

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS  
MAY 23, 2012  
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Melvin Davis, Chairman  
Hunter Bicknell  
Amrey Harden  
Elton Collins  
Myron Garrett  
Danny Yearwood  
Bob Snipes

Alternates Present:

Harry Sims\*

\*Representing Nancy Denson

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Evans Brinson, NEGRC Comptroller  
Kirby Atkins, Atkinson & Cullen  
Hill Baughman, Jacobs  
Ken Moore, Jacobs  
Jimmy Cofer, Jacobs  
Mark Whiddon, Barrow County  
Allen Pagent, Citizen  
Mark Beardsley, Mainstreet Newspapers  
Leanne Akins, The Paper

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Melvin Davis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Elton Collins and seconded by Commissioner Hunter Bicknell. 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 April 30, 2012 were \$62,573,024. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Commissioner Danny Yearwood. The motion passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance Committee:** At the March meeting, the Finance Committee was asked to addressing three issues - Multi-year comparisons of financials, review and possible revisions to the Cost Methodology, and Capital Reserve and Replacement Account. The following Committee recommendations and Authority action are as follows:

1. The recommendation of the Committee was to include multi-year comparison of financials each year in the annual audit report. This service will be provided at no additional costs. **A motion to accept this recommendation was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Commissioner Yearwood. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. The last update to the Cost Methodology was completed in 2007, and the Committee recommended to the Authority that a review of the document be undertaken at this time. Since Mr. Bobby Sills developed the original document, the Committee feels that he should be the one to conduct this review and update. Mr. Sills submitted a proposal at a cost not to exceed \$7,800. **A motion to accept the recommendation to update the Cost Methodology, and to accept the proposal from Mr. Sills at a cost not to exceed \$7,800 was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Commissioner Harry Sims. Furthermore, the update is to be completed in within the next six month. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. There has been discussion as to whether a suitable amount of funds are available in the Authority's Capital Reserve and Replacement Account. The amount of \$1.2 million is available for maintenance related items; however, members are of the opinion that it would be beneficial to set aside funds to offset costs associated with replacement of capital items that may be nearing the end of their life expectancy. The Committee recommended that this issue be reviewed again during budget preparation and after completion of the update to the Cost Allocation Methodology. **A motion to accept the Committee's recommendation and start discussion and review of the account in order to determine amount of funding that would be sufficient for future repairs and replacement was made by Mr. Bob Snipes and seconded by Commissioner Sims. The motion passed unanimously.**

## Operations Committee:

In the absence of Committee Chairman Chris Thomas, NEGRC Executive Director Jim Dove gave the Operations Committee report. Staff continues to address the break in the chlorine system, and it is the consensus of the Committee to move ahead with this issue for future capital replacement. Extension of the existing boat ramp has been a subject of discussion for some time. Last fall, Recreation Committee Chairman Jim Luke requested staff to determine depth of the reservoir at the end of the ramp prior to making a

decision on an extension. Staff provided that information, and members of the Operations Committee engaged in discussion regarding this issue. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Myron Garrett and seconded by Mr. Klerk to recommend to the Recreation Committee that there be no further efforts to extend the boat ramp at this time. Furthermore, it was the consensus that the level of the reservoir be monitored closely, and at a time when the level is 6" or less above that at which fishing by boat was suspended in 2011, it again be discontinued. This does not affect bank fishing. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Authority to ask that the Recreation and Operations Committees review these and other issues and come back with a recommendation.

### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Staff advised that operations of the facility are normal and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. The reservoir is at full pool, and treated water flow peaked at 9.0 MGD. Staff received concurrence from EPD on the De-chlorination System Plan, and the facility received a 94 on the Sanitary Compliance Survey, which denotes an outstanding performance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary