

## Minutes

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### Attendees

**Members:**

John Daniell  
Jim Dove  
Tim Durham  
Kelly Girtz  
Pat Graham  
Joey Leslie  
Kevin Little  
Mark Saxon  
Harry Sims

**Alternates:**

Nathan Hester  
Chris Yancey

**Others:**

Julie Ball, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Tom & Suzi Elliott, Jacobs Engineering  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Kyle Holder, Jacobs Engineering  
Eric Klerk, Jackson County  
Darrell Knight, Jacobs Engineering  
Brad Lanning, Jacobs Engineering  
Adam Layfield, Oconee County  
Sophia Primer, NEGRC Accounting Manager  
Al Sosebee, Jacobs Engineering  
Burke Walker, NEGRC Executive Director

### Call to Order and Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pat Graham called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting.

**Action:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kelly Girtz and seconded by John Daniell. The motion passed unanimously.

### Financial Report

Sophia Primer, NEGRC Accounting Manager, presented the financial report for the period ending April 30, 2021.

**Action:** A motion to approve the Financial Report as presented was made by Harry Sims and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Engineering & Operations Committees' Report**

The UOBWA Operations and Engineering Committees met prior to the meeting on May 26, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. Joey Leslie, Chairman of the Engineering Committee, discussed increased water-treatment capacity through high-rate filters. An update to Jacobs' preliminary engineering report (PER) is required to consider this option.

**Action:** A motion to approve an update to the PER was made by Joey Leslie and seconded by Kevin Little. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Operations and Management Report**

Brad Lanning, of Jacobs Engineering, gave the Operations' report.

## **Executive Session**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

## **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Other Business**

- On behalf of the UOBWA, Chairman Graham presented the 2021 Georgia Association of Water Professionals Operator of the Year Award to Suzi Elliott for her exemplary service to the Authority and residents in the four-county service area.
- Chip Ferguson presented information on the U.S.G.S. Joint Funding Agreement and its review.

**Action:** A motion to approve the agreement was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Graham asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Action:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harry Sims and seconded by John Daniell. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



Julie Ball  
NEGRC Executive Assistant

August 11, 2021

Date of Approval