# Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 20, 2021 - 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on December 20, 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. Doug Haynie offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 15, 2021

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2021. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of November 15, 2021

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of November 15, 2021. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 4. GAWP Gold Award - GAWP Executive Director Pam Burnett

Ms. Pam Burnett, Executive Director of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, presented the GAWP Gold Award for Lab Quality Assurance to Karen Osborne.

## 5. Pension Committee report

Chair Stanley Brinkley gave the report from the November 15 meeting of the Pension Committee (copy in file).

Chair Scott recommended Karen Osborne as a new Pension Committee Member upon the retirement of Glenn Page. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 6. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the November 30, 2021 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for November was

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\$3,206,663, which exceeded expectations by \$598,895. Net income for November was \$3,099,729, which exceeded expectations by \$359,958.

# 7. Second Reading of Proposed 2021 Operations and Capital Improvement Plan Budgets

Mr. Crowder made a motion following the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the proposed 2022 Operations and Capital Budgets and the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by staff. Motion passed 7/0.

# 8. Recommendation of Award - Emergency and On-Call Construction Contract

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the one-year Emergency and On-Call Construction Contracts, based on unit prices submitted by proposal on November 16, 2021, with Ruby Collins, Inc. of Smyrna and Unity Construction Co., Inc. of Powder Springs with one-year extensions available by mutual consent for up to a total of five years. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

# 9. Recommendation of Award - Quarles Water Treatment Plant Sodium Hypochlorite and Fluoride Pump Rooms Ventilation Improvements

Mr. Buyers made a motion to award of the Quarles Water Treatment Plant Sodium Hypochlorite and Fluoride Pump Rooms Ventilation Improvements Project to Astra Construction Services, LLC of Woodstock, Georgia, to be administered by Gordian through the Georgia Department of Administrative Services Statewide Convenience Contract for the proposed price of \$250,410.31. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 10. Adoption of 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Buyers made a motion to adopt the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule as proposed by staff (copy in file). Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 11. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

## 12. General Manager's report

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

• More delays are expected on the Wyckoff Clearwell No. 3 Project.

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- The Quarles Taste and Odor Control Project's schedule may be delayed due to supply chain issues.
- An agreement has been signed with C&S Chemicals for new pricing for alum in 2022. No new pricing agreement has been formalized with Morton for salt used in NaOH generation, but staff has received an email sent to all Morton's customers notifying of their price increase.
- Staff confirmed that the AT&T ductbank encountered by Garney's boring subcontractor on the Blackjack Mountain Pipeline project is located within a CCMWA easement without an encroachment agreement. AT&T is planning to move it at their expense after a Cobb County Water System water line is relocated. Garney will perform the pipeline relocation work at AT&T's expense.

## 13. New business

There were no new business items to present.

## 14. Executive Session

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

Ms. Cupid and Mr. Chalfant left the meeting.

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

## 15. Legal

Mr. Balli made a motion to authorize and direct staff and the Board Attorney to request tax exempt status on behalf of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority for all timber sales made by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority in Cherokee County, including a request for refund of any taxes previously paid by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority which are determined to have been mistakenly paid. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Tibbitts

**Assistant Secretary**