

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR
APRIL 18, 2012
2:00P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Chairman
Myron Garrett
Eric Klerk
Glenn Coleman (representing Gary Duck)

Others Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 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 March meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Glenn Coleman 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. Staff received a letter of concurrence from EPD to move forward with lagoon de-chlorination.

SPECIAL PERMITS

No new permit applications were received. Regarding the outstanding applications, requested information and permit fees have not been received.

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

There has been no significant change in drought indicators over the past month, and it is the consensus of Committee members to remain in the Level 2 drought status.

BREAK IN CHLORINE SYSTEM

Repairs to the chlorine system have been successful thus far; however, staff and Committee members feel that this issue should continue to be addressed before an emergency situation occurs. A quote of \$200,000 for a 400 ft. replacement has been received, and no

quote has been received for a partial replacement. It is the consensus of the Committee to move ahead with this issue for future capital replacement.

REPORT ON STATUS OF BOAT RAMP EXTENSION

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 to recommend to the Recreation Committee that there be no further efforts to extend the boat ramp at this time. The motion was made by Mr. Myron Garrett and seconded by Mr. Klerk. The motion passed unanimously. 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.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Installation of turbidity meters is almost complete. The facility received Operator of the Year, Plant of the Year, and the Platinum Award for outstanding performance. Staff advised that they have some used materials for disposal and will check with member utilities to see if they could use these items. Staff will also consider Govdeals.com as an alternative.

OTHER BUSINESS

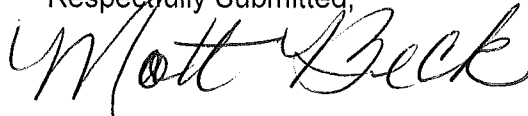
At this time, Chairman Thomas advised that he met with the Finance Committee on April 11th as it considered matters related to the Utilities Service Contract. After briefing Operations Committee members and further discussion, a motion was made to recommend that the Authority utilize the continuation of service clause in the existing Utilities Service Contract to provide sufficient time for review and negotiation of a new contract. The motion was made by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on May 16th

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Mr. Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary