

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

January 27, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on January 27, 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, Charlie Crowder, James Balli, and Grif Chalfant. Max Bacon and Mike Boyce were not present.

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 December 16, 2019

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of December 16, 2019

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of December 16, 2019. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the December 31, 2019 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for December was \$3,577,052, which exceeded expectations by \$148,053. Net income for December was \$3,833,116, which exceeded expectations by \$489,336.

Ms. Clements presented the 2019 Year End Summary (copy in file). Year to date operating cost per thousand gallons sold averaged \$1.56 at the end of December, compared to an average of \$1.64 for the same period in 2018.

5. Quarterly and Year-end Investment Review

Mr. Doug Gebhardt, Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment report (copy in file).

6. Approval of Board Travel Expenses for the AWWA Annual Conference & Exposition, June 14 - 17, 2020

Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the conference registration, housing, travel and incidental expenses for Board members and CCMWA attorney to attend the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando, Florida, June 14-17, 2020. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

7. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

8. General Manager's report

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

Mr. Page introduced Chad Paxton, the new Process Control Analyst in the Maintenance Division at the Wyckoff campus.

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, gave an update on the ongoing pipeline maintenance related to the failure that occurred in June 2019 near Plant Atkinson.

In response to Mr. Chalfant's question concerning the news article about water quality concerns at the Cobb County jail, Mr. Page stated the problem was related to a plumber replacing valves inside the jail and was not due to the water source.

Chairman Scott commended staff on planning and maintenance to avoid major equipment failures, as well as their diligence in adhering to safety procedures, resulting in only two Workers Compensation claims in 2019.

Mr. Page gave the following updates on water resources litigation and policy efforts:

- The U.S. Supreme Court issued a scheduling order related to *Florida v. Georgia* on January 27, 2020. Florida has 45 days to file exceptions to the Special Master's report. Georgia will then have 30 days to reply, and then Florida will have 30 days for their sur-reply. Oral arguments are expected to be held late 2020 or early 2021, with a decision in early to mid-2021.
- Staff is working with King & Spalding, the State's attorneys and the ARC litigation group to finalize comments on the Allatoona Lake Reallocation Study for submission on January 29.

- *CCMWA v. USACE* is still in a mediated stay that is closely linked to the outcome of the Allatoona Lake Reallocation Study.
- The National Water Supply Rule proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers was withdrawn by President Trump and Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) R.D. James last week. Both said the proposed Rule made a complicated issue more complicated. CCMWA staff, primarily through the National Water Supply Alliance, will continue to work with the Corps' policy leaders to promote state primacy in allocation of water and proper accounting for made inflows.
- Mr. Page traveled to Washington, DC on January 22 with other regional water leaders and gave briefings to Senator Loeffler, as well as staff for Representative McBath and Senator Perdue. A meeting with the Corps of Engineers Senior Policy staff on water supply was also held. Mr. Page also met with staff for Representative Loudermilk at his district office on January 23. All meetings were to provide updates on the status of litigation, as well as prepare delegation members for upcoming negotiations on the 2020 Water Resources Development Act.

9. New business

There were no new business items to present.

10. Legal

Contract Item Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Georgia Department of Transportation related to Dallas-Acworth Highway Widening

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the Contract Item Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Georgia Department of Transportation related to Dallas-Acworth Highway Widening (copy in file). Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

Construction Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and James Freeman (to be incorporated) regarding project known as 1777 North Cobb Parkway Development and Pipeline Relocation Project. The Chair, General Manager, and Board Attorney are authorized to approve minor modifications to the document

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the Construction Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and James Freeman (to be incorporated and personally guaranteed by Mr. Freeman) regarding project known as 1777 North Cobb Parkway Development and Pipeline Relocation Project. The Chair, General Manager, and Board Attorney are authorized to approve minor modifications to the document (copy in file). Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 4/0/1 with Mr. Crowder abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Tibbitts
Assistant Secretary

James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair

MEETING WERE APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2020 CCMWA BOARD MEETING. CHAIRMAN WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND WILL SIGN AT A LATER DATE.