

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR
MARCH 21, 2012
2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman
Gary Duck
Myron Garrett
Eric Klerk

Others Present:

Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson & Cullen
Sarah Chamberlin, Atkinson & Cullen
Hill Baughman, Jacobs
Ken Moore, Jacobs
Gina Mitsdarffer, Jackson County

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Chris Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Myron Garrett and seconded by Mr. Eric Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY EPD REPORT

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

SPECIAL PERMITS

At this time, members reviewed and discussed four special permit requests. The description of the request and action taken are as follows:

Requests from Mr. Eddie Deaton

1. Place posted signs in buffer zone on property at 164 Old Savage Road; one sign every 50 ft.; neighbor is cutting trees in buffer zone on property owned by Mr. Deaton. After discussion, it was the consensus of members that Mr. Deaton did not require quantity of signs requested. ***A motion to recommend***

to the Authority that Mr. Deaton be allowed to place two signs on the property line between him and the neighbors; not the shoreline; that this will comply with Jackson County Ordinance; and that it be granted upon payment of permit fee. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Replant native trees to help wildlife habitats. Mr. Deaton did not provide information as to type of tree, number to be planted, location, etc. ***A motion to recommend to the Authority that this request be denied until additional information is provided was made by Mr. Klerk and seconded by Mr. Gary Duck. The motion passed unanimously.*** Staff will provide Mr. Deaton with information he needs to submit a plan that is in compliance with Authority rules and regulations regarding his request.
3. Construct a walkway to reservoir for canoe and jon boat, using a hand dolly. This request was also incomplete. Information such as length, location, topography, how will erosion be prevented, design, etc. was not included. ***A motion to recommend that the permit be denied until additional information is provided was made by Mr. Duck and seconded by Mr. Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.***

Request from Mr. William Hill

4. Installation of a floating dock. ***A motion to recommend to the Authority that this request be denied was made by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Duck. The motion passed unanimously.***

Legal Counsel advised that action had not been taken on two permits that were submitted for permission to hold fishing tournaments in May and June. The request for a tournament in March was denied at last month's meeting. The Committee had requested that the applicant provide additional information, which he declined to provide. ***A motion to recommend to the Authority that these two requests for fishing tournaments in May and June be denied was made by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.***

DROUGHT LEVEL DISCUSSION

After review of applicable indicators, a motion was made by Mr. Duck and seconded by Mr. Garrett to remain in Level II drought status. The motion passed unanimously. Staff will continue to track trends and data relative to this matter.

JACKSON COUNTY WATER LINE REQUEST

Mr. Klerk advised that EPD indicated it did not have any concerns with installation of a 4" water line to residents along the reservoir as proposed by the Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority. Mr. Klerk has not gotten a response from the Corps of Engineers regarding same. Legal Counsel reported that he had spoken with EPD regarding this matter and also consulted the Reservoir Management Plan. He feels that there would not be any reason to deny this request. ***A motion to***

recommend to the Authority that Jackson County be given consent at the appropriate time to install the aforementioned line was made by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Duck. The motion passed unanimously. Legal Counsel will forward a letter to Jackson County advising them of the Authority's decision pertaining to this matter.

UPDATE ON SLUICE GATE REPAIRS

Staff reported that repairs to the sluice gate have been completed and everything looks good. Everyone was very pleased with the contractor, and no problems have been noted.

BREAK IN CHLORINE SYSTEM

Staff advised that engineers are working with Jacobs on the chlorine line leak issue. Given that the line will have to be replaced eventually; Mr. Baughman plans to make a recommendation for inclusion in the FY13 Capital Budget. He should have additional information and a cost estimate at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

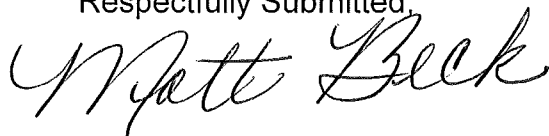
The five-year contract with Jacobs for management of the reservoir and treatment plant facility will expire on May 1st. Mr. Baughman and Legal Counsel have held preliminary discussion regarding this issue. This matter will be discussed by the Finance and Recreation Committees in a joint meeting on Thursday, March 22nd.

In another matter, the Authority has been approached regarding fishing fees for disabled veterans. A motion to defer this matter to the Authority was made by Mr. Duck and seconded by Mr. Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary