



Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
Atrium
March 27, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attendees

Members:

John Daniell
Jim Dove
Kelly Girtz
Pat Graham
Joey Leslie
Mark Saxon

Alternates:

Nathan Hester
Adam Layfield
Chris Yancey (Voting)

Others:

Amber Bailey, NEGRC
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs
Amy Dembinski, Jacobs
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Tom Kelley, Jacobs
Brad Lanning, Jacobs
Clay Pilgrim, Rushton & Company
Sophia Primer, NEGRC
Al Sosebee, Jacobs
Burke Walker, NEGRC

Call to Order and Approval of the November 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Action: A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Mark Saxon and seconded by Kelly Girtz. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Sophia Primer, NEGRC Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial report for the period ending February 29, 2024.

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

Audit Report

Clay Pilgrim of Rushton & Company presented the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2023.

Action: A motion to accept the FY23 Audit Report was made by John Daniell and seconded by Jim Dove. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion Update

Tom Kelly updated the Authority on the progress of the plant expansion project. He discussed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

Action: No action was necessary.

Operations & Management Report

Brad Lanning discussed plant operations. He gave the Authority an update on supplies, repairs, and upgrades that would be needed at Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant. The bids for the sludge lagoon cleanout contract were discussed.

Action: A motion to award the sludge lagoon cleanout contract to low bidder SE Diving Services was made by Joey Leslie and seconded by Kelly Girtz. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Committee Report

Joey Leslie discussed two task orders that needed to be reviewed by the full Authority.

- Task order No. 1 addressed design changes and the addition of a centralized mix system for Bear Creek Water Treatment Facility. The Engineering Committee recommended approval by the Authority.

Action: A motion to approve Task Order No. 1 was made by Joey Leslie and seconded by Kelly Girtz. The motion passed unanimously.

- Task order No. 2 involved conducting a corrosion study. The Engineering Committee recommended retaining Lindsay Engineering & Consulting to conduct the study.

Action: A motion to authorize Lindsay Engineering & Consulting to conduct Water Chemistry Equilibrium Modeling at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 was made by Joey Leslie and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Other Business

The water withdrawal permit renewal process with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) was discussed. The Engineering Committee will follow up with Brad Lanning of Jacobs to determine the next steps for the two permits requiring renewal.

Action: No action was necessary.

Adjournment

There was no further business.

Action: A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Pat Graham and seconded by Jim Dove. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Amber Bailey
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NEGRC Executive Assistant

7/24/24
Date of Approval