

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR
FEBRUARY 15, 2012
2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman
Gary Duck
Myron Garrett
Eric Klerk

Others Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Chris Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25th meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Myron Garrett and seconded by Mr. Gary Duck. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY EPD REPORT

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

SPECIAL PERMITS

Members previously reviewed and discussed three permits submitted by Mr. Brandon Sanders asking for permission to hold fishing tournaments on March 10th, May 5th, and June 16th. After review by Legal Counsel, it was deemed that the applications were incomplete. The Committee requested that Ricky Sanders gather additional information and meet with the Committee at this meeting so they could approve the permit for March 10th, as authorized by the Authority at its regular meeting on January 25th. This authorization and consideration of the other permits were contingent upon receiving the requested information from Mr. Sanders. The Committee was to discuss the May and June permits and make a recommendation on those to the Authority in March. However, Mr. Sanders did not attend the meeting or forward additional information so this issue could be addressed further. Therefore, a motion stating that

no decision could be made without further information was made by Mr. Duck and seconded by Mr. Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Even though the reservoir is at full pool, the Authority remains in a Level II drought. This is due to the river flow indicator. The Committee thinks that this indicator needs to be reviewed, since historical data is being used for gauging river flow in the winter months. This will continue to be an agenda item for discussion.

UPDATE ON SLUICE GATE REPAIRS

Braces in the tower have been installed, and rebar is to be delivered during the week of January 23rd. Concrete will be poured within the next week, and Lanier has indicated that the job will be completed within their timeframe.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Jackson County Water & Sewer Authority wants to run a 4" PVC water line to residents living on the south side of the reservoir. The line would be on the right-of-way, but it would be in the buffer. The small equipment being used on the project will not impact the reservoir. Members feel that, if this is approved by EPD, it will not be a problem. Legal Counsel will review, and this matter will be an agenda item in March.

Staff advised that there have been five breaks in the chlorine system during the past five years. Staff will address this issue and seek a solution. This will be an agenda item in March.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary