

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS  
MARCH 27, 2013  
8:45 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman  
Jock Connell  
Eric Klerk

**Others Present:**

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Kirby Atkinson, Atkinson & Cullen  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson & Cullen  
Hill Baughman, Jacobs  
Ken Moore, Jacobs  
Jimmy Cofer, Jacobs

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Chris Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Jock Connell and seconded by Mr. Eric Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

**MONTHLY EPD REPORT**

Operations were normal during the past month and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations.

**DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

A discussion was held regarding the drought level. The reservoir level and soil moisture indicate a drought level of "0"; however, the river flow continues below the 7Q10. During heavy rain, the river spikes but quickly recedes. According to the Drought Contingency Plan, the drought level should be "1". After discussion, it was the consensus of members to recommend to the Authority that that the drought level be changed from a level "2" to a level "1". If rains continue and drought indicators remain strong, consideration will be given to a level "0".

## **STATUS OF VFD FOR RIVER PUMP STATION**

The two proposals received for the variable speed pump at the river pump station have all been under the budgeted amount (\$70,000 and \$50,000). When engineering services are included, the total expenditure will be approximately \$100,000. Staff will make a decision on the vendor soon. Action by the Authority is not required, since it was included in the approved FY13 Budget.

## **STATUS OF CHLORINE LINE REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING PROPOSAL**

Staff advised at last month's meeting that some engineering services would be required regarding replacement of chlorine lines at the reservoir. A proposal was prepared by Jacobs for evaluation and assessment of existing lines, as well as looking at other options available that would be more economical than what is being used at present. The proposed cost for this study will not exceed \$29,800. It was the consensus of members to recommend that this proposal be accepted.

## **OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT**

Staff advised that a Jacobs Engineer was on site Monday to assess the broken drain at the reservoir. The manufacturer has been contacted for insight in the break. After an assessment is conducted, and with guidance from Jacobs Engineering staff, a permanent repair will be completed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting will be announced at a later date.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary