

Regular Meeting
ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
Alabama Center for Commerce and via WebEx
April 26, 2022
10:00 a.m. CDT

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Roy McAuley – Chair
Commissioner Eliska Morgan – Vice-Chair
Commissioner William Burbage
Commissioner Matt Diamond
Commissioner Sam Givhan
Commissioner Bill Henderson
Commissioner Dan Hilyer
Commissioner Kathy Horne
Commissioner Cline Jones
Commissioner Patty Lambrecht
Commissioner Ashley McVicar
Commissioner J.P. Martin
Commissioner Brady Peek
Commissioner Debbie Roberts
J. Brian Atkins – Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Littlepage
Michael Harper
Rita Pope
Mary Elizabeth Dial
Mary Katherine Pittman
Thomas Casey
John Allen Nichols
Greg Guthrie
John Neiman
Dr. William Puckett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Thomas Adams
Commissioner Steve Forehand
State Senator Tim Melson
Commissioner Philip Saunders

OPEN MEETING

INTRODUCTION AND CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair McAuley requested that the minutes from the January 27, 2022 AWRC meeting be considered for approval. Vice Chair Eliska Morgan made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Dan Hilyer 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, much of the state has experienced normal to above normal rainfall conditions except for southeast Alabama and Baldwin and Mobile Counties; however, streamflows and reservoir levels are in the normal to above normal range across much of Alabama.

REPORT FROM WATER EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

AWRC Water Efficiency Committee Chair Butch Burbage asked Secretary Atkins to give a brief summary of the Water Efficiency Committee's report that it finalized at its March 30, 2022 Committee meeting. The Alabama Water Resources Commission voted to accept and endorse the Water Efficiency Committee's report. Commissioner Dan Hilyer made the motion and Commissioner Ashley McVicar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER WARS UPDATE

John Neiman gave a brief update on the status of water wars.

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Secretary Atkins gave a brief update regarding the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program in Alabama.

NEW BUSINESS

Alabama Irrigation Initiative

Dr. William Puckett, Executive Director of the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee, gave a presentation about the Alabama Irrigation Initiative that began in 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting has been scheduled for July 28, 2022.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chair McAuley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Morgan made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hilyer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.