

**Regular Meeting**  
**ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**Via Webex**  
**November 5, 2020**  
**2:00 p.m. CST**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Willard Bowers – Chair  
Commissioner Roy McAuley – Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Dick Anderson  
Commissioner Thomas Adams  
Commissioner Matt Diamond  
Commissioner Steve Forehand  
Commissioner Barbara Gibson  
Commissioner Sam Givhan  
Commissioner Bill Henderson  
Commissioner Dan Hilyer  
Commissioner Kathy Horne  
Commissioner Cline Jones  
Commissioner Patty Lambrecht  
State Senator Tim Melson  
Commissioner Eliska Morgan  
Commissioner Debbie Roberts  
Commissioner Philip Saunders  
J. Brian Atkins - Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Nick Tew  
J. P. Martin  
John Neiman  
Greg Guthrie  
Matthew Durdin  
John Allen Nichols  
Jack West  
Harvey Holt  
Cassie Golden  
Tom Littlepage  
Kevin Blackburn  
Dow Johnston  
Michael Harper  
Shae Holley

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner William Burbage  
Commissioner Dennis Bragg

**OPEN MEETING**

**INTRODUCTION AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Willard Bowers welcomed everyone and called the meeting of the Alabama Water Resources Commission to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Brian Atkins, OWR Division Director, called roll and a quorum was declared.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Bowers requested that the minutes from the November 13, 2019 Commission meeting be considered for approval. Commissioner Roy McAuley made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Steve Forehand seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no opposition.

### REPORT OF DIVISION DIRECTOR

Secretary Atkins gave an update on current hydrologic conditions. Based on the recent Drought Monitor map, Alabama was not classified as abnormally dry or experiencing any drought category. Streamflows, reservoir levels and ground-water levels were primarily in the normal or above normal category. In addition, a La Nina is predicted for this winter.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### WATER WARS UPDATE

John Neiman gave a brief update on the status of Water Wars.

#### OWR WATER-USE DATABASE SYSTEM

Tom Littlepage gave a presentation on the status of the new OWR water-use database system that ADECA-OWR has been partnering with ADECA-IT, Alabama Office of Information Technology (OIT) and representatives from Laserfiche to develop.

### NEW BUSINESS

A Nominating Committee was established that will meet and nominate officer candidates for Chair and Vice Chair and present those names at the next full meeting of the Alabama Water Resources Commission. The Nominating Committee will consist of the following:

- Commissioner Patty Lambrecht – Patty has also agreed to serve as Chair
- Commissioner Dick Anderson
- Commissioner Sam Givhan
- Commissioner Steve Forehand
- Commissioner Thomas Adams

Commissioner Eliska Morgan made the motion to establish the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Phillip Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no opposition.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no requests for comments from the public.

**SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

No future meetings were scheduled.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Chairman Bowers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Steve Forehand made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eliska Morgan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.