

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

**May 20, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on May 20, 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, James Balli, Mike Boyce, and Grif Chalfant.

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Dolisa Williams offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of April 15, 2019**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of April 15, 2019. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**4. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the April 30, 2019 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for April was \$3,876,252, which exceeded expectations by \$567,822. Net income for April was \$4,090,777, which exceeded expectations by \$787,785.

**5. Bid Results - Quarles Raw Water Pump Station No. 2 Ventilation Upgrades**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to award the Quarles Raw Water Pump Station No. 2 Ventilation Upgrades project to Brown Brothers of Georgia, Inc. of Conyers, Georgia for the verified low bid of \$189,140. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**6. Bid Results – Wyckoff Settled Solids Equalization Basin Decant System**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award the construction contract for the Wyckoff Settled Solids Equalization Basin Decant System to Sol Construction, LLC of Atlanta for their verified low bid of \$1,075,000. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**7. Bid Results – Wyckoff Residuals Liquid Lime System**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award the construction contract for the Wyckoff Residuals Liquid Lime System to FS 360, LLC of Atlanta for their verified low bid of \$1,420,000. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**8. Bid Results – 2019 Blow-Off Replacements**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to award the 2019 Blow-Off Replacements project to Unity Construction Company, Inc. of Powder Springs, Georgia for the verified low bid of \$1,050,982.13. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**9. Sole-Source Procurement Request – Groover Mountain Pump Station Pumps**

Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the authorization for sole-source procurement of two Pentair-Aurora pumps (Model: 6x18x15 split case 411a) to be purchased from and installed at the Groover Mountain Pump Station by Goforth Williamson, Inc. of Griffin, Georgia at a quoted cost of \$68,384. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**10. Old Business**

Mr. Page gave the following updates to items previously discussed:

The Hickory Log Creek Joint Project Agreement was taken off the April agenda of the City of Canton Council Meeting. EPD has been notified and replied that they will continue to await updated withdrawal permit applications following approval of the Agreement.

There has been no news from Paulding County regarding the proposed Water Supply Contract. Staff will attempt to meet again in late June.

The final environmental assessment of the 1190 Building did not identify any concerns other than drainage improvements that need to be made external to the building and the weep holes that need to be drilled into the brick. Staff is moving

forward to accomplish these items and will then proceed with improvements approved by the Board to accommodate staff.

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

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

Gina Moss was introduced as the summer intern in the Engineering Division. Ms. Moss will be working primarily supporting the construction project at the Quarles Plant.

Cobb County Water System received the highest ratings in the country for customer satisfaction by JD Power and Associates.

Concerns about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water sources have recently been the subject of news articles, and Congress has been holding hearings about these manmade substances. There are thousands of these compounds, which have been developed for human safety and convenience (fire retardance and non-stick surfaces, for example). They are accumulated in the human body, but no risks are known at this time. These substances have not been detected in CCMWA source water, but staff is following the Congressional hearings. There will likely be additional discussion of PFAS at the AWWA Conference in June.

#### **12. New business**

Mr. Buyers made a motion following the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to add an agenda item to recommend to the Board and approve an amendment to the General Manager's Employee Agreement. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Balli made a motion following the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve an amendment to the General Manager's Employee Agreement to provide that the Agreement may only be terminated for cause, to change the expiration date to December 31, 2022, and that the attorney for the Water Authority be authorized to draft approved changes to comply with this Motion and to replace the prior agreement. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

#### **13. Executive Session**

Mr. Balli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Crowder made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

#### **14. Legal**

Mr. Boyce made a motion to add an agenda item to authorize the execution of a “stay agreement” in the case Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, et. al., 1:17-cv-0400-RWS. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Balli made a motion to authorize the execution of a “stay agreement” in the case Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, et. al., 1:17-cv-0400-RWS, to allow the Corps to reconsider by March 2021 its storage accounting practices and policies at Allatoona Lake and to prepare a legal analysis setting forth the Corps’ official position on the specific issues and objections raised by Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Chalfant made a motion to amend the name of the contract award on the project known as West Side Loop Section #2 36" Water Main Replacement to confirm that the contract is awarded to Reynolds Construction of Georgia, LLC. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to amend the name of the contract award on the project known as US 41 Northwest 20-Inch Parallel Pipeline to confirm that the contract is awarded to Reynolds Construction of Georgia, LLC. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

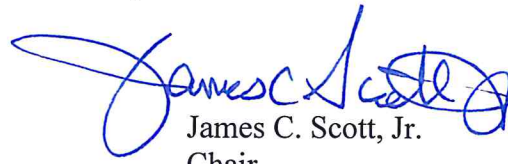
Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the Cooperative Technical Assistance Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Atlanta, the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, DeKalb County, the Atlanta-Fulton County Water Resources Commission, Gwinnett County, and the Atlanta Regional Commission (copy in file). Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Cobb County, Georgia and the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority for Water Facility Upgrades related to the Blow-Off Replacement Program (copy in file). Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 6-0-1 with Mr. Boyce recusing himself.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the Easement and Temporary Construction License from the U.S. Department of Army for the Highway 41 20-inch Parallel Water Main. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Pat Tibbitts  
Assistant Secretary

  
James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair