

**Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority  
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**November 19, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on November 19, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members initially present were: James Scott, Dan Buyers, Charlie Crowder, Max Bacon, Mike Boyce, and Grif Chalfant.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Cole Blackwell offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of October 15, 2018**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of October 15, 2018. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**4. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the October 31, 2018 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for October was \$4,966,290, which exceeded expectations by \$1,445,653. Net income for October was \$5,032,484, which exceeded expectations by \$1,594,100.

Mr. Balli entered the meeting at this time.

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**5. Engineering Services Contract – Blackjack Supply Line 36-Inch Pipeline Replacement Project**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to award the Engineering Services Contract for the Blackjack Mountain 36-Inch Pipeline Replacement project to Freese & Nichols, Inc. of Atlanta for the proposed fee of \$1,287,789. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**6. Personnel Committee report**

- a. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve to transition administration of the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Program from Principal Financial Services to John Hancock Retirement Services as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.
- b. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve an increase in all pay grades by the Consumer Price Index of 2.3% as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 6/1, with Mr. Bacon opposed.
- c. Mr. Balli reported that the Personnel Committee had approved staff's recommendation to bind employee Health and Dental Insurance as proposed through Humana; Life, AD&D, Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability as proposed through Mutual of Omaha; Health Reimbursement Account and Flexible Spending Accounts administered by Admin America; and Voluntary Vision Insurance as proposed through EyeMed.

**7. Planning Committee report and presentation of Proposed 2019 – 2023 Capital Improvement Plan**

Mr. Buyers reported that the Planning Committee had approved and recommended to the Finance Committee the proposed 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan and continuation of the previously approved three-year rate program of 2% annual increases for the second year.

**8. Finance Committee report and First Reading of Proposed 2019 Operations and Capital Improvement Plan Budgets**

Mr. Crowder reported that the Finance Committee approved and recommended to the Board the draft 2019 Operating and Capital Budget and the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan for first reading at the November 2018 meeting, with adoption at the December 2018 meeting.

Mr. Balli left the meeting at this time.

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**9. Consideration of Second Water Supply Contract with City of Austell**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the Second Water Supply Contract with the City of Austell, as approved by Austell City Council on November 5, 2018. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

## **10. Old business**

Mr. Page reported that there was no change in the status of contract discussions with Paulding County.

Mr. Page reported that the City of Woodstock has not received the last round of sampling data, but that CCMWA Laboratory staff is working with their City staff in checking water quality parameters at entry points to their system. The Woodstock staff is planning to present a contract amendment based on CCMWA's proposal to the City Council for approval before the end of the year.

Mr. Page reported that, in an attempt to clear up discrepancies in the renewal request for the Hickory Log Creek Withdrawal Permits, staff has sent a proposal to the City of Canton requesting consideration of an amendment to the Joint Project Agreement.

## **11. General Manager's report**

Mr. Page provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has asked for public comment on the Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) proposed changes to rules regarding water supply reservoirs and their water management plans. CCMWA has coordinated with other reservoir owners and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District to encourage the DNR Board to reject EPD's proposed changes, at least for existing reservoirs.

There was an incident on Sunday, November 18, at the Wyckoff Plant in which a stolen van being chased by Cobb police ran through the main gate. Other than the gate, there was no further damage to the plant. The suspects abandoned the van and escaped by jumping over the plant's perimeter fence.

A recent problem in elevated manganese levels in finished drinking water was a result of higher levels of manganese in the Chattahoochee River, and has been the subject of local news reports. CCMWA staff is reviewing what could have been done differently and evaluating any corrective actions that may be needed.

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## **12. New business**

There were no new business items to present.

**13. Executive Session**

Mr. Boyce made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.


Mr. Bacon left the meeting during Executive Session.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

**14. Legal**

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the Executive Position and Employment Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Glenn M. Page as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Pat Tibbitts  
Assistant Secretary

  
James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair