

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

March 16, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on March 16, 2020, 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, and Grif Chalfant. Mike Boyce and Charlie Crowder were 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

Mr. Stan Brinkley offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 17, 2020

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2020. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

3. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the February 29, 2020 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for February was \$3,324,628, which exceeded expectations by \$564,770. Net income for February was \$4,761,688, which exceeded expectations by \$1,908,358.

4. On-Call Contract for SCADA/Controls Integration Services

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the award of a 2-year contract with MR Systems, Inc. of Norcross, Georgia for on-call SCADA/controls integration and maintenance services, with an option for two 1-year extensions. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 4/0/1, with Mr. Bacon opposed.

5. Sole-source Procurement – Wyckoff Filter No. 2 Underdrain Replacement

Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve sole-source procurement of a replacement underdrain system for Wyckoff Filter No. 2 from AWI, Inc., Cornerstone H2O, LLC, and P.F. Moon & Company, Inc. for the total quoted amount of \$159,340. Mr. Balli seconded the motion to include annual updates of the underdrain system; motion passed 5/0.

6. Service Agreement – Evaluation of Electrical Power Rates

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the ratification of the Service Agreement dated March 4, 2020 with Utility TRX of Johns Creek, Georgia to review past billings by Georgia Power Company and recommend the most cost-effective rate structure for future use. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0. Mr. Bacon approved the ratification but objected because he felt staff should be able to make a recommendation on rates without the assistance of a consultant. Chairman Scott requested that the Authority attorney draft a letter to Georgia Power regarding the Board's dissatisfaction with their contract procedures.

7. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

8. General Manager's report

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):

The Authority has instituted an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) tailored to pandemics and the Coronavirus in particular. The EAP has two stages: "Precautionary Stage" and "Reactionary Stage". CCMWA is using the "Precautionary Stage" at this time, which includes employee education, staff monitoring, and CDC preventative guidance actions.

All personnel at CCMWA who are State Certified Drinking Water Treatment Plant Operators, but who do not regularly work on a plant operations shift have been identified. Those personnel will be called upon if a staffing shortage were to develop at the plants. Minimum staffing requirements of the drinking water treatment plants have been developed and will be used if needed. CCMWA has banned in-person meetings with non-CCMWA staff, unless absolutely required for Operations Continuity.

Chairman Scott commented that after the two years of discussions and negotiations with Toshiba, he was glad to see that they had agreed to rewind the motor supplied for Quarles Raw Water Pump No. 1 at no cost.

9. New business

Mr. Buyers congratulated staff on the Wyckoff Treatment Plant being presented the Georgia Association of Water Professionals "Best Operated" Plant of the Year for the third consecutive year.

Mr. Buyers congratulated Mr. Scott and Mr. Balli on being reappointed for another term as Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority board members.

10. Legal

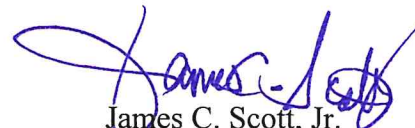
Quitclaim Deed to Randall K. Weinstein and Aurelie G. Weinstein related to 4408 Columns Drive which releases a portion of an abandoned 36-inch pipeline

Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the execution of a Quitclaim Deed to Randall K. Weinstein and Aurelie G. Weinstein related to 4408 Columns Drive which releases a portion of an abandoned 36-inch pipeline (copy in file). Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Doug Haynie, Authority Attorney, updated the Board that the land purchase of 10.33 acres for Sharp Mountain Creek Reservoir closed last week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Pat Tibbitts
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair