

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
AND
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM
JULY 22, 2015
9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

UOBWA Members Present:

Melvin Davis, Chairman
Elton Collins
Tom Crow
Gary Duck
Nancy Denson
Tom Garrett
Pat Graham
Amrey Harden

Alternates Present:

Blaine Williams
Harry Sims
Mark Saxon
Joey Leslie*

*Representing Eric Klerk

RMC Members Present:

Roy Plott
Melvin Davis
Elton Collins
Tom Crow
Nancy Denson
Pat Graham
Harry Sims

Others Present:

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Secretary
Evans Brinson, NEGRC Comptroller
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Bob Snipes, Owner's Representative
Brad Lanning, Jacobs
Chris Adams, Jacobs
Kyle McKay, Army Corps of Engineers
Chris Edwards, McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC
Leanne Akins, The Paper

**CALL TO ORDER OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (RMC) AND READING
AND APPROVAL OF July 2014 MINUTES**

RMC Chairman Elton Collins called the meeting of the Resource Management Commission (RMC) to order at 9:30 a.m. RMC Secretary Mott Beck read the minutes from the July 2014 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Nancy Denson and seconded by Commissioner Pat Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF RMC MEMBERS

At this time, Chairman Collins introduced members of the RMC and gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of that organization.

ELECTION OF RMC OFFICERS

NEGRC Executive Director Jim Dove presided during the election of RMC officers. He opened the floor for nominations, and the following persons were nominated: Chairman, Elton Collins; Vice Chairman, Harry Sims; and Secretary, Mott Beck. A motion to elect the current slate of officers was made by Chairman Davis and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF RMC MEETING

There being no further business, the RMC meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER OF UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY (UOBWA) AND ACTION ON PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Davis called the meeting of the UOBWA to order at 9:45 a.m. He asked for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Owner's Representative Bob Snipes requested that one phrase be added to a section of the minutes for clarity. Ms. Beck advised that this revision would be made. A motion to approve the minutes with that addition was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Commissioner Tom Crow. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time, Chris Edwards gave the financial report. He reported on the financial statements for the six months ending on June 30, 2015. The auditing firm has not reviewed nor audited the statements and, accordingly, did not express an opinion about whether they are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted. The objective of this compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. Mr. Edwards indicated that the UOBWA is in good shape financially, and there are no problems with financial accounting.

ELECTION OF UOBWA OFFICERS

Mr. Dove now presided during the election of UOBWA Officers and advised that the current officers are Melvin Davis, Chairman; Nancy Denson, Vice Chairman; and Mott Beck, Secretary. Mr. Dove then asked if there were additional nominees from the floor. There being none, a motion to elect the current slate of officers was made by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Commissioner Crow. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AT-LARGE MEMBER

Mr. Dove advised that Mr. Amrey Harden's two-year term as At-Large Representative to the Authority expires at the end of today's meeting. He opened the floor for nominations, and no others were noted. A motion to re-elect Mr. Harden for a two-year term was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mayor Denson. The motion passed unanimously.

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Snipes advised that he has provided Jacobs notice of the Authority's intent to renew their annual contract. The contract period is from September 26, 2015 through September 25, 2016.

At the meeting on March 25th, the Authority approved Task #1 of the Scope of Services for an analysis of required actions to modify the High Service Pump #8 from a constant speed pump to a variable speed pump and to develop estimated construction and project costs for such a modification. A Technical Memorandum that addresses the results of the evaluation that identify the required modifications to convert Pump #8 was drafted by John Scioscia of Jacobs. It was reviewed by the Joint Engineering/Operations Committees on July 9th, and at the conclusion of that meeting, a number of revisions were identified. Jacobs staff agreed to make the requested modifications, and recommended that the Authority accept the document forwarded to the Authority on July 15th, contingent upon those revisions being included, and to agree to take no further action on subsequent tasks within the related Scope of Services until such time as Jackson County representatives request the Authority to move forward with modification to High Service Pump #8. Mr. Snipes has reviewed the revised Technical Memorandum and concurs with the above noted recommendations from the Joint Committees. A motion to accept the recommendation of the Joint Operations/Engineering Committees and Mr. Snipes and approve the Jacobs' Technical Memorandum dated July 15, 2015 was made by Commissioner Crow and seconded by Mr. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Owner's Representative Bob Snipes gave a status report of efforts related to the Drought Management /Contingency Plan. In November, the Authority approved a Scope of Services with Jacobs Engineering relative to the review and revisions to said document. Specifically, this effort was to focus on the possible development of a methodology, and possible associated computer model, which would allow the Authority to be more proactive in anticipating emerging drought conditions and, if necessary, to effectively and timely implement appropriate drought water use reduction measures. The analyses, methodology, and computer model developed by Jacobs was reviewed with staff of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) on June 24th, and during a separate meeting with the EPD Director on July 8th. All parties seemed favorably impressed by the work to date and expressed a willingness to consider this methodology and model for use by the Authority once officially submitted. EPD is currently reviewing the preliminary information provided during these meetings and has indicated they will provide comments. The Joint Engineering/Operations Committees have reviewed the work, and both Committees and Mr. Snipes are supportive of the work product that has been completed thus far. While the methodology and model are near completion, the associated policy elements still need further work. The current schedule calls for a final recommendation to be available for consideration by the Authority at the September 23rd meeting.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Brad Lanning expressed appreciation to Mr. Snipes and Authority for having the confidence and trust in him and the staff at Bear Creek and renewing their contract for another year. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. Snipes for his assistance and guidance. Operations at the Bear Creek facility are normal and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. The reservoir remains at full pool, and the treatment plant pumped an average of 10.3 MGD last month, compared to 9.5 MGD at the same time last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

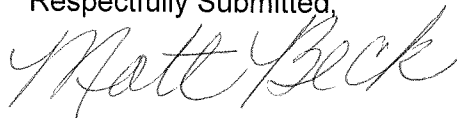
Chairman Davis advised that Wayne Haynie, formerly with Jordan, Jones & Goulding, was the final candidate for the Oconee County Public Utilities Director position.

The next meeting will be held on September 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Beck".

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary