

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS  
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012  
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Melvin Davis  
Elton Collins  
Bob Snipes  
Nancy Denson  
Chris Thomas  
Myron Garrett  
Danny Yearwood  
Amrey Harden

Alternates Present:

Harry Sims  
Gary Duck  
Mark Whiddon  
Bruce Yates

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Evans Brinson, NEGRC Comptroller  
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson & Cullen  
Hill Baughman, Jacobs  
Cecil Hammond, Resource Management Commission  
Pat Graham, Barrow County  
Ricky Sanders, Jackson County Recreation Director  
Chris Butts, Georgia Green Industry  
Mark Beardsley, Mainstreet Newspapers

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> CALLED MEETING AND  
THE JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> JOINT MEETING WITH THE RMC

Chairman Melvin Davis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He asked for a motion to approve the July 25<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the UOBWA and the RMC, as well as the minutes from the August 15<sup>th</sup> Called Meeting of the UOBWA. Such a motion was made by Mayor Nancy Denson and seconded by Mr. Elton Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time, NEGRC Comptroller Evans Brinson gave the financial report. The total liabilities and fund balance for the month ending August 31, 2012 were \$60,585,497. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Bob Snipes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** The Committee met on August 1<sup>st</sup> to review and discuss the Revised FY12 and Proposed FY13 Budgets. Mr. Collins and Comptroller Brinson gave a brief overview of both Budgets and entertained questions. In the Revised FY12 Budget, Jacobs Engineering's services and electric utilities decreased, resulting in a \$140,000 savings. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the Authority approve the Revised FY12 Budget, and a motion to accept this recommendation was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mayor Denson, and passed unanimously. A discussion was also held by the Committee regarding the Capital Reserve and Replacement account and the need for participating counties to resume contributions to the account for future equipment replacement at the Reservoir. Chairman Collins offered the idea of separating the account into two amounts. The purpose of one of the newly created accounts would be a reserve account for catastrophic repair, and the other account would be a reserve for capital item replacement. Mr. Collins also proposed that the newly resumed contributions would flow into the account reserve for Capital Item Replacements. Based on this discussion, the Committee recommends that the Authority split the \$1,211,862 currently in the Capital Reserve and Replacement Account into the newly created accounts as follows: \$1 million for the Reserve Catastrophic Repair Account and \$211,862 for the Reserve Capital Item Replacement Account. A motion to accept this recommendation from the Finance Committee and to approve the FY13 Budget was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously. Beginning in January, participating counties will resume contributing \$210,000 to the Reserve Capital Item Replacement Account. However, this amount could change pending a thorough review by Bobby Sills of the life expectancy and replacement cost schedule being submitted by Mr. Hill Baughman. If there is a change in contribution, the FY13 Budget can be revised.

**Operations:** The Committee met in August; but due to lack of agenda items, there was no meeting in September. There have not been any special permits over the past several months, and staff continues to monitor the drought. At this time, the drought status will remain at a Level II.

**Recreation:** The Committee met on August 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss options for cutting costs at the boat ramp and fishing venue in order to alleviate a deficit at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Rick Sanders, Jackson County Recreation Director, estimates the deficit for FY 2012 will be \$11,441, and the FY2013 deficit will be approximately \$9,952. He indicated that there were three options to be considered for cutting costs: 1) cut days of operation, 2) raise fees, and 3) each

County consider budgeting an amount to cover each year's deficit. Based on discussion at this meeting and information provided by Mr. Sanders, the Committee recommends that Friday be eliminated from the schedule and to raise the fee for adults from \$6.00 to \$8.00 (children, seniors, veterans, and disabled will remain at \$3.00 and permits at \$50.00), and continue to open the facility on Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day". A motion to accept this recommendation was made by Mr. Harry Sims and seconded by Mr. Chris Thomas. The motion passed unanimously. The Authority voted earlier to close the boat ramp and fishing venue in December, January, and February. Included in this motion is approval of the Resolution prepared by Legal Counsel reflecting these changes.

### **UPDATE ON UTILITY SERVICE CONTRACT**

At this time, Legal Counsel Kirby Atkinson gave a status report on the Utility Service contract with Jacob Engineering. He advised that verbiage in Exhibit A was changed to reflect Jacobs Engineering instead of Azurix/JJG and that certain information was eliminated that referred to the previous firm. The contract has been signed and executed by both parties as negotiated and approved by the Authority and is effective as of August 1, 2012. A motion to approve the revised Exhibit A as presented by Legal Counsel was made by Mr. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Collins. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Snipes complimented Mr. Baughman and all parties involved for all of their efforts during the contract negotiations. Everyone also thanked Mr. Snipes for his efforts.

### **OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Baughman advised that operations of the facility are normal and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. The reservoir is down 4 ft., but staff continues to withdraw from the river. Routine maintenance issues are being addressed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were not any requests for public comment.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

In order to comply with the revised Open Records Law, a resolution was presented appointing UOBWA Secretary Mott Beck as the Open Records Officer and Evans Brinson as the Alternate. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Denson and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Yates. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Snipes reported that the Nominating Committee met to nominate a slate of officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

Melvin Davis	-	Chairman
Nancy Denson	-	Vice Chairman
Mott Beck	-	Secretary

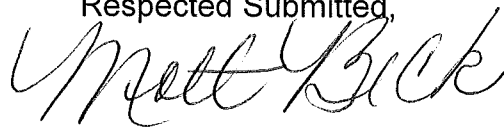
A motion to approve the slate of officers as presented was made by Mr. Snipes and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on November 28th.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respected Submitted,



Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary