



Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
Atrium
September 24, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attendees

Members:

John Daniell
Jim Dove
Marty Clark
Pat Graham
Joey Leslie
Harry Sims
Shrikanth Yamala

Alternates:

Nathan Hester
Chuck Horton (voting)
Adam Layfield
Chris Yancey (voting)

Others:

Maggie Adams, JCWSA
Amber Bailey, NEGRC
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs
Melissa Braswell, Oconee County
Charles Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson
Wes Geddings, Barrow County
Eva Kennedy, NEGRC
Darrel Kight, Jacobs
Rebecca Lindsay, Owner's Representative
Jon Poling
Terry Poling
Brian Skeens, Jacobs
Al Sosebee, Jacobs

Call to Order and Approval of July 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pat Graham called the meeting to order.

Action: A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Marty Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Melissa Braswell, Oconee County Finance Director, presented the financial report for the period ending July 31, 2025.

Action: A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Marty Clark and seconded by Chuck Horton. The motion passed unanimously.

Rushton Engagement for Audit Services

Melissa Braswell, Oconee County Finance Director, presented the engagement letter to approve Rushton for audit services for FY25.

Action: A motion to approve Rushton's proposal to perform the FY25 audit was made by John Daniell and seconded by Jim Dove. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion Update

Jason Bodwell gave an update on the water treatment plant expansion and stated that the target date for releasing the 100% design plan and technical specifications is October 15. The estimated cost for the expansion project is between \$103-132 million. A meeting was held between Jacobs, Southern Flow and Rebecca Lindsay to discuss the SCADA update process. The project will be released for bids in early 2026.

Action: No action was necessary.

Treatment Plant Expansion Committee Report

Jim Dove stated that the TPE Committee did not meet prior to the meeting.

Action: No action was necessary.

Owners' Representative Report

Rebecca Lindsay discussed her report and discussed several items requiring action by the Authority.

Rebecca Lindsay asked the Authority to allow the \$1 million in grant funds to be applied towards already incurred engineering.

Action: A motion to allocate the grant funds to engineering costs was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Lindsay asked the Authority to approve the third amendment to the utility service contract to extend Jacobs' contract for a 1-year term.

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

Rebecca Lindsay discussed document submission to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

Action: A motion to authorize Rebecca Lindsay to submit the EPD chemical form was made by Joey Leslie and was seconded by Marty Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Lindsay discussed the need for an updated website domain or IT consultant. She stated that Executive Director Eva Kennedy would discuss this further under "other business". Rebecca Lindsay also stated the need for a point-of-contact for administrative licenses owned by the UOBWA.

Action: No action needed.

Operations & Management Report

Al Sosebee 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.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Other Business

Executive Director Kennedy discussed the need for an updated website and gave the Authority several options.

Action: A motion to allow the NEGRC to migrate and manage the new website was made by Jim Dove and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.

UOBWA attorney, Charles Ferguson, discussed the Project Shoreline Area Use Permit submitted by Jon and Terry Poling.

Action: A motion to approve the permit was made by Marty Clark and was seconded by John Daniell. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Graham adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Amber Bailey _____ 11/19/2025
Amber Bailey Date of Approval
NEGRC Executive Assistant