

UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY  
JOINT MEETING  
OPERATIONS / ENGINEERING COMMITTEES  
E.H. CULPEPPER CONFERENCE ROOM  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS  
JUNE 26, 2013  
2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Operations Committee Members Present:

Chris Thomas, Committee Chairman  
Jock Connell  
Gary Duck

Engineering Committee Members Present:

Bob Snipes, Committee Chairman  
Tom Crow

Others Present:

Melvin Davis, UOBWA Chairman  
Jim Dove, NEGRC Executive Director  
Mott Beck, NEGRC Executive Assistant  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson  
Blaine Williams, ACC Assistant Manager  
Hill Baughman, Jacobs

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Engineering Committee Chairman Bob Snipes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He advised that the engineering segment of the meeting would be addressed prior to the Operations Committee's regular monthly meeting.

For some time, discussions have been held regarding chlorine system alternatives. The primary reasons for studying these alternatives are related to safety and risk management. Jacobs' staff was asked to provide an engineering analysis on various options and costs. Also, multiple breaks have occurred on the chlorine solution piping system at the water treatment plant, and Jacobs investigated ways in which this problem could be alleviated. Members of both Committees engaged in a discussion on these issues. Attached are reports from Jacobs relative to the aforementioned items.

After a lengthy discussion on both items, Jacobs was asked to provide additional information including costs, their implications relative to rates, and updated information on some charts. This information will be provided prior to the next joint meeting of the Operations/Engineering Committees scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at NEGRC headquarters.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

At this time, Committee Chairman Chris Thomas presided for the regular monthly meeting of the Operations Committee. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Such a motion was made by Mr. Jock Connell and seconded by Mr. Gary Duck. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MONTHLY EPD REPORT**

Operations of the facility were normal during the past month and in compliance with EPD rules and regulations. Staff continues to address issues brought forth by the Safe Dams inspection. Another solution is being explored in place of the rip rap that Safe Dams requested to be installed at the dam, and a cost for this alternative will be presented at the next meeting.

### **DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

At the meeting in April, a motion was passed to move from a Level II to a Level I, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. Since then, abundant rainfall has continued, and indicators are at level "0". After discussion, it was the consensus of members to recommend to the Authority that the drought level be changed from Level I to Level 0, effective August 5<sup>th</sup>. This recommendation is contingent upon continued rainfall. Staff will continue to monitor data.

### **OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

The reservoir remains at full pool, and the treatment plant averaged 7.4 MGD of potable water pumped into the distribution system. The pipe break at the filter building has been repaired. Installation of the VFD at the River Pump Station is complete, and it is operating very well. Cost of installation was much less than estimated, and it was not necessary to use contingency funds. There have been no safety issues.

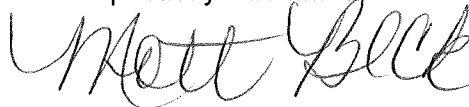
### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Davis requested that staff keep Kevin Farrell advised as the drought status is being changed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha "Mott" Beck  
UOBWA Secretary