



Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
Bear Creek Water Treatment Facility
Bogart, GA.
November 20, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attendees

Members:

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

Alternates:

Jim Hix (Voting)
Nathan Hester
Chuck Horton
Chris Yancey (Voting)
Srikanth Yamala

Others:

Amber Bailey, NEGRC
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs
Marty Clark, Jackson County
Charles Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Wes Geddings, Barrow County
Brad Lanning, Jacobs
Mamie Mills, NEGRC
Benjamin Price, Gray, Pannell and Woodward
Sophia Primer, NEGRC
Al Sosebee, Jacobs
Andrew Tritt, Stifel
Burke Walker, NEGRC
Jim Woodward, Gray, Pannell and Woodward

Call to Order and Approval of September 25, 2024 and October 23, 2024 Minutes

Chairman Pat Graham called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Action: A motion to approve the September and October minutes was made by Jim Dove 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 October 31, 2024.

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

FY25 Budget

Finance Committee Chair John Daniell discussed the FY25 Budget for the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority.

Action: A motion to approve the FY25 Budget was made by John Daniell and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.

Audit & Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chair John Daniell invited Andrew Tritt of Stifel to discuss the final terms for the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2024.

Action: A motion to approve the Supplemental Bond Resolution approving the final terms of the bonds was made by Kelly Girtz and seconded by Jim Dove. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Chair John Daniell discussed the Investment of the Bond Funds with Stifel.

Action: A motion to approve the UOBWA Chairman and Finance Committee Chair to make decisions on the investment of bond funds was made by Mark Saxon and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Chair John Daniell discussed extending Audit Services with Rushton for one year.

Action: A motion to approve the extension of Audit Services with Rushton for an additional year was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion Update

Joey Leslie updated the Authority on the process of contracting both a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) provider and an Automated Systems Provider (ASP). The Engineering Committee will explore options and report back to the full Authority.

Action: No action was necessary.

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.

Brad Lanning discussed the 2025 Chemical Bids and the bid results.

Action: A motion to approve acceptance of the low bidders as the chemical providers was made by John Daniell and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Other Business

Election of 2025 UOBWA officers

Chairman Pat Graham stated that 2025 officers needed to be elected.

Action: A motion to accept the current slate of officers for 2025 was made by Mark Saxon and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pat Graham will designate new Committee assignments by January 1, 2025.

An Executive Committee meeting will be held in December.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Chairman Graham adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Amber Bailey
NEGRC Executive Assistant

Date of Approval