



Joint Engineering & Operations Committee
Oconee County Administrative Building
May 27, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Members Present

Nathan Hester (Chair), Jackson County
Pat Graham, 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
Jill Achee, Jacobs
Amber Bailey, NEGRC
Jason Bodwell, Jacobs
Chip Ferguson, Atkinson Ferguson, LLC
Kyle Holder, Jacobs
Diana Jackson, Jacobs
Trace Jeffers, Jacobs
Tom Kelley, Jacobs
Eva Kennedy, NEGRC
Rebecca Lindsay, UOBWA Owner's Representative
Brian Skeens, Jacobs
Al Sosebee, Jacobs
Matthew Wyatt, JCSWA

Call to Order

Chairman Nathan Hester called the meeting to order.

Review of May 13, 2026 Minutes

Chairman Nathan Hester 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 Adam Layfield and seconded by Harry Sims. The motion passed unanimously.



Drought Model

Diana Jackson gave an update on the drought model.

Action: No action was necessary.

Discussion of Available Interconnections

The Committee discussed their available connections and will explore this further at a future meeting. The NEGRC may assist with a GIS map of available connections with information provided by the member counties.

Action: No action was necessary.

PACL Pilot Study Extension

The Committee discussed the study and the potential benefits associated with it.

Action: A motion was made by Mark Saxon and seconded by Joey Leslie to recommend an extension of the study to the full Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Chlorine Increase

The Committee discussed Chlorine. Rebecca Lindsay indicated that she could use an empirical calculation to predict Chlorine demand/TTHM formation.

Action: No action was necessary.

Discussion of Sludge Lagoon Valves

The Committee discussed the current valves and options for replacing them. Jacobs suggested that pricing for this effort would be best as part of the WTP expansion project and they will include them in the plans.

Action: No action was necessary.

Other Business

The Committee discussed Iron and Manganese Oxidation and will have Al Sosebee present a quote for a Potassium Permanganate feed system at the next committee meeting.

Action: No action was necessary.

Al Sosebee stated that the Source-water protection plan needed to be updated. The committee discussed consultant options to complete that plan.

Action: No action was necessary.

Adjourn

Adam Layfield motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Harry Sims. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Amber Bailey
Executive Assistant

Date of Approval

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May 19th, 2026

Alum	Raw Water Data					Settled Water	Filtered Water		Finished Water	
	MGD	pH	Alk	NTU	TOC	NTU	NTU	TOC	pH	pH
7/24 – 11/25	11.41	7.48	21.85	2.37	2.07	0.145	0.0325	1.49	7.0	7.57

PACL	Raw Water Data					Settled Water	Filtered Water		Finished Water	
	MGD	pH	Alk	NTU	TOC	NTU	NTU	TOC	pH	pH
12/25 – 4/26	11.548	7.35	25.38	1.98	2.24	0.12	0.044	1.58	7.1	7.53

2025 Alum Chemical Usage:

Aluminum Sulfate	335.31 GPD
Caustic	244 GPD
Costs Per Million Gallons: \$88.42	

PACL Cold Weather Trial:

UltraFLOC 2597	213 GPD
Caustic	153 GPD
Costs Per Million Gallons: \$64.81	

FIVE (5) Month Chemical Savings: \$49,233.01

Solids Reduction ~ 20%

