

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

August 15, 2022– 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on August 15, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were: James Scott, Charlie Crowder, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch. Dan Buyers was 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. Patrick Pherson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 18, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2022. Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of July 18, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of July 18, 2022. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the July 31, 2022 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for July was \$3,918,345, which exceeded expectations by \$483,246. Net income for July was \$4,477,810 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$956,213.

5. Bid Results – Hugh A. Wyckoff Water Treatment Plant Electrical Building HVAC Replacement

Mr. Cole Blackwell, General Manager, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the award of the Hugh A. Wyckoff Water Treatment Plant Electrical Building HVAC Replacement project to Tebarco Mechanical Corporation of Alpharetta for the verified low bid price of \$716,816. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

6. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

7. 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 continues water main installation along Barnes Mill Road between I-75 and Wallace/Merritt Road. They continue to do project cleanup, grassing and paving at other locations. Over 98% of the water main is installed. Only about 500 feet of 36-inch water main remains to be installed, most of which is a crossing of Sope Creek at the intersection of Wallace Road and Merritt Road. 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 met with Garney representatives on August 5 and negotiated settlement of the claim to \$460,274 to be paid through the contract's Owners Allowance without need for a change order.

2) Wyckoff 6 MG Clearwell Addition

The project remains 239 days behind schedule. IHC subcontractor is installing the hollow core roof panel topping slab. 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) Staffing and Recruitment

Employee turnover, exclusive of retirements, has doubled over the last year. We have experienced a 35% drop in applications as compared to 2021 and a 55% drop as compared to pre-pandemic (2019). For the last five open positions, we had less than 50% of applicants scheduled for an interview to show up for the interview. In two recent open positions, the preferred candidate accepted the job, went through the hiring process, and then declined the position prior to the start date for another position with higher wages. As water treatment becomes more advanced and more dependent on specialists with technical skills that can transfer to other industries, we find ourselves in heated competition for top talent. It is becoming increasingly more challenging to remain competitive in the current labor market.

4) Paulding County – Update

Paulding County had until August 10, 2022, to submit a CCMWA a designated "Reserved Daily Allocation". On July 29, 2022, Paulding County submitted a Reserved Daily Allocation request of 5.25 MGD, which is consistent with Paulding's average daily demand. Paulding County officials have also asked staff to confirm CCMWA's planned treatment capacity through 2032. Paulding officials voiced interest in purchasing

additional Reserved Daily Allocation in the 2030 – 2032 timeframe in lieu of expanding the treatment capacity of their water treatment plant.

8. New business

There were no new business items to present.

9. Nominations of Officers

Mr. Balli, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the following officer nominations from the Committee: – James C. Scott, Jr. – Chair; Dan Buyers - Vice Chair; Charlie Crowder – Secretary; and Patricia Tibbitts – Assistant Secretary. Election of officers will occur at the September 19 Board Meeting. Mr. Chalfant approved adoption of the report. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

10. Legal

Agreement for River/Lake Information Management Services with the Atlanta Regional Commission with a term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025

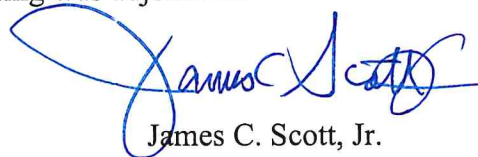
Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the Agreement for River/Lake Information Management Services with the Atlanta Regional Commission with a term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

Chairman Scott asked for a moment of silence in respect to Mike Boyce, a previous CCMWA Board Member, who is being interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Pat Tibbitts
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair