

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
JOINT MEETING  
OPERATIONS / ENGINEERING COMMITTEES  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS  
AUGUST 5, 2013  
2:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**Operations Committee Members Present:**

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman  
Jock Connell  
Gary Duck  
Eric Klerk

**Engineering Committee Members Present:**

Bob Snipes, Committee Chairman  
Tom Crow  
Lynn Smarr

**Others Present:**

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Evans Brinson, NEGRC Comptroller  
Chris Edwards, Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Elton Collins, Finance Committee Chairman  
Hill Baughman, Jacobs  
Joe Leslie, Jackson County Water & Sewer Authority  
Leanne Akin, **The Paper**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Engineering Committee Chairman Bob Snipes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He welcomed those in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

At this time, Mr. Snipes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Such a motion was made by Mr. Chris Thomas and seconded by Mr. Gary Duck. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING CHLORINE SOLUTION PIPING**

Mr. Snipes advised that members determined at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to defer the issue regarding Chlorine System alternatives until the future as the treatment plant is upgraded.

The other issue being discussed by the Committees was the chlorine solution piping system. Staff was asked to obtain various options for replacement of piping beneath the roadway versus replacing all piping. Descriptions and costs for six options were presented. After a brief review, the list was pared down to three options, leaving three for discussion. A discrepancy in some costs included in the Capital Improvement Project Summary was noted, and staff will make these corrections. After a thorough discussion of all options, a motion to recommend to the Authority that Option 5 - Sche. 80 PVC Dual-Wall Direct buried (Pipe Trench in High Traffic Areas) be pursued, with the condition that the revised defined costs will not exceed 10% of the quoted costs, was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Eric Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, options for funding sources were discussed. Finance Committee Chairman Elton Collins advised there were funds in the Catastrophic Repair Fund and the Bond Principle Retirement Fund. A discussion ensued as to which fund would be more feasible to use at this time and whether or not Bond Counsel would agree to the Bond Principle fund being used for this purpose. Legal Counsel will contact Bond Counsel for a determination on this matter. It was the consensus of all parties to use the Bond Principle Retirement Fund contingent on whether it would be allowed by Bond Counsel.

## **DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

At this time, Mr. Thomas presided for the Operations Committee segment of the agenda. At the July joint meeting, it was the consensus of members to recommend to the Authority that the drought level be changed from Level "I" to Level "0", and to follow the state's water restriction guidelines. However, several persons saw on the state's website that it remains in a "Level I". After checking with Kevin Farrell at EPD, it was confirmed that the Authority may proceed as originally planned in regards to moving to Level "0" of the Drought Contingency Plan, and for the communities to follow the state's minimum non-drought requirements as set forth in the Georgia Water Stewardship Act.

## **SPECIAL PERMITS**

There were no Special Permits last month.

## **MONTHLY EPD REPORT**

Mr. Baughman advised that the EPD Monthly report has not been received as of this date.

## **OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

There have been no issues, and operations are in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. The reservoir remains at full pool, and staff continues to address leaks in the solution piping.

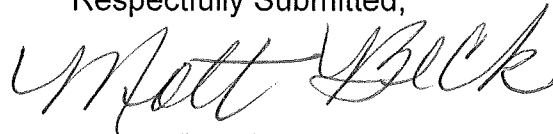
## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Information on the September Operations Committee meeting will be forwarded at a later date.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mott Beck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary