

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

**March 18, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on March 18, 2019 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, Max Bacon, Mike Boyce, and Grif Chalfant. James Balli was not present.

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

**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 18, 2019**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2019. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of February 18, 2019**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of February 18, 2019. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**4. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the February 28, 2019 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for February was \$2,723,569, which exceeded expectations by \$520,459. Net income for February was \$2,801,798, which exceeded expectations by \$604,176.

Ms. Clements stated that Mauldin & Jenkins had completed their audit, and that they will present their report at the April Board Meeting.

**5. Finance Committee report**

- a. Mr. Crowder made a motion following the recommendation of the Finance Committee to include Cadence Bank, formerly State Bank, on the list of Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority Board approved banks. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

- b. Mr. Crowder made a motion following the recommendation of the Finance Committee to include Wells Fargo Securities to the list of approved broker/dealers. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 5/1 with Mr. Boyce recusing himself.

**6. Pension Committee report**

Mr. Stan Brinkley, Chair of the Pension Committee, gave the following report on highlights of the Pension Committee meeting of February 18, 2019:

- Roleen De Ono of BHA Consulting presented the January 1, 2019 Actuarial Valuation Report and stated the Total Required Contribution when expressed as a percentage of pay increased from 9.43% for 2018 to 9.94% for 2019.
- The Committee approved a request for retirement benefits for Charles K. (Ken) Janney, who selected the Joint & Survivor 100% Benefit Option, beginning March 1, 2019.
- The Committee approved the following officers: Stan Brinkley, Chair; Cole Blackwell, Vice Chair; and Patrick Henley, Secretary.
- Blake Myton, Portfolio Investment Manager with SunTrust, presented the Fourth Quarter 2018 Investment Review. For the quarter ending December 31, 2018, the Fund generated a loss of 9.04%, with a Policy Benchmark of -8.14%. The value of the fund on December 31, 2018 was \$35,271,626.

**7. 1190 Atlanta Industrial Building Committee report**

After discussion, Mr. Grif Chalfant, Chair of the committee, made a motion to remove the 1190 Atlanta Industrial Building from the rental market, and for Staff to pursue internal use of the building. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**8. Hickory Log Creek Dam Engineer-of-Record Services Contract**

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Contract for Monitoring of the Hickory Log Creek Dam with Schnabel Dam Engineering, Inc. of Alpharetta, Georgia for the proposed maximum fee of \$300,000 through January 1, 2024. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**9. Old Business**

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, made the following report on ongoing business items:

The Hickory Log Creek Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with the City of Canton is currently being reviewed by the attorneys for both partners. Due to the time restraints of getting both City Council and CCMWA Board approvals of the JPA, a 60- to 90-day extension will be needed from EPD to submit withdrawal permit requests consistent with the new JPA.

Staff met with Paulding County on March 15 to continue negotiations of a new Water Supply Contract. Paulding County plans to meet with their financial consultant before further discussion of the contract. Paulding staff believes their new drinking water plant should be in operation in early 2020.

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

Mr. Blackwell referred to the published General Manager's Report for questions. (copy in file)

#### **11. New business**

Mr. Blackwell made the following report:

The City of Sandy Springs is evaluating its options for water service, which is currently provided by the City of Atlanta. Representatives from Sandy Springs met with CCMWA staff on February 21 to discuss the possibility of becoming a customer of Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority.

Wyckoff Raw Water Pump No. 5 needs a motor repair at a cost of \$54,000. The motor is scheduled for replacement at the end of the year, but the repair needs to be done now to ensure system reliability during high summer usage.

Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority had a spill of hydrated lime at the Wyckoff Plant in late January which caused Cobb County Water System's Northwest Water Reclamation Facility to be out of compliance with Georgia EPD regulations for 16 days. The Authority has agreed to cover some of the fines with regards to this incident. The cost of repairs and cleanup to date is \$22,884. A fine has not yet been levied by Georgia EPD but is expected to be announced in late April or early May. To prevent this type of incident in the future, operational procedures and programming logic have been changed at the Wyckoff Plant.

#### **12. Executive Session**

There was no need for executive session.

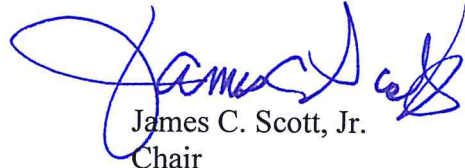
**13. Legal**

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