

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
CALLED MEETING
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 4, 2013
9:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Melvin Davis
Elton Collins
Eric Klerk
Nancy Denson
Gary Duck

Alternates Present:

Mark Saxon*
Harry Sims

*Representing Chris Thomas

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Bob Snipes, Owner's Representative
Wayne Price, Jacobs

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Solution Fee Project bid results. Mr. Bob Snipes, Owner's Representative, led the discussion and advised the bid opening was held at the Regional Commission on November 21st. Nine firms obtained project plans, and only one bid was received. Haren Construction Company, Inc. of Etowah, TN submitted that bid, which was significantly above the budget amount previously approved by the Authority.

Based on Mr. Snipes experience in matters of this nature and conversation with Legal Counsel, there are two alternatives available that would allow this project to proceed. The first alternative would be to reject the single bid and repeat the bidding process. Based on conversation Mr. Snipes had with companies that obtained project plans, there appears to be significant work that is competing for construction contractors, and that the size of this project may not be as appealing as others in the market. Given this, there may still be limited competition if the project is rebid.

The second alternative is for the Authority to declare Haren Construction Company, Inc. as the lowest responsive/responsible bid and authorize staff to negotiate with that company to value engineer the cost and possibly the scope of both the base

bid and add alternate bid. Jacobs's staff and Mr. Snipes concur that this negotiation process would take approximately 14 days, and the Authority could potentially meet to take action the week of December 16th to award the contract. If staff cannot negotiate an acceptable price and/or revised project scope, the Authority can then reject the bid and solicit new ones. Mr. Snipes' recommendation is for the Authority to approve the second alternative. After discussion, a motion to accept Mr. Snipes' recommendation, and negotiate with Haren Construction Company, Inc. was made by Mr. Elton Collins and seconded by Commissioner Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary