

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

**March 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on March 21, 2011 at 3:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members initially present were: Max Bacon, Charlie Crowder, Tim Lee, Don Mabry, Earl Smith and Van Pearlberg.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Max Bacon.

**1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting 02/21/11**

Mr. Bacon asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2011. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lee seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Austin entered at this time.

**2. Financial report**

Ms. Joanne Dwyer, Legacy Financial Services, presented the February financial report. Page 9 of the Accountant's Compilation Report for the one month ending February 28, 2011 reflects a favorable variance in net income of \$315,983. Page 10 of the Accountant's Compilation Report for the two months ending February 28, 2011 reflects a favorable variance in net income of \$346,429. Ms. Dwyer reported that the 2010 Audit will be presented at the April meeting.

**3. Pension Committee report**

Mr. Page referenced the report that had been distributed (copy in file). Mr. Page reported that two beneficiaries from the 1992 plan receive an annual cost of living adjustment that must be approved each year by the Committee and the Board. The Pension Committee recommended Board approval of a 1.60% cost of living adjustment to the retirement benefits of Roland A. Castellanos and Waurgia Simmons, in the monthly amounts of \$7.89 and \$52.89, respectively. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Pension Committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Austin; motion passed 7/0.

**4. Engineering Services for Water System Hydraulic Model Update and Energy Optimization Study**

Mr. Page referenced the memorandum in the Board package. At the February meeting, the Board directed staff to negotiate with Atkins to finalize the project scope and cost. Atkins proposed to add a surge analysis of a portion of the system for \$30,000, which staff determined would bring additional value to the project. The addition of this effort increased the project total slightly over the budgeted amount of \$500,000; staff proposes to use \$12,000 from the Miscellaneous Engineering line item to fund the difference.

Mr. Lee made a motion to enter into a contract with Atkins to provide engineering services for the Water System Hydraulic Model Update and Energy Optimization Study for the proposed sum of \$512,016. Mr. Austin seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**5. Old Business**

Mr. Page distributed a Summary of Design Changes and Construction Cost Impacts for the Wyckoff Regulatory and Operational Improvements Project (copy in file).

**6. General Manager's Report**

Mr. Page reported the following:

- March production to date is 67.7 mgd, 7% below the 73 mgd projection for the month. Staff will be meeting with Cobb County Water System to look at water use by sector since December to better evaluate the downward trends in water use.
- Projects:
  - Woodlawn Drive Extension Pipeline Replacement Project - Bids will be received on April 5, with an anticipated recommendation of award at the April meeting.
  - Administration & Engineering Office Building - Bids will be received on April 12, with an anticipated recommendation of award at the April meeting.
  - Hickory Log Creek:
    - A meeting is to be scheduled regarding the release water temperature control requirements and need for a control system.
    - The Board of Managers has identified a possible property substitution for the Shoal Creek mitigation area. The substitution could save as much as \$500,000, depending on jury award to property owners.
    - Mr. Page, along with attorneys from King & Spalding, met with Mr. Steve Stockton, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Director of Civil Works, on March 4 to discuss CCMWA's proposal to comply with Special Condition 15 of the Hickory Log Creek Reservoir 404 Permit.
- ACT/ACF
  - The Appeals Hearing on March 9 appeared to be favorable for Georgia. A ruling is expected within 60 – 90 days.
  - The Governor's Water Supply Task Force, primarily composed of state agency directors, met March 21. The Task Force will advise GEFA on implementing the Governor's Water Supply Program.
- General Assembly: Staff is tracking the following proposed legislation:
  - HB 131 – DOT "Right to Pollute" bill
  - HB 174 – could impose rules on local water rates
  - SB 122 – Public/Private Partnership for water projects
  - Various Inter Basin Transfer and Tennessee River bills and resolutions
  - SB 254 – CCMWA membership changes

- Awards:
  - o Wyckoff WTP SCADA System Improvements – Honor Award for Engineering Excellence by the Georgia Engineering Alliance to Malcolm Pirnie.
  - o Rain Barrel of Fun promotion (part of CCMWA’s waterSmart conservation program) – Phoenix Award for Creative Tactics for Duffey Communications. In this program, CCMWA partners with CCWS and Cobb County School System to educate elementary school students about conservation. Five schools participated in 2009, 7 in 2010, and 13 in 2011.
  - o Brian Smith, Class I Operator at the Wyckoff Plant, was selected as the Georgia Association of Water Professionals District 3 Top Operator for this year.

Mr. Lee inquired about the status of the pipe replacement through the HCCCI assisted living facility project on Lower Roswell Road. Mr. Page reported that staff had concerns about the timeline for bidding the project and the necessary lead-time in ordering the pipe. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve staff pre-ordering the pipe, depending on HCCCI confirming the timeline. Mr. Lee seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**7. New business**

There was no new business to present.


**8. Executive Session**

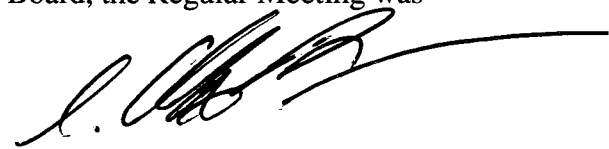
There was no request for an Executive Session.

**9. Legal**

Mr. Mabry made a motion to approve the Amendment to Right of Way and Easement with AT&T subject to the final approval of the General Manager and the Board attorney (copy in file). Mr. Pearlberg seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting was adjourned.

  
Becky Nixon  
Assistant Secretary

  
A. Max Bacon  
Chair