Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority

**Joint Engineering & Operations Committee**
Oconee County Administrative Building
September 9, 2026 9:30 a.m.

# Minutes

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## 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 Date of Approval
Executive Director

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