

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

**April 19, 2021 – 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on April 19, 2021, 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, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch.

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Dudley Cantrell offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 15, 2021**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2021. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**3. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the March 31, 2021 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for March was \$3,592,551, which exceeded expectations by \$955,417. Net income for March was \$3,563,222, which exceeded expectations by \$792,802.

**4. 2020 Auditor's Discussion and Analysis**

Mr. Adam Fraley, Mauldin & Jenkins, presented the 2020 audit (copy in file) and stated that an unmodified (clean) opinion was issued. Mr. Fraley noted that the 2020 Audit was presented as a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which exceeds the Governmental Accounting Standards Board reporting requirements and complies with recommended Government Finance Officers Association financial reporting practices.

**5. 2020 Mauldin & Jenkins Management Letter**

Mr. Fraley offered a constructive suggestion to be considered as part of the ongoing process of modifying and improving the Authority's practices and procedures for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency: The Authority should investigate and consider implementation of a Cybersecurity Risk Management Program to improve security against growing cybersecurity threats.

**6. Quarterly Investment Review**

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

**7. Bid Results - Replacement of 2006 International Dump Truck**

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to purchase a Kenworth Model T880 dump truck from MHC Kenworth of Atlanta in Mableton, Georgia at the State of Georgia contract (SPD0000155) price of \$143,697. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**8. Sole-source procurement – Wyckoff Filter No.5 Underdrain Replacement**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to authorize sole-source procurement of a replacement underdrain system and media for Wyckoff Plant Filter No. 5 from AWI, Inc., Cornerstone H2O, LLC, and P.F. Moon and Company, Inc. for a total quoted amount of \$175,541. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**9. June Board Meeting Date**

Ms. Cupid made a motion to reschedule the June 2021 Board meeting from June 28 to June 21, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**10. Old Business**

There were no old business items to present.

**11. General Manager's report**

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

- Presentation of a video of the water grass harvesting at Quarles Raw Water Reservoir. Total cost of removing most of the grass was approximately \$30,000. Removal of the grass has allowed the Quarles Plant to return to using the reservoir with much lower levels of geosmin, which causes taste-and-odor issues.
- Awards:  
Both the Quarles and Wyckoff Water Treatment Plants received Platinum Awards from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive

year for both plants to receive this award, which recognizes complete compliance with all regulatory requirements for water quality, monitoring and reporting.

Mr. Keith Southern, a Class 1 Operator working at the Quarles Plant for almost 33 years, was selected to receive the Georgia Association of Water Professional's 2021 District 3 Water TopOp Award.

- Mr. Blackwell will represent staff at the May Board meeting in Mr. Page's absence.

## **12. New business**

There were no new business items to present.

## **13. Executive Session**

Mr. Chalfant made a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of litigation and real estate. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Ms. Cupid made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## **14. Legal**

Mr. Chalfant made a motion to authorize the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority to take such legal action as may be necessary and appropriate, upon approval of the General Manager and Board Attorney, relating to the upcoming water supply and storage accounting decisions by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and any related matters involving Allatoona Lake and/or the ACT River Basin. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

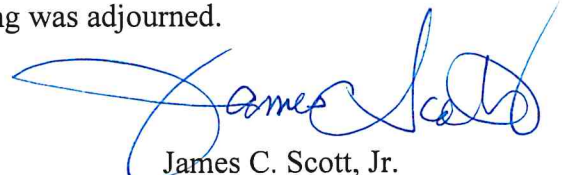
Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve a Subordination Agreement between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and GeoSurvey Ltd., Co. in favor of Vinings Bank relating to 1660 Barnes Mill Road, Marietta, Georgia, subject to the approval of the General Manager of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Board Attorney of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve a Construction Agreement between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. regarding property at the corner of Dallas Acworth Highway (State Route 92) and U.S. Highway 41 (State Route 3) to relocate the water line owned by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority. The final documents are subject to the approval of the General Manager of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Board Attorney of the Cobb

County-Marietta Water Authority. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0/1 with Ms. Cupid abstaining. Mr. Buyers disclosed that he has had prior dealings with RaceTrac but has no interest in this property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Pat Tibbitts  
Assistant Secretary

  
James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair