



Northeast Georgia Regional Commission  
Atrium  
May 21, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

## Minutes

---

### Attendees

#### **Members:**

John Daniell  
Jim Dove  
Kelly Girtz  
Pat Graham  
Joey Leslie  
Mark Saxon  
Harry Sims  
Srikanth Yamala

#### **Alternates:**

Joe Goodman  
Nathan Hester  
Chuck Horton  
Adam Layfield  
Hollis Terry  
Chris Yancey

#### **Others:**

Jill Achee, Jacobs  
Maggie Adams, JCWSA  
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs  
Melissa Braswell, Oconee County  
Charles Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Wes Geddings, Barrow County  
Tom Kelley, Jacobs  
Eva Kennedy, NEGRC  
Brad Lanning, Jacobs  
Sophia Primer, NEGRC  
Al Sosebee, Jacobs  
Judy Smith, JCWSA

### **Call to Order and Approval of March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Pat Graham called the meeting to order.

**Action:** A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mayor Girtz 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 April 30, 2025.

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

### **Executive Committee Report**

Chairman Graham stated that the Executive committee had met prior to the Authority meeting to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the provision of financial services between Oconee County and the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority.

**Action:** A motion to approve the IGA for financial services between Oconee County and the UOBWA was made by Mayor Girtz and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Water Treatment Plant Expansion Update**

Tom Kelley gave an update on the water treatment plant expansion and stated that the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System work would be put out for bid in the next 2-3 months.

**Action:** No action was necessary.

### **Treatment Plant Expansion Committee Report**

Jim Dove discussed various system updates that will be conducted. He also discussed PFAS testing and the Jacobs operations contract that will be reviewed at a later date.

**Action:** No action was necessary.

### **Owner's Representative Contract**

Chairman Graham discussed the search for a candidate to serve as the Owner's Representative for the UOBWA.

**Action:** A motion to hire Rebecca Lindsay of Lindsay Engineering, LLC as the Owner's Representative was made by John Daniell and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Operations & Management Report**

Brad Lanning discussed plant operations. He gave the Authority an update on procurement, major maintenance, and additional activity at the treatment plant.

**Action:** No action was necessary.

### **Executive Session**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

### **Public Comment**

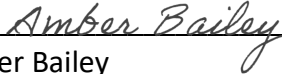
There were no public comments.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by John Daniell and seconded by Mark Saxon. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Amber Bailey  
NEGRC Executive Assistant

07/23/25  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval