

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

July 18, 2022– 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on July 18, 2022, 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, Grif Chalfant, and Lisa Cupid. James Balli and Corkey Welch were not present for the meeting.

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Tom Ginn offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 16, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2022. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of May 16, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of May 16, 2022. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the June 30, 2022 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for June was \$4,660,205, which exceeded expectations by \$1,580,413. Net income for June was \$3,917,747 which exceeded budget expectation by \$754,457.

5. Quarterly Investment Review

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

6. Pension Committee Report

Pension Committee Chair, Stanley Brinkley gave the report from the June 27 meeting of the Pension Committee (copy in file).

- a) Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the Pension Committee recommendation of the appointment of William Blalack as a new member of the Pension Committee. Motion passed 5/0.

7. Demand Services Engineering Contracts Extension

Mr. Cole Blackwell, General Manager, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the second-year extension for the Demand Engineering Service contracts with Hazen and Sawyer P.C., Brown and Caldwell, P.C., Engineering Strategies, Inc., Arcadis U.S., Inc., and Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

8. Bid Results - Blackjack Mountain Tank Replacement

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the award of the Blackjack Mountain Tank Replacement project to Crom, LLC of Gainesville, Florida for the verified low bid of \$4,970,000. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

9. Bid Results - 2023 Blow Off Replacements Project – 6th Round

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Ms. Cupid made a motion to award of the 2023 Blow-Off Replacements Project to Wade Coats Company, Inc. of Hiram for the verified low bid of \$1,086,615. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

10. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

11. General Manager's report

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

- 1) Blackjack Mountain 36-inch Water Main
Contractor, Garney, continued water main installation on Barnes Mill Road east of I-75, making connection to the City of Marietta meter vault at Bonnie Dell Drive in May. Garney is installing pipe between I-75 and Wallace / Meritt Road. Approximately 30,950 feet (+93% of project length) of 36-inch water main has been installed. Final paving of Barnes Mill Road from Blackjack tank to Wallace Road has been completed. Staff and Engineer, Freese & Nichols have reviewed documentation from Garney of changed conditions for consideration of previously submitted claims amounting to \$774,488 relative to the Sope Creek Crossing inside Indian Hills Country Club. Staff plans to meet with Garney to discuss resolution.

2) Wyckoff 6 MG Clearwell Addition

The project is now 239-days behind schedule. IHC's subcontractor, CoreSlab Structures, Inc., installed all the hollow core concrete roof panels, roof panel rebar, and the topping slab is being poured. General contractor, IHC has laid approximately 35% of "Line-A" piping and 47% of "Line-B" piping. Penetration and tie-in of Clearwell No.1 is complete. In the contract, IHC is responsible for attendant overtime construction engineering costs as well as attendant construction engineering cost beyond the contractual project completion date.

3) Rising Costs & Supply Chain Disruptions

- a) In August 2021, CCMWA received a budgetary quote of \$154,000 for stainless steel trough covers at the Wyckoff Division. CCMWA acted to purchase trough covers in May and subsequently received a quote of \$295,000. That is a price increase of 91.6%.
- b) CCMWA was contacted in June by the Douglasville Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority (DDCWSA) concerning availability of salt for production of sodium hypochlorite. DDCWSA's vendor for solar salt (U.S. Salt) stopped providing product.
- c) CCMWA was contacted in June by Cherokee County Water & Sewer Authority (CCWSA) concerning the rising cost of aluminum sulfate. CCMWA's current contract with C&S Chemical for aluminum sulfate is \$322 per dry ton. Low bid for aluminum sulfate recently taken by CCWSA was \$475 per dry ton. That is a 47.5% increase.
- d) The U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics is reporting an overall 11.5% increase in the consumer price index for urban consumers (CPI-U) from June 2021 to June 2022 in the Atlanta area, inclusive of food & energy.

4) June was a hot and dry month with water production exceeding that of June 2021. However, precipitation in July through the first two weeks of the month has outpaced all of June. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center is not currently predicting drought conditions for North Georgia through the remainder of the summer.

5) Awards Earned by CCMWA:

- a) CCMWA earned the Diversity and Inclusion Award from the Georgia Section of AWWA. The annual Diversity and Inclusion Award recognizes an organization that has created, promoted, and maintained diversity, equity, and inclusion by establishing an environment that recognizes, encourages, and effectively utilizes individual's talents for continued success.
- b) The Wyckoff and Quarles Division plants earned the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Platinum Award. The Platinum Award recognizes water facilities that have had no permit violations for MCLs and no NPDES permit violations during the preceding five calendar years.
- c) The Finance Division earned the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award for the 10th consecutive year. The Distinguished Budget Award recognizes budget documents of the highest quality and transparency that reflect guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.

12. New business

Chairman Scott appointed a Nominating Committee for officers to report at the August meeting. The Committee consists of James Balli – Chair, Lisa Cupid and Corkey Welch.

The Board welcomed two new employees – Dawn Lei, Director of Operations, and Lisa Rodriguez, Procurement Officer.

13. Executive Session

Mr. Buyers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss cybersecurity and pending litigation. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

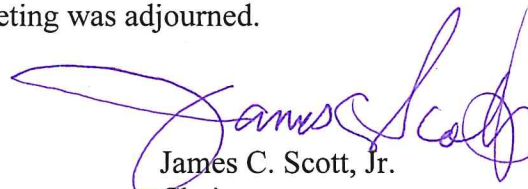
Ms. Cupid made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

13. Legal

Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the Release and Settlement Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and A1 Contracting, LLC, First Center, Inc. and David Pearson Communities, Inc. (copy in file). The final documentation shall be subject to the approval of the General Manager and Board Attorney. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Pat Tibbitts
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair