

Regular Meeting
ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
Alabama Center for Commerce and via WebEx
October 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Roy McAuley – Chair
Commissioner Eliska Morgan – Vice-Chair
Commissioner Thomas Adams
Commissioner William Burbage
Commissioner Matt Diamond
Commissioner Steve Forehand
Commissioner Sam Givhan
Commissioner Bill Henderson
Commissioner Kathy Horne
Commissioner Cline Jones
Commissioner Patty Lambrecht
Commissioner Ashley McVicar
Commissioner J.P. Martin
Commissioner Brady Peek
Commissioner Philip Saunders
J. Brian Atkins – Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Littlepage
Michael Harper
Mary Blackmon
Wendy Moncrief
Jack West
Brandt Hill
Michael Johnson
Wes Thomasson
Mary Elizabeth Dial

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Dan Hilyer
State Senator Tim Melson
Commissioner Debbie Roberts

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 July 28, 2022 AWRC meeting be considered for approval. Commissioner Cline Jones made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Patty Lambrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF DIVISION DIRECTOR

Secretary Atkins gave an update on current hydrologic conditions. Over the past 60 days, Alabama has experienced rainfall deficits across the state ranging up to 6 inches. However, streamflows, reservoirs levels and ground-water levels are mostly in the normal range for this time of year. Both monthly and seasonal forecasts indicate below normal rainfall patterns are expected to occur.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER WARS UPDATE

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

Water Efficiency Committee Report Update

Secretary Atkins provided a status update on the Alabama Water Resources Commission's Water Efficiency Committee's three recommendations for the Office of Water Resources. Secretary Atkins provided updated responses to those recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

Birmingham Water Works - Water Infrastructure and Distribution Resilience Assessment

Michael Johnson, General Manager with the Birmingham Water Works (BWW), gave a presentation of the BWW's water infrastructure capacity and plans for incorporating resilience into its distribution system. Birmingham Water Works is the largest drinking-water provider in the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be scheduled for some time in late January 2023. OWR will conduct a doodle poll among the members to determine the best date.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chair McAuley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cline Jones made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner J. P. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.