# Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 15, 2018 - 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on October 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were: James Scott, Charlie Crowder, Max Bacon, James Balli, and Grif Chalfant. Mike Boyce and Dan Buyers were not present.

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

## 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Ginn offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 17, 2018

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2018. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

## 3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of September 17, 2018

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of September 17, 2018. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

## 4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the September 30, 2018 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for September was \$4,029,165, which exceeded expectations by \$963,622. Net income for September was \$3,896,219, which exceeded expectations by \$913,529.

#### 5. Quarterly Investment Review

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

#### 6. Bid Results - Process Chemicals for Water Treatment for 2019

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the vendors submitting verified lowest priced bids for Process Chemicals during 2019, as shown in

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the memorandum dated October 8, 2018. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

## 7. Sole-Source Procurement Request - Valve Actuators

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the sole-source procurement of Beck Electric Actuators for all suitable valve actuator applications through December 31, 2020, subject to Board-approved procurement processes and occurring within approved budgets. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

## 8. Ratification of Emergency Expenditures - Wyckoff Filter No. 4 Repairs

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve ratification of all expenses related to emergency repairs of Filter No. 4 at the Wyckoff Treatment Plant to remedy failure of the filter underdrain system. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

### 9. Authorization to bind employee health insurance

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the authorization of the Personnel Committee to bind the employee health insurance offering for the 2019 plan year following the November 5 Committee meeting. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

#### 10. Old business

Mr. Page gave the following updates:

The City of Woodstock's September testing samples were all under the EPA established action levels for lead and copper. Woodstock staff has indicated that the Water Supply Contract amendment proposed by CCMWA is expected to be presented for consideration at the Woodstock's November Council Meeting.

Paulding County staff has submitted CCMWA's proposed Water Supply Contract to the County Attorney for review, and County staff is reviewing a tool developed by CCMWA's Finance Division to help them evaluate various levels of Requested Daily Allocation required in the new contract. Mr. Page's goal is to finalize the contract by the end of the year.

#### 11. General Manager's report

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

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Mr. Page referred to the Demand Services Contract table in the General Manager's report and requested Board input on any improvements that could be made.

The delay of the Notice to Proceed for the Wyckoff / Mars Hill 42-inch main to January 2019 is due to the long lead time items, primarily valves, and the contractor not wanting to begin a project between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Staff, with the assistance of Attorney Lewis Jones, will prepare a letter to the City of Canton to propose changes to the Hickory Log Creek Joint Project Agreement to accommodate storage accounting.

The annual O&M bill from the Corps of Engineers for storage at Allatoona increased from \$185,000 in 2017 to \$1,000,000 in 2018, with no advance notice. A review of the applicability of the charges has been requested and a conference call has been scheduled with the Mobile District on Wednesday, October 17 to discuss the issue.

The 2018 Water Resources Development Act bill passed the Senate 99-1 last week, having already passed the House. It was a "clean" bill related to ACF/ACT issues.

Georgia and Florida issued a joint brief related to a path forward in the ACF case before the U.S. Supreme Court to the new Special Master on October 2. They agreed on essentially nothing in the brief. The Corps of Engineers has maintained its position to stay out of the case.

On Wednesday, October 10, there was a sulfuric acid spill resulting from a leaking chemical storage tank at the Wyckoff Plant. Containment was effective, and there were no injuries. RemTech and sulfuric acid provider Southern States Chemical responded quickly to assist staff in disposing of the leaked product. Cobb Fire Department responded but were not needed to assist. Staff will plan and budget for replacement of all poly chemical storage tanks that are exposed to UV on a regular basis.

The Transmission and Engineering Divisions have been notified that CCMWA is receiving the 2018 Distribution System of the Year Award from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals in the first year that CCMWA entered the competition.

Ten employees successfully completed an in-house class taught by Training and Communications Specialist Elora Knight on written and verbal communication.

Becky Watkins with the Finance Division was awarded the Level 1 Local Government Finance Officer certification from the Carl Vinson Institute at the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association Conference earlier this month.

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#### 12. New business

There were no new business items to present.

#### 13. Executive Session

Mr. Balli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

# 14. Legal

There were no legal items to present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Tibbitts

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