

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

**June 17, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on June 17, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were: James Scott, Dan Buyers, Max Bacon, James Balli, Mike Boyce, and Grif Chalfant. Charlie Crowder was excused from the meeting.

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Beth Hamby offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of May 20, 2019**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of May 20, 2019. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**4. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the May 31, 2019 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for May was \$4,838,284, which exceeded expectations by \$815,181. Net income for May was \$5,796,586, which exceeded expectations by \$1,780,420.

**5. Pension Committee report**

Mr. Stan Brinkley, Chair of the Pension Committee, gave the following report on highlights of the Pension Committee meeting of May 20, 2019:

- Blake Myton, Portfolio Investment Manager with SunTrust, presented the First Quarter 2019 Investment Review. For the quarter ending March 31, 2019, the Fund generated a gain of 9.43% with a Policy Benchmark of 9.28%. The value of the fund on March 31, 2019 was \$38,462,728.

- The Committee approved the request for retirement benefits for Meloney Shirley. Ms. Shirley has selected the Joint & Survivor 50% Annuity Option commencing June 1, 2019.

Mr. Brinkley further stated that there had been a Special Called Pension Committee Meeting earlier on this day. The committee approved the request for retirement benefits for Margaret Craig. Ms. Craig selected the Single Life Annuity Option commencing July 1, 2019.

#### **6. Engineering Demand Services Contracts**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the award of contracts for CCMWA's Engineering Demand Services Program to Engineering Strategies, Inc.; Hazen and Sawyer, PC; Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.; Brown and Caldwell; and Arcadis U.S., Inc. for two years at the hourly rates proposed, with two 1-year extensions available upon mutual agreement under terms of the contract. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

#### **7. Old Business**

Mr. Page gave the following updates to items previously discussed:

There have been no further discussions with Paulding County regarding the proposed Water Supply Contract. Staff hopes to meet prior to the July Board meeting. Paulding's goal is to be ready to treat water by the end of 2019. They plan to hire operations staff 90 days before starting water treatment.

The Hickory Log Creek Joint Project Agreement between CCMWA and the City of Canton has been tabled twice by the City of Canton and is being presented for consideration again today in a special called meeting. A potential amendment to the CCMWA-approved document related to right of first refusal and decisions based on entitlement shares may be considered.

Following discussion, Mr. Balli made a motion to allow insertion of language in the proposed Joint Project Agreement for the Hickory Log Creek Reservoir related to right of first refusal and decisions based on entitlement shares, subject to final review by the General Manager, Chair and Attorney, and subject to approval by the City of Canton. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

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

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

Water production on for June 1 was the highest day since July 2012, and fifth highest day since 2007, the last year before significant changes in water demands from conservation efforts. Average daily production in May 2019 was the highest May average since 2007.

Operations staff are addressing increased levels of Geosmin and MIB in Allatoona Lake with increased monitoring and chemical analysis. Higher dosages of Powdered Activated Carbon are being used at the Wyckoff intake, and a higher percentage of finished water is receiving Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment at the plant. Treated water levels of Geosmin and MIB are still below operational goals for taste and odor concerns. GAC costs are likely to be higher this year from increased utilization of the GAC facility.

On Tuesday, June 11, there was a major pipe break near Maner Road in Smyrna caused by external corrosion of the pipe. For the first time in over 30 years, a widespread Boiled Water Advisory was issued through several of the Authority's customers. The advisory was lifted after approximately 24 hours following completion of a sampling event with no positive coliform samples.

As of the Board meeting, approximately 70 feet of pipe have been replaced, with recommended coating and corrosion protection systems installed on the replaced section. A second section of pipe, approximately 40 to 60 feet long, is currently being replaced in like manner, according to the risk analysis performed by Pure Technologies in their recent report. Three more suspect sections of pipe will be replaced later, when more pipe is available and when demand conditions allow.

Following replacement of these sections, staff plans to return this pipe to service and begin evaluating alternatives to minimize risk moving forward, including a potential project to reroute the pipeline around the "hot spot" created by the corrosive environment in this area.

Mr. Boyce would like this project to be expedited due to its location near the Cumberland CID, which is the economic center of the county. Mr. Bacon stated he agreed that this project should be one of highest priority.

Mr. Bacon also asked staff to assist CCMWA customers though providing detailed messages that can be used to communicate the specifics about boiled water advisories to consumers.

## **9. New business**

Chairman Scott congratulated Glenn Page on receiving the George Warren Fuller Award in recognition of outstanding service to the Georgia Section of the American Water Works Association for distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller.

Chairman Scott commended Tom Ginn on his presentation at ACE in Denver that covered CCMWA's use of pressure transient measurements to recognize and locate sudden leaks in the transmission network, while at the same time providing critical information for responding to the Maner Road pipe failure.


**10. Executive Session**

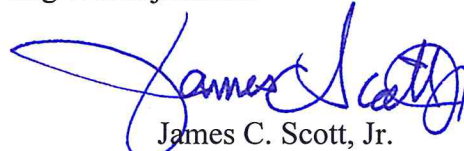
There was no need for executive session.

**11. Legal**

There were no legal items to present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Pat Tibbitts  
Assistant Secretary

  
James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair