at the Reservoir so that new member Jock Connell can visit the facility.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary