

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR
MAY 22, 2013
11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Melvin Davis, Chairman
Tom Crow
Eric Klerk
Amrey Harden
Elton Collins
Bob Snipes
Pat Graham
Jock Connell

Alternates Present:

Harry Sims
Dwain Smith
Mark Saxon

Media Present:

Leanne Akin, The Paper
Mark Beardsley, Mainstreet Newspapers
Lee Shearer, Athens Banner Herald

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Evans Brinson, Comptroller
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson Ferguson
Chris Atkinson, Atkinson Ferguson
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Diane Jackson, Jacobs
Ben Williams, Jacobs
Pat Thomas, Jacobs
Ken Moore, Jacobs
Jimmy Cofer, Jacobs

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 27TH MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Melvin Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He expressed appreciation to the Jacobs staff for hosting the meeting and BBQ. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Elton Collins and seconded by Commissioner Harry Sims. 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 March 31, 2013 were \$61,003,660. A motion to approve the report as presented was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Bob Snipes. The motion passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Operations Committee Chairman Chris Thomas, the report was given by Mr. Dove. At the last meeting, a lengthy discussion was held concerning drought levels. Due to extensive rainfall, improved drought indicators, and the motion made in the UOBWA meeting in March, the Committee voted to decrease the drought level from a Level II to a Level I; and to follow a uniform conservation approach, based on a chart provided to members, and to achieve the required 2.5% reduction as stated in the Authority's Drought Contingency Plan. Rainfall and other data will continue to be closely monitored. The VFD installation is in progress and should be completed by the end of May. The engineering study for chlorine line replacement is in progress, and a draft report should be available in early June. A copy will be forwarded to the Operations and Engineering Committees for review prior to a joint meeting. The Committees will make a recommendation pertaining to this issue at the July UOBWA meeting. No permit requests were received during the last month.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Operations of the facility are normal and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. The reservoir remains at full pool, and the treatment plant averaged 6.2 MGD of potable water pumped into the distribution system. Staff continues to address issues brought forward as a result of the inspection by Safe Dams. The Authority is being requested to install riprap along one shoreline that does not have vegetation near the low-level intake tower. After discussion, it was determined that there might be cheaper options than the riprap, and the Authority requested that staff explore other alternatives and acquire costs estimates. Safe Dams also ordered removal of vegetation in another area and required repair of a small hole in the concrete near the dam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

There was no Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Chairman Davis advised that the Authority's contract with Jacobs automatically renews every year unless either party wished to do otherwise. The extension includes all of the same fee structures and conditions. It was not determined in the meeting whether or not the contract includes an inflation clause. Legal Counsel was instructed to research this issue and report his findings by e-mail to members. If there are no issues, and the Chairman does not receive any comments in seven days, he will ask Legal Counsel to notify Jacobs that the contract will be renewed.

At this time, Legal Counsel reported that an easement was acquired at the beginning of the project that would ensure access to property owned by two individuals that were in conflict. However, this is no longer an issue, and the easement is not

needed. A motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary document to remove the easement was made by Mr. Amrey Harden and seconded by Mr. Collins. The motion passed unanimously. This action will not affect the buffer.

The next meeting will be held on July 24th at NEGRC headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary