

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission  
Atrium  
September 28, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

## Minutes

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### Attendees

**Members:**

Tom Crow  
John Daniell  
Jim Dove  
Kelly Girtz  
Pat Graham  
Joey Leslie  
Mark Saxon  
Harry Sims

**Alternates:**

Nathan Hester  
Chuck Horton  
Chris Yancey

**Others:**

Julie Ball, NEGRC  
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Brad Lanning, Jacobs  
Sophia Primer, NEGRC  
Al Sosebee, Jacobs  
Andre Tritt, Stifel  
Jim Woodward

### Call to Order and Approval of the July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

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

### Financial Report and FY23 Proposed Budget

Sophia Primer, NEGRC CFO, presented the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2022.

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

John Daniell presented the FY23 proposed budget.

**Action:** A motion to approve the proposed FY23 budget to present to the counties was made by John Daniell and seconded by Jim Dove. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Treatment Plant Expansion Committee Report**

Jim Dove gave the TPE Committee report (see attached notes).

**Action:** A motion to recommend the Authority award the engineering design services for the treatment plant expansion project to Jacobs was made by Jim Dove and seconded by John Daniell. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Dove suggested seeking assistance from Mr. Jud Turner, former Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

**Action:** A motion was to engage Mr. Turner for assistance was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Engineering Committee Report**

Joey Leslie discussed the application submitted to secure funding through ARPA for Population Expansion Projects. Mr. Leslie distributed a timeline included with the application. Mr. Leslie and Mr. Ferguson will draft a contract for Jacobs to review.

**Action:** No action was necessary.

## **Operations & Management Report**

Brad Lanning discussed plant operations. He gave the Authority an update on supplies/repairs that would be needed at Bear Creek Reservoir.

**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 suggested holding the November meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Other members were in agreement.
- Andrew Tritt (Stifel) discussed financing options and distributed information.

**Action:** No action was necessary.

## **Adjournment**

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

**Action:** A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Crow and seconded by Joey Leslie. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

  
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Julie Ball  
NEGRC Executive Assistant

November 30, 2022  
Date of Approval

**Notes For UOBWA Meeting  
TPE Committee Chairperson Jim Dove  
September 28, 2022**

- In the latter portion of 2021, Chairman Graham appointed a Treatment Plant Expansion (TPE) Committee to coordinate efforts regarding improvements to the current 21MGD plant. The initial meeting was held on January 21, 2022. At the conclusion of that gathering, a motion was approved that the UOBWA should pursue expansion of the existing Bear Creek Treatment Plant up to 41MGD, and to assign the Engineering Committee to develop and release a RFQ for design efforts.
- Since that meeting, the Engineering Committee and TPE Committee have met often and have worked together to solicit requests, meet with various firms, review proposals and tabulate results. Last week the TPE Committee met, and reviewed information and costs associated with two finalist firms. Tabulation sheets prepared by the Engineering Committee and utilized by the TPE Committee have been provided. After discussion, the TPE Committee unanimously approved the following: “Recommendation that the Authority award the engineering design services for the treatment plant expansion project to Jacobs Engineering Group and negotiate a contract with Jacobs for execution by the Chairman.”
- Would like to engage Jud Turner (former EDP Director) to handle communications with the EPD and Governor’s office regarding treatment plant funding.

**Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority**  
**Bear Creek Dam, Reservoir and Water Treatment Facilities**  
**Operation and Maintenance Report**  
**September 28, 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 of 11.18 MGD of potable water pumped to the distribution system in August.

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**

- Preparing FY 2023 chemical bid package
- Purchase Orders assigned for filters 1,3 and 5 inspections/media replacement and Chemical Building PLC upgrade

**Major Maintenance**

- LED lighting upgrades underway in administration, chemical and maintenance areas, this will complete the LED changeover facility wide.
- Fall equipment lubrication underway
- Repair of pump seal on High Service #6

**Additional Activity**

- Engineers Safe Dams Inspection scheduled for October