

Regular Meeting
ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
Alabama Center for Commerce and via WebEx
October 28, 2021
10:00 a.m. CDT

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Roy McAuley – Chair
Commissioner Eliska Morgan – Vice-Chair
Commissioner Thomas Adams
Commissioner Dick Anderson
Commissioner William Burbage
Commissioner Matt Diamond
Commissioner Steve Forehand
Commissioner Sam Givhan
Commissioner Bill Henderson
Commissioner Dan Hilyer
Commissioner Cline Jones
Commissioner Patty Lambrecht
Commissioner Ashley McVicar
Commissioner J.P. Martin
State Senator Tim Melson
Commissioner Debbie Roberts
Commissioner Philip Saunders
J. Brian Atkins – Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Russell Sellers
Kevin Blackburn
Jack West
Brandt Hill
John Allen Nichols
Tom Littlepage
Casie Pritchard
Michael Harper
Shae Holley
Cassie Golden
Dow Johnston
Greg Guthrie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Kathy Horne

OPEN MEETING

INTRODUCTION AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roy McAuley welcomed everyone and called the meeting of the Alabama Water Resources Commission to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair McAuley requested that the minutes from the July 21, 2021 Commission meeting be considered for approval. Commissioner Dan Hilyer made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Eliska Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF DIVISION DIRECTOR

Secretary Atkins gave an update on current hydrologic conditions. Since January 1, the state has experienced normal to above normal rainfall conditions. Streamflows, reservoir levels and ground water levels are in the normal to above normal range. Based on the Drought monitor map, Alabama is not classified as being in any drought category. Warmer weather is predicted for the winter.

REPORT FROM WATER EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Secretary Atkins gave a brief summary on the newly established Water Efficiency Committee. There have been two meetings so far, with the first looking at the broad topic of water efficiency, and the second focused on funding.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

WATER WARS UPDATE

Brandt Hill gave a brief update on the status of water wars.

NEW BUSINESS

STATUS OF ALABAMA FLOOD INSURANCE MAPPING PROGRAM

Casie Pritchard, OWR Risk MAP Program Manager, gave a presentation on ongoing flood mapping projects that are being developed in partnership with FEMA.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for the week of January 24, 2022.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chair McAuley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Morgan made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hilyer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.