

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission  
Atrium  
July 27, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

## Minutes

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### Attendees

**Members:**

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

**Alternates:**

Tim Durham  
Nathan Hester  
Hollis Terry  
Chris Yancey

**Others:**

Julie Ball, NEGRC  
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Adam Layfield, Oconee County  
Hugh Ogle, Athens-Clarke County  
Sophia Primer, NEGRC  
Al Sosebee, Jacobs  
Burke Walker, NEGRC

### **Call to Order and Approval of January & May 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Pat Graham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Financial Report**

Sophia Primer, NEGRC CFO, presented the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2022

**Action:** A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by John Daniell and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treatment Plant Expansion Committee Report**

Jim Dove gave the TPE Committee report (see attached notes). He discussed how to proceed with scoring the firms and conducting the interviews.

**Action:** No action was necessary.

## **Engineering Committee Report**

Joey Leslie discussed compiling a scope of work to present to the final two engineering firms.

**Action:** No action was necessary.

## **Operations & Management Report**

AL Sosebee discussed plant operations. He gave the Authority an update on work/repairs that would be needed at Bear Creek Reservoir. (see attached)

**Action:** No action was necessary.

## **Executive Session**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

## **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Other Business**

- Chairman Pat Graham discussed the Oconee Capacity Lease Agreement.  
**Action:** Jim Dove motioned for the Authority to approve the Agreement and was seconded by Kevin Little. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chip Ferguson discussed the USGS Streamflow Gaging Agreement.  
**Action:** Kelly Girtz motioned for the Authority to approve the Agreement and was seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.
- Al Sosebee discussed the installation of Georgia DNR Fish Attracters in Bear Creek Reservoir.  
**Action:** John Daniell motioned for the Authority to approve the installation and was seconded by Kelly Girtz. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Pat Graham motioned to adjourn.

**Action:** Kevin Little seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

  
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Julie Ball  
NEGRC Executive Assistant

September 28, 2022  
Date of Approval

**Notes For Treatment Expansion Committee Meeting**  
**Chairperson Jim Dove**  
**July 27, 2022**

- Chairman Dove stated that the Treatment Plant Expansion (TPE) Committee met on May 17, 2022, to hear a report from the Engineering Committee regarding proposals submitted by consulting firms. The scoring process was reviewed. There was a discussion regarding how the TPE and Engineering Committees would proceed with interviews and selection of a firm.
- The TPE Committee met briefly following the May 25, 2022, UOBWA meeting to reiterate the selection process for clarification purposes. No formal action was required.
- The TPE Committee's next meeting will be held on August 3, 2022. Amanda Carroll of GEFA will attend to discuss the loan application process and applicable requirements. The TPE Committee will also receive a report from the Engineering Committee regarding a potential consulting firm for the project and determine if they are ready to make a recommendation to the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority.

**Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority**  
**Bear Creek Dam, Reservoir and Water Treatment Facilities**  
**Operation and Maintenance Report**  
**July 27, 2022**

Plant continues to operate within regulatory requirements with no issues since last meeting.

Reservoir level – Full Pool at 695.00

Average daily treated water flow, 13.83 MGD of potable water pumped to the distribution system in June 2022 compared to 10.43 average flows pumped to system in June 2021. Plant experienced a record high day of 19.01 million gallons produced on 24<sup>th</sup>.

We are utilizing the latest demand projections provided by the Member Governments in the drought model for the Weekly Reservoir Report. A summary of projections versus actual for each MG is provided as Attachment A for review.

#### Procurement

- Soliciting quotes to repair or replace filter #4 drain valve
- Getting quotes to repair drive communication on river pump #2 and secondary lagoon PLC programming.

#### Major Maintenance

- Repaired failed backflow devices in facility.
- Replaced and re plumbed Alum feed pump
- Replaced and calibrated backwash flow controller for #1 filter

#### Additional Services

- Completed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter dam inspection
- Collecting data points for new Hach WIMS laboratory data acquisition
- Filter assessment and evaluation completed on Filter #1
- Operating Permit renewal has been issued by Ga. EPD