

Regular Meeting
ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
Alabama Center for Commerce and via WebEx
January 18, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Roy McAuley – Chair
Commissioner Eliska Morgan – Vice-Chair
Commissioner Thomas Adams
Commissioner William Burbage
Commissioner Steve Forehand
Commissioner Sam Givhan
Commissioner Dan Hilyer
Commissioner Kathy Horne
Commissioner Cline Jones
Commissioner Patty Lambrecht
Commissioner Ashley McVicar
Commissioner J.P. Martin
Commissioner Debbie Roberts
Commissioner Philip Saunders
J. Brian Atkins – Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Littlepage
Michael Harper
Mary Blackmon
Wendy Moncrief
Casie Pritchard
Mary Elizabeth Dial
Willard Bowers
Thomas Casey
Casey Rigsby
John Allen Nichols
Greg Guthrie
Jack West
John Nieman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Matt Diamond
Commissioner Bill Henderson
State Senator Tim Melson
Commission Brady Peek

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 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair McAuley requested that the minutes from the October 27, 2022, AWRC meeting be considered for approval. Vice Chair Eliska Morgan made the motion to accept the minutes and Commissioner Philip Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF DIVISION Chief

Secretary Atkins gave an update on current hydrologic conditions. Seasonal forecasts indicate normal rainfall patterns to occur during the winter and spring periods.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER WARS UPDATE

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

Status of Alabama Water Use Database Development

Tom Littlepage, OWR Water Management Unit Chief, provided a status update regarding the development of OWR's new water-use database system for the Alabama Water-Use Reporting Program. The scheduled completion date for the new database system called "eWater" is December 2023.

Alabama Flood Mapping Program Update

Casie Pritchard, OWR Risk MAP Program Manager, provided a status update of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Risk MAP flood mapping program in Alabama.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of AWRC Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee was established for the purpose of nominating candidates for officer elections at the next AWRC meeting. The Nominating Committee members are:

Commissioner Dan Hilyer, Committee Chair
Commissioner Ashley McVicar

Commissioner J.P. Martin
Commissioner Philip Saunders

Commissioner Steve Forehand made the motion and Vice Chair Eliska Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chair McAuley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dan Hilyer made the motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Steve Forehand seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.