# Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 19, 2022-2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on September 19, 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, 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. Cole Blackwell offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 15, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2022. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 3. Financial report

Ms. Rebecca Watkins, Senior Accountant, presented a summary of the August 31, 2022 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for August was \$4,455,517, which exceeded expectations by \$461,340. Net income for August was \$3,268,766 which missed the budget expectation by \$809,910.

### 5. Pension Committee Report

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

# 6. Request For Proposal results - Engineering Services - Quarles Chemical Building Replacement

Mr. Cole Blackwell, General Manager, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the award of an Engineering Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia for design, permitting, construction management, and construction inspection services for the Quarles Chemical Building Replacement project for the proposed fee of \$4,889,270. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 7. Request For Proposal results - Custodial Services

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award a two (2) year Custodial Services contract which may be renewed by the General Manager for two (2) additional (1) year increments with American Facility Services, Inc. of Alpharetta, Georgia for custodial services at the Quarles and Wyckoff Treatment Divisions. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

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# 8. Engineering Services – Contract Amendment

# Mars Hill Church Road to Pine Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Replacement

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve Amendment #1 (Pine Mountain Extension) to the Engineering Services Contract with Freese & Nichols, Inc. of Atlanta for the Mars Hill Church Road to Pine Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Replacement project for the proposed fee of \$99,384. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 9. Engineering Services Task Authorization - Corrosion Control Feed Systems

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Ms. Cupid made a motion to award a task authorization to Brown and Caldwell under CCMWA's On-Demand Service Contract for design, bidding assistance, and services during construction for the Corrosion Control Feed Systems Project for \$309,975. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

#### 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) Wyckoff 6 MG Clearwell Addition

The project is now 226 days behind schedule according to IHC. Contractor, IHC Construction continues site grading, including leak testing the new clearwell, yard piping and electrical equipment, erosion control, dewatering, temporary backfilling, and drying soils. 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.

## 2) Riverside Parkway Pipe Failure

On September 9, 2022, at noon, a section of 20-inch pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) failed on Riverside Parkway at South Service Road. System pressures did not drop significantly, and no customers were out of water. CCMWA crews were onsite conducting a test shutdown to identify CCWS connections and were able to isolate the line within minutes. This section of pipe was scheduled to be abandoned during the Factory Shoals Road 30-inch & Six Flags 24-inch Water Main Replacement project, which is currently in design. Pavement repairs should be completed by September 30, 2022.

#### 3) Atlanta Journal Constitution News Article

Mr. Blackwell was interviewed about PFOA and PFOS chemicals which are members of a chemical group called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that are being found in regional water sources.

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#### 12. New business

Committee Meetings are scheduled as follows: Planning Committee – Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m.; Personnel Committee – Wednesday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m.; and Finance Committee – Wednesday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Scott stressed the importance of the board members attendance at their respective committee meetings.

Mr. Balli congratulated Dan Buyers on being appointed by Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan to the Board of Directors of the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority.

#### 13. Election of Officers

Mr. Balli, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made a motion to approve and recommend to the board the following Board officers: Chair – James C. Scott, Jr., Vice-Chair – T. Daniel Buyers, Secretary – Charlie N. Crowder, and Patricia Tibbitts – Assistant Secretary. No other nominations were made. Motion passed 7/0.

#### 14. Executive Session

Mr. Buyers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Cybersecurity. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

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

Mr. Balli made a motion to authorize staff to hire an Operational Technology (OT) Network Administrator. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 15. Legal

There were no legal items to present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Tibbitts

**Assistant Secretary** 

James C. Scott, Jr.

Chair