Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority



Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Atrium July 26, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attendees

Members:	Alternates:
John Daniell	Nathan Hester
Jim Dove	Chris Yancey
Kelly Girtz	Chuck Horton
Mark Saxon	Adam Layfield
Vickie Short	

Others:

Harry Sims

Julie Ball, NEGRC Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson Tom Kelley, Jacobs Brad Lanning, Jacobs Al Sosebee, Jacobs Sophia Primer, NEGRC Burke Walker, NEGRC

Call to Order and Approval of the May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair John Daniell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **Action**: A motion to approve the May 24, 2023 minutes was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Sophia Primer, NEGRC Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2023.

Action: A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Harry Sims and seconded by Mark Saxon. 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

• USGS Joint Funding Agreement (JFA)

Chip Ferguson discussed the annual contract required by the EPD to monitor stream gauges.

Action: A motion to approve the contract and authorize Vice Chair John Daniell to sign was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

• Discussion of PFAS Litigation

Chip Ferguson recommended entering into a 75/25 contingency fee agreement with the legal team for representation in case of litigation.

Action: A motion to enter into a representation agreement with the legal team and authorize Vice Chair John Daniell to sign was made by Harry Sims and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Vice Chair John Daniell adjourned the meeting. **Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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Julie Ball NEGRC Executive Assistant

May 24, 2023

Date of Approval