



**Joint Engineering & Operations Committee**

Oconee County Administrative Building

September 9, 2026 9:30 a.m.

**Minutes**

**Members Present**

Pat Graham, Barrow County  
Nathan Hester (Chair), Jackson County  
Bill King, Barrow County  
Adam Layfield, Oconee County  
Joey Leslie (Chair), Jackson County  
Bill Nash, Barrow County  
Mark Saxon, Oconee County  
Harry Sims, Athens-Clarke County

**Others Present**

Matt Adamson, Athens-Clarke County  
Amber Bailey, NEGRC  
Mark Beatty, NEGRC  
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson, LLC  
Tanner Gormon, Jacobs  
Diana Jackson, Jacobs  
Tom Kelley, Jacobs  
Eva Kennedy, NEGRC  
Rebecca Lindsay, UOBWA Owner's Representative  
Annette Miller, NEGRC  
Al Sosebee, Jacobs  
Matthew Wyatt, JCWSA

**Call to Order**

Chairman Joey Leslie called the meeting to order.

**Review of July 22, 2026 Minutes**

Chairman Joey Leslie asked members if they had a chance to review the minutes and if there were any comments.

**Action:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bill Nash and seconded by Mark Saxon. The motion passed unanimously.



### **Discussion of Chemical Holding Tank Replacements**

Leslie shared that one vendor estimate for the tank replacements had come in at approximately \$250,000, not including installation. Diana Jackson recommended leveraging the state contract. Rebecca Lindsay noted the importance of timing new tank installation to avoid conflict with the upcoming construction. Members concurred they would like pricing for tanks and installation explored through the state contract.

**Action:** No official action was necessary.

### **Other Business**

Leslie requested discussion of the turbidity curtains and water quality probes be placed on the next committee meeting agenda.

Al Sosebee requested discussion of the reservoir dredging plan be placed on the next committee meeting agenda.

**Action:** No action was necessary on either item.

### **Adjourn**

Saxon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Harry Sims. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

  
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Eva Kennedy  
Executive Director

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