

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Melvin Davis
Elton Collins
Erik Klerk
Nancy Denson
Chris Thomas
Jock Connell
Pat Graham
Amrey Harden

Alternates Present:

Harry Sims
Mark Saxon

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant
Evans Brinson, NEGRC Comptroller
Bobby Sills, Nelsnick Enterprises, Inc.
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson Ferguson
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Hill Baughman, Jacobs
Blane Williams, Athens-Clarke County
Ricky Sanders, Jackson County
Leanne Akins, The Paper
Mark Beardsley, Mainstreet News

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 24TH JOINT
MEETING OF THE UOBWA & RMC AND THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7TH
CALLED MEETING OF THE UOBWA

Chairman Melvin Davis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24th UOBWA meeting and the August 7th called meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Elton Collins and seconded by Mr. Chris Thomas. 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, 2013 were \$58,969,164. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mayor Nancy Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Recreation Committee Chairman Harry Sims gave an activities report and presented a spreadsheet prepared by Jackson County Recreation Director Ricky Sanders. A comparison between FY2012 and FY2013 to date regarding finances and number of boats, visitors, and permits sold was reviewed. The deficit was noticeably lower for the first six months this year compared to the same time last year. This is due in part to the increase in fees and a decrease in months and days of operation. It was also noted that the amount of payment by participating counties for the deficit has decreased. Mr. Sanders also presented the Recreation Budget for FY14. Members were advised that there was virtually no change from FY13.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF REVISED FY13 BUDGET AND PROPOSED FY14 BUDGET

At this time, Mr. Collins presented the Revised FY13 Budget and Proposed FY14 Budget. The Finance Committee met with Comptroller Brinson to review and discuss the budgets, and only minor revisions were noted. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that both budgets be forwarded to participating counties and the Resource Management Commission for review and comment prior to action by the Authority at its November meeting. A motion to accept this recommendation was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

During the past several weeks, the Finance Committee has explored the possibility of utilizing the services of an Owner's Management Representative. A person in this position would have several duties including serving as liaison between the Authority and the contract operator, being the primary contact with regulatory agencies, reviewing purchase orders and billings, monitoring existing contracts, among others. A more detailed list is included in the Professional Services agreement provided to Authority members prior to the meeting. Mr. Bob Snipes, a member of the Authority and a professional engineer, was contacted regarding his interest in such position. After considering the matter, he provided a proposal to the Finance Committee members including Commissioner Pat Graham, Commissioner Dwain Smith, Mr. Amrey Harden, and Mr. Collins. There have been several revisions to the proposal and considerable compromise. The agreement allows for compensation in the amount of \$100 per hour for actual time worked, up to eight hours per week, additional hours must be authorized by the Chairman. In addition, Mr. Snipes would receive reimbursement for travel and an allowance for supplies. He would be allowed to utilize space at the treatment plant. The Finance Committee voted to revise the FY13 Budget to allow

funding for this position and also to include the position the FY14 Budget. If approved by the Authority, the agreement will begin on October 1, 2013 and conclude December 31, 2014. Chairman Davis and Director Dove also briefed members on efforts related to this endeavor. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the contract between the Authority and Mr. Snipes was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Chris Thomas. The motion passed with a majority of the vote. Mr. Erik Clerk abstained.

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 pumped 7.6 MGD of potable water into the distribution system. There have been no permit requests during the past month, and staff continues to address issues brought forward by the Safe Dams Division during the dam inspection. Also, the violation issue with EPD has been solved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on November 20th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Mr. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

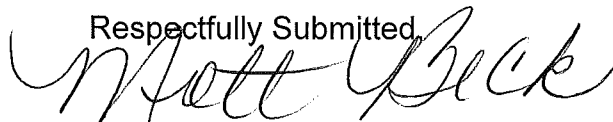
A motion to resume Open Session was made by Mr. Sims and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary