

**UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR
DECEMBER 15, 2010
2:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman
Gary Duck
Eric Klerk

Others Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Chris Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting (no meeting in November). Such a motion was made by Mr. Gary Duck and seconded by Mr. Eric Klerk. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY EPD REPORT

Operations were normal during the month of October and November and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations.

SPECIAL PERMITS

There were no special permit requests during the past two months.

DISCUSSION REGARDING VARIABLE SPEED PUMPS

At this time, members held a discussion regarding the possibility of installing variable speed pumps at the River Pump Station. Staff provided a total cost estimate of \$133,000 for this expenditure. Members feel that we should obtain additional information in order to determine if variable speed pumps are absolutely necessary at this time. Staff will continue to gather information regarding this issue, particularly historical data, and report as appropriate to the Committee.

DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO THE FEASIBILITY OF SOLAR BEES

The next item on the agenda was a discussion pertaining to Solarbee circulators. During the severe drought, the Committee heard a presentation on Solarbees, which will circulate the water in the reservoir when it drops to a certain level. This circulation would make the water much easier to treat. The Committee was requested to again address this issue to determine its feasibility. After discussion, members agreed that it would be a good idea to visit other reservoirs similar to Bear Creek and review their data. This item will continue to be addressed by the Committee.

MAINTENANCE SUMMARY

Staff has completed clean up of the lagoons, and all routine maintenance has been undertaken.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Thomas advised that the Oconee County contract with Walton County regarding sale of water will be renewed at the same rate and up to 500,000 gallons per day. The one significant change in the contract will be a reduction in the "take or pay" portion to 125,000 gallons per day. Chairman Thomas will advise the Authority of this matter at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha "Mott" Beck
UOBWA Secretary