

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

**March 19, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on March 19, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members initially present were: James Scott, Charlie Crowder, Max Bacon, James Balli, Mike Boyce, and Grif Chalfant.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

Mr. Glenn Page asked that everyone please follow Safety Protocol to move to storm room if a storm warning is sounded during meeting.

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Patrick Pherson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 19, 2018**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2018. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of February 19, 2018**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of February 19, 2018. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

Dan Buyers arrived at this time.

**4. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the February 28, 2018 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for February was \$2,676,915, which exceeded expectations by \$845,687. Net income for February was \$2,474,011, which exceeded expectations by \$725,036.

**5. Pension Committee report**

Mr. Stan Brinkley, Chairman of the Pension Committee, made the following report: For the 2017 Plan Year, the Fund was up 17.12%, versus the Policy Benchmark of 15.20%; equities in the portfolio outperformed the Equities Benchmark 23.77% to 22.70%; fixed investments in the portfolio outperformed the Fixed Benchmark 3.78% to 2.41%; and the total portfolio value of \$37,145,013 was the highest in Plan history.

As of January 1, 2018, the Plan is 100.4% funded. The total required contribution for 2018 as a percent of salary is 9.21% down from 10.32% in 2017.

The Committee approved a pension benefit for Bennett Vaughn, who selected the Joint and Survivor 50% Option beginning May 1, 2018.

## **6. Old business**

City of Woodstock Groundwater Program: Mr. Page stated that the letter directed by the Board at the February meeting was sent to City of Woodstock on February 20, 2018. A response letter was received via email from the City of Woodstock on March 15. Mr. Page stated that a discussion with staff from Georgia EPD confirmed CCMWA would have some liability under the Lead and Copper Rule of the Safe Drinking Water Act as a provider of water to the City, and this liability cannot be eliminated through any type of waiver. Mr. Scott directed that staff present a semi-annual report to Board on the City of Woodstock sample testing.

After discussion, Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding to be developed by the General Manager and Board Attorney to be presented by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority to the City of Woodstock related to the issues currently being discussed between the parties related to well water and the mixing of water. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Purchase of programmable message signs to use on CCMWA projects: Mr. Page provided a price estimate and other information to the Board, and a recommendation that the Board consider directing staff to purchase two sign boards. The Board directed staff to move forward on Mr. Page's recommendation.

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

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

In response to Mr. Chalfant's question regarding DeKalb County's slow response to shut off the water following the failure of a 48-inch pipe on March 7, Mr. Page stated that CCMWA staff attempts to maintain preparedness to cut off water quickly on all lines. CCMWA has put in place practices that minimize risk, including experienced operators at the plants to detect problems in the system quickly; increased use of technology to provide tools for detecting problems when they occur; on-call Transmission Operators for quick response; on-call Engineers for Transmission Division support; Mobile GIS capability for on-site system information; an active Valve Maintenance Program; maintenance of a strategic inventory of repair materials.

Mr. Page reiterated that the most important element of preparedness is an experienced, knowledgeable and well-trained staff.

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

- Staff received word today that the Corps of Engineers will not appeal the decision in the ACT case mandating a reallocation study of Allatoona.
- In CCMWA's Allatoona case, CCMWA is still waiting on the Department of Justice and the Corps Engineers to sign a mediation agreement.
- As of April 1, Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama is expected to have a new role as Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He also sits on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which is currently drafting the Senate version of the 2018 Water Resources Development Act.

Board Members were asked to discuss their travel plans for the American Water Works Association 2018 Annual Conference with Pat Tibbitts.

**8. New business**

There were no new business items to present.

**9. Executive Session**


There was no need for executive session.

**10. 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