

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR
OCTOBER 19, 2011
2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman
Gary Duck
Myron Garrett

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Hill Baughman, Jacobs
David Ashley, Jacobs
Ken Moore, Jacobs
Stacey Jenkins, Jackson County Water & Sewer Authority

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21ST MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Chris Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21st meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Gary Duck and seconded by Mr. Myron Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY EPD REPORT

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

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Authority voted at the last meeting to advance to a Level II drought, and a meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 26th to discuss whether or not conditions warranted moving to a Level III. However; due to recent rains and conservation measures, drought conditions have improved. After discussion, a motion to remain at a Level II and recommend cancellation of the October 26th meeting was made by Mr. Duck and seconded by Mr. Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT ON FORECAST MODEL UPDATE AND PROPOSAL

Staff advised that there would be no report on this issue at this time.

STATUS OF TOWER REPAIRS

Staff met with Safe Dams recently to advise of the situation with the sluice gate and the proposed approach to stop the leak and encase the gate in concrete. Safe Dams representatives asked whether the permanent closing of the gate would impact the ability to drain 2/3 of the reservoir volume in a maximum of ten days, and staff indicated that it would take less than nine days. Safe Dams requested that a short report be prepared for review by them that would document the proposed changes and would address whether the proposed repairs impact the design intent of the Engineer of Record, Golder Associates. Once the report is reviewed by EPD, the contract with Garney will be formalized.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on November 16th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary