

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
FINANCE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEES  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS  
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM  
MARCH 22, 2012  
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Finance Committee Members Present:

Elton Collins, Committee Chairman  
Amrey Harden  
Harry Sims  
Danny Yearwood

Recreation Committee Members Present:

Harry Sims  
Bruce Yates

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Evans Brinson, Comptroller  
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson & Cullen  
Sarah Chamberlin, Atkinson & Cullen  
Hill Baughman, Jacobs

Finance Committee Chairman Elton Collins called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

At this time, members engaged in a discussion regarding ways that the boat ramp and fishing operation could be restructured in order to be more financially efficient and help decrease the yearly deficit. In line with this discussion, Chairman Collins advised that State Representative Tommy Benton received an e-mail from a disabled veteran who was concerned that he had to pay to fish at Bear Creek. After discussion on these matters, the following motion was made:

**“To recommend to the Authority that the boat ramp and fishing facility be closed each December, January, and February, to raise the annual pass fee to \$50.00 per person, and to exempt disabled veterans from paying fees. These new rules will begin April 1, 2012. The motion was made by Mr. Amrey Harden, seconded by Mr. Harry Sims, and passed unanimously.”**

Recently, permit requests were submitted to the Operations Committee seeking permission to hold fishing tournaments at the reservoir. Due to incomplete permits, the requests were denied. However, Mr. Ricky Sanders advised that fishing tournaments could be a source of income. After discussion on these matters, the following motion was made:

**“To recommend to the Authority that fishing tournaments be allowed on days that the reservoir is closed for boating and fishing to the public; to charge a permit fee of \$300 per tournament, and to amend the Reservoir Management Plan, and Policies and Procedures for Fishing, to reflect amendments upon adoption.” The motion was made by Mr. Sims and seconded by Commissioner Danny Yearwood. The motion passed unanimously.**

The matter of the Reservoir and Treatment Plant Management Contract with Jacobs was brought forward and discussed briefly. A motion to refer the matter to the full Authority for consideration was made by Commissioner Yearwood and seconded by Mr. Harden. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mott Beck".

Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary