

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
Atrium
July 24, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attendees

Members:

Jim Dove
Kelly Girtz
Pat Graham
Joey Leslie
Mark Saxon
Harry Sims

Alternates:

Adam Layfield
Hollis Terry
Chris Yancey (Voting)
Chuck Horton (Voting)

Others:

Amber Bailey, NEGRC
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Wes Geddings, Barrow County
Suzannah Heimel
Pamela Hendrix
Tom Kelley, Jacobs
Sophia Primer, NEGRC
Al Sosebee, Jacobs
Andrew Tritt, Stifel
Burke Walker, NEGRC

Call to Order and Approval of the March 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pat Graham called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Financial Report

Sophia Primer, NEGRC Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial report for the period ending June 30, 2024.

Action: A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Harry Sims 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.

Action: No action was necessary.

Engineering Committee Report

Joey Leslie discussed the process of applying for Congressionally Directed Spending.

Action: No action was necessary.

Joey Leslie discussed a meeting with the Environmental Protection Division to explore options regarding fluoride being removed from the treatment process. The Engineering Committee will meet prior to the next Authority meeting and will present more information at that time.

Action: No action was necessary.

Operations & Management Report

Al Sosbee discussed plant operations. He gave the Authority an update on supplies, repairs, and upgrades that would be needed at Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant.

Action: No action was necessary.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Public Comment

Suzannah Heimel spoke and gave her opinion against fluoride being added to the water at Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant.

Other Business

Chairman Graham informed the Authority that it was time to renew the annual USGS Streamflow Gaging Stations Agreement.

Action: A motion to approve renewal of the agreement was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

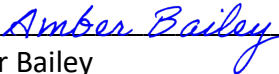
Andrew Tritt of Stifel presented options for financing the Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant expansion. The Finance Committee will meet to review the options and make a recommendation to the Authority at the next meeting.

Action: No action was necessary.

Adjournment

There was no further business.

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.



Amber Bailey
NEGRC Executive Assistant

9/25/24

Date of Approval