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.