

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

**September 21, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on September 21, 2020, 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, Mike Boyce, Grif Chalfant, and Corkey Welch. James Balli was excused from the meeting.

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Brandon Smith offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 17, 2020**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2020. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**3. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the August 31, 2020 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for August was \$4,962,102, which exceeded expectations by \$834,614. Net income for August was \$4,959,509, which exceeded expectations by \$718,049.

Ms. Clements reported a meeting was held with Raymond James to discuss a recommendation to refinance the 2015 Series Bonds. Staff does not recommend further consideration at this time.

**4. Pension Committee reports**

Chair Stanley Brinkley gave the reports from the August 17 and August 19 meetings of the Pension Committee (copies in file).

**5. Restatement of Retirement Plan**

Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the proposed Second Amendment to the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority Retirement Plan (copy in file) to define "Delayed Retirement Death Benefit" and offer limited lump sum options to Participants and Beneficiaries. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/1 with Mr. Boyce voting against, citing his opposition to Section 3 of Amendment (Partial Lump Sum).

**6. Bid Results – Macland Road 24-Inch Relocation and Corner Road/  
Florence Road Modifications**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Boyce made a motion to award the construction contract for the Macland Road 24-Inch Pipeline Relocation and Corner Road/Florence Road Modifications Project to Ruby-Collins, Inc. of Smyrna, Georgia for the verified low bid of \$1,316,585. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**7. Task Authorization – Wyckoff Clearwell No. 3 Supplemental Engineering  
Services**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the execution of a new Task Authorization valued at \$257,814 through the Demand Services Engineering Contract with Engineering Strategies, Inc. of Marietta for Supplemental Engineering Services for the Wyckoff Clearwell No. 3 Project. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**8. Engineering Contract Modification - Quarles Water Treatment Plant 2  
SCADA Replacement**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve a Contract Modification valued at \$424,264 to the Engineering Services Contract with Hazen and Sawyer, PC for the James E. Quarles Plant 2 SCADA Replacement Project. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**9. Professional Services Contract – Ductile Iron Pipe Condition Assessment**

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve a contract with Pure Technologies U.S., Inc. to provide professional services for condition assessment of the Maner Road Water Main for the proposed estimated fee of \$219,712.50, and sole-source approval for Pure Technologies U.S., Inc. to provide any other non-destructive pipe evaluation and condition assessment services with approved budgets through December 31, 2021. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**10. Purchase of Portable Generator for Pumping Stations**

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the purchase of a portable Doosan G400 Generator and accessories through Gen-Tech Inc. of Gainesville, Georgia for the General Services Administration Contract (GS-07F-0494V) price of \$149,829.92. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

**11. Pipeline Contractor Prequalification – Reeves Young, LLC**

Item was tabled at the August meeting. Staff withdrew recommendation.

## **12. Old Business**

There were no old business items to present.

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

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

Filter Press No. 1 at the Quarles Residuals Management Facility is now fully operational and in service.

Wyckoff Raw Water Pump No. 5 Replacement has been delivered and is ready for installation.

*Florida v. Georgia* is not included in the U.S. Supreme Court docket through the end of 2020. Oral arguments, if held, could be scheduled for early 2021.

The Quarles Plant 1 Board Member tour is scheduled for October 27, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## **14. Election of Officers**

Mr. Chalfant, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made a motion to approve and recommend to the board the following Board officers: Chair – James Scott, Vice-Chair – Dan Buyers, and Secretary – Charlie Crowder. No other nominations were made. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

## **15. New business**

There were no new business items to present.

## **16. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

## **17. Legal**

Lease between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, as Landlord, and Garney Companies, Inc., as Tenant, for property owned by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority located at 4246 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta, Georgia.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve Lease between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, as Landlord, and Garney Companies, Inc., as Tenant, for property owned by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority located at 4246 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta, Georgia. This motion includes the authority of the General Manager and the Board Attorney to negotiate further terms of the Lease between the parties. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0, with direction given by Chairman Scott to require a bond from Garney Companies, Inc.

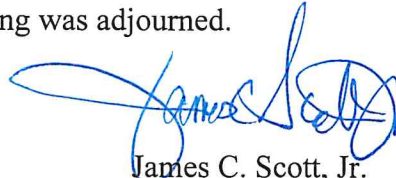
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Pat Tibbitts  
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair