

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011  
2:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman  
Gary Duck  
Eric Klerk  
Myron Garrett

**Others Present:**

Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Hill Baughman, JJG Services, Inc.  
Ken Moore, JJG Services, Inc.

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

Chairman Chris Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting (no meeting in January). Such a motion was made by Mr. Gary Duck and seconded by Mr. Myron Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

**MONTHLY EPD REPORT**

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

**SPECIAL PERMITS**

There were no special permit requests.

**CONTINUE DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO SOLARBEES**

At the Operations Committee meeting in December, members again discussed the feasibility of installing SolarBees in the reservoir to provide circulation of the water. These devices are very effective in preventing surface water stagnation and algae blooms. Staff presented additional information provided by the SolarBee Company, which gave suggested placement for the devices. Due to the high cost for installing these devices, it was the consensus of members to explore other options at this time.

## MAINTENANCE SUMMARY

Staff has completed calibration of the flow meters and maintenance to the clearwells. The dam is being checked for problems in anticipation of inspection by Safe Dams. Staff advised that the existing phone system is beginning to give problems, and other alternatives are being explored.

## OTHER BUSINESS

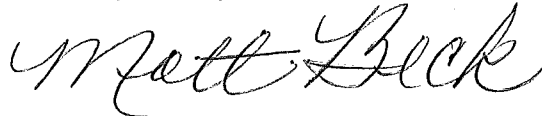
As a part of the permit, staff is required to sample for total iron and aluminum. EPD is now requiring sampling for total residual chlorine. Mr. Bill Martello is checking on this issue, and additional information will be provided at next month's meeting.

Staff advised that Jacob recently conducted a safety audit of the facility, and a very good report was received.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary