

## Minutes

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### Attendees

**Members:**

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

**Alternates:**

Nathan Hester  
Chuck Horton  
Adam Layfield  
Hollis Terry  
Chris Yancey

**Others:**

Brandon Ashley, Jackson EMC  
Julie Ball, NEGRC  
Marty Clarke, Jackson County  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Brad Lanning, Jacobs  
Mamie Mills, NEGRC  
Hugh Ogle, Athens-Clarke County  
Sophia Primer, NEGRC  
Al Sosebee, Jacobs  
Burke Walker, NEGRC

### **Call to Order and Approval of the January 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

### **Financial Report and FY23 Proposed Budget**

Sophia Primer, Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial report for the period ending February 28, 2022.

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

## Financial Report

Clay Pilgrim of Rushton presented the Auditor's report.

**Action:** A motion to approve the Auditor's report was made by John Daniel and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

## Engineering Committee Report

Joey Leslie gave the Engineering Committee report and discussed an application for a Specified Act permit.

**Action:** A motion to approve the permit was made by Joey Leslie and was seconded by John Daniel. The motion passed unanimously.

## Operations & Management Report

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

**Action:** No action was necessary.

## Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

## Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## Other Business

- Jackson EMC - Brandon Ashley presented the UOBWA with a refund check from Jackson EMC.  
**Action:** No action was necessary.
- Reappoint At Large Member - Chip Ferguson stated that it was necessary to reappoint the At-Large member. Jim Dove will begin a new 2-year term starting July 1, 2023.  
**Action:** A motion to reappoint Jim Dove as At-Large member was made by Harry Sims and seconded by Kelly Girtz. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chip Ferguson stated that Proportional members need to be appointed for a new term beginning July 1, 2023.  
**Action:** No action was necessary.
- Chairman Pat Graham informed the Authority that an addendum to the IGA was needed between the three member counties that share ownership of the Bear Creek Water Treatment Facility.  
**Action:** A motion to approve Chip Ferguson to draft an addendum was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

## Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Pat Graham adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

  
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Julie Ball  
NEGRC Executive Assistant

May 24, 2023  
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Date of Approval

**Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority**  
**Bear Creek Dam, Reservoir and Water Treatment Facilities**  
**Operation and Maintenance Report**  
**March 22, 2023**

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 7.43 MGD of potable water pumped to the distribution system in February.

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

- Awarded landscaping service contract beginning February.
- Approved to begin PLC upgrades in Chemical/Admin. building.
- Working with ACC and Siemens to upgrade Reservoir pump drives.

#### Major Maintenance

- Replaced stream and current monitor for plant optimization.
- Replaced radio communication system for dam outflow, (Transmitters and Antennae)
- Drive cell rebuilt for ACC reservoir pump #5.
- Installed new caustic soda feed pump.

#### Additional Activity

- Georgia EPD sanitary survey conducted March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Preparing to begin high rate filtration study for ultimate plant expansion capacity.
- Liquid Lime and CO<sub>2</sub> full scale trial conducted January 20<sup>th</sup>-February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Chlorine system maintenance and backflow inspections scheduled.
- SPX flow representative completed complimentary analysis on all Philadelphia flocculators and mixers.