

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

May 16, 2022– 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on May 16, 2022, 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, Charlie Crowder, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch.

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Sam Woodie offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 18, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2022. Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of April 18, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of April 18, 2022. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the April 30, 2022 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for April was \$2,413,247, which exceeded expectations by \$150,017. Net income for April was \$1,628,802 which fell short of the budget expectation by \$720,927.

5. Finance Committee Report

a) Procurement Policy updates

Ms. Clements reported that the Finance Committee recommended a motion to approve the proposed Procurement Policy Updates as presented by staff (copy in file). The motion passed 7/0.

b) Investment Policy updates

Ms. Clements reported that the Finance Committee recommended a motion to approve the proposed Investment Policy Updates as presented by staff (copy in file). The motion passed 7/0.

c) Banking Services Agreement

Ms. Clements reported that the Finance Committee recommended a motion to approve entering into a five-year agreement with Truist for banking services, which may be cancelled at any time by the Authority (copy in file). The motion passed 7/0.

6. Sales Tax Recovery Proposal

Ms. Clements referred to the memo in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve a contract, subject to CCMWA attorney review and approval, with Tax Specialists of Georgia-Southeast, LLC for sales tax recovery services on any qualifying drinking water projects in the 2022-2026 CIP with a seventeen percent (17%) commission. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

7. Bid Award – Quarles Pre-purchase of Butterfly Valves

Mr. Cole Blackwell, General Manager, referred to the memo in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the award of the James E. Quarles Valve and Actuators Replacement project, Valve Prepurchase Contract to Eco-Tech, Inc. of Canton, Georgia representing DeZurik brand valves for the base bid price of \$855,337. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

8. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

9. General Manager's report

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

1) Blackjack Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Project

Contractor, Garney continued water main installation towards Roswell Road, near East Lake Parkway. Approximately 29,400 feet (89% of project length) of 36-inch water main has been installed. Final paving of Barnes Mill Road is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of June 6. Staff is evaluating documentation from contractor, Garney of changed conditions for consideration of previously submitted claims amounting to \$774,488 relative to the Sope Creek Crossing inside Indian Hills Country Club.

2) Wyckoff 6 MG Clearwell Addition

The project remains 185-days behind schedule. Contractor, IHC's concrete subcontractor, Tafallos completed the concrete sloped floor toppings within the clearwell. IHC's subcontractor, CoreSlab Structures, Inc., installed approximately one-half of the hollow core concrete roof panels as of April 30, 2022. General contractor, IHC has laid 86-inch piping and has made the penetration of Clearwell No.1. In the contract, IHC is responsible for attendant overtime construction engineering costs as well as attendant construction engineering cost beyond the contractual project completion date.

3) Callaway Road Pipeline Relocation

The Authority's existing 24-inch prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) water main conflicts with a proposed pedestrian bridge as part of CCDOT's Callaway Rd Sidewalks project. The project will replace and relocate approximately four hundred feet of PCCP pipe with 36-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP). Material deliveries for this project are expected to be 22 weeks from the order date. Due to schedule constraints, staff recommends utilization of the Emergency and On-Call Contract to complete this work; both Contractors have provided not-to-exceed cost proposals as follows: Ruby Collins Construction Company - \$903,600.00 and Unity Construction Company - \$1,445,512.61. The Engineers estimate for the project is \$1,000,000.00. Staff plans to move forward with the work using Ruby Collins Construction.

4) Cost of Construction Update

Engineer, Hazen advised staff of the following construction bid issues:

- o Construction bid prices are coming in "way over" 2021 estimates.
- o The city of Birmingham, Alabama recently bid a SCADA replacement project budgeted for \$36mm - \$38mm. Only one bid was received, and it was for \$66mm.
- o Expect the Quarles Plant No.2 SCADA project to come in over budget, potentially by a factor of two.
- o Consider adding a construction contract "Administrative Period" of up to one year to allow for supply chain delays.

5) The June Board meeting will be held on June 27, 2022, due to the American Water Works Annual Conference.

10. New business

There were no new business items to present.

11. Executive Session

Mr. Balli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

12. Legal

Agreement for Legal Services between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Jones Fortuna, L. P.

Mr. Balli made a motion to an Agreement for Legal Services between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Jones Fortuna, L.P. subject to the final approval of the Chair, General Manager, and Board Attorney and contingent upon the approval of the Water Supply Committee of the Atlanta Regional Commission. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

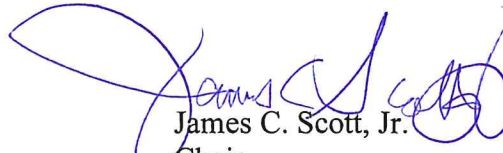
Mr. Balli left the meeting.

Acquisition or Condemnation of property for the Callaway Road 24-Inch Water Main Relocation Project

Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the acquisition or condemnation of property for the Callaway Road 24-Inch Water Main Relocation Project. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Pat Tibbitts
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair