

Regular Meeting
ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
Water Efficiency Committee
Alabama Center for Commerce Building
Room 712 (also via Zoom)
401 Adams Avenue
Montgomery, AL
September 27, 2021
1:30 p.m. CT

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Butch Burbage – Committee Chair
Commissioner Kathy Horne
Commissioner Bill Henderson
Commissioner J.P. Martin
Commissioner Roy McAuley – Water Resources Commission Chair
Brian Atkins – Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Forehand
Philip Saunders
Tom Littlepage
Shae Holley
Cassie Golden
Kevin Blackburn
Allen Bowen (USDA)
Eric Reidy (ADEM)

OPEN MEETING

INTRODUCTION AND CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Butch Burbage welcomed everyone and called the meeting of the Alabama Water Resources Commission (AWRC) Water Efficiency Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Brian Atkins, Office of Water Resources (OWR) Division Chief, called roll and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Committee Chair Burbage requested that the minutes from the August 19, 2021 Committee meeting be considered for approval. Commissioner Kathy Horne made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner J.P. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with no opposition.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Allen Bowen, Acting Alabama State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development Program in Alabama, provided an overview of USDA Rural Development funding program assistance available to public-water supply systems in Alabama. Next, Eric Reidy with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) spoke to the Committee about ADEM’s State

Revolving Fund (SRF) Program and also presented about funding opportunities that are available to public-water systems in the state. Both speakers mentioned that water efficiency is a major focus of both the USDA and ADEM programs.

The committee decided that the next meeting will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Kathy Horne made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner J.P. Martin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.