# Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority Minutes of Regular Meeting

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

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

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 21, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2022. Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of November 21, 2022

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of November 21, 2022. Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

#### 4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the November 30, 2022 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for November was \$2,818,426, which exceeded expectations by \$680,037. Net income for November was \$3,876,654 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$1,646,499.

#### 5. Pension Committee report

Pension Committee Chairman Stanley Brinkley gave the report from the November 21 meeting of the Pension Committee (copy in file).

# 6. Second Reading of Proposed 2022 Operations and Capital Improvement Plan Budgets

Mr. Crowder made a motion following the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the proposed 2023 Operations and Capital Budgets and the 2023-

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2027 Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by staff. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

# 7. Proposal Results – Quarles Plant No.2 SCADA Replacement Project, Integrator Pre-Qualification

Mr. Cole Blackwell, General Manager, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to award the Quarles Plant No.2 SCADA Replacement Project Instrumentation and Control System Integrator Pre-Qualification to MR Systems of Norcross, GA in the amount of \$8,660,640. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0. As part of the larger construction contract request for bids, MR Systems will be identified as the Integrator for the project and their proposed cost will be established in the bid forms.

# 8. Proposal Results - Hugh A. Wyckoff Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrade Project

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the award of the Hugh A. Wyckoff Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrade Project to MR Systems of Norcross, GA for the proposed price of \$993,500. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## 9. Bid Award - Granular Activated Carbon Reactivation & Supply Services

Ms. Dawn Lei, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award a primary contract to Calgon Carbon of Pittsburgh, PA and a secondary contract to Carbon Activated of Compton, CA for GAC custom regeneration services for a period of two (2) years with an option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods with price adjusted annually based upon the combined average of the U.S. Department of Labor Producer Price Index Of Other Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing and the Producer Price Index of Basic Organic Chemicals. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

#### 10. Bid Award - Orthophosphate Tanks Pre-Purchase

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award Justin Tanks-Carl Eric Johnson, Inc. of Georgetown, Delaware for the verified low bid of \$360,417 for the manufacture and delivery of four chemicals tanks for the Corrosion Control Feed Systems. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

### 11. Recommendation of Award - Investment Advisory Services, RFP

Ms. Clements referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Crowder made a motion to award a three (3) year contract for Investment Advisory

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Services with Davenport & Company, LLC for \$40,000 per year, plus actual out-of-pocket and administration expenses equal to 4% of the annual fee, with an option for one 2-year renewal thereafter. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

# 12. Transmission Emergency and On-Call Contracts Extension

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve a one-year extension of the Emergency and On-Call Construction Contract with Ruby-Collins, Inc., of Smyrna, GA with a contract-based increase in labor rates of 3% and equipment rates based on current Equipment Watch Blue Book Rates and a one-year extension of the Emergency and On-Call Construction Contract with Unity Construction Company, Inc., of Powder Springs, GA with a contract-based increase in labor rates of 5% and equipment rates based on current Equipment Watch Blue Book Rates. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

# 13. Adoption of 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Buyers made a motion to adopt the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule as proposed by staff (copy in file). Ms. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

#### 14. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

#### 15. 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 340 days behind schedule according to IHC. (30 more than last month) Contractor, IHC Construction continues site grading, repair of visual leaks, leak testing, yard piping, electrical equipment, erosion control, dewatering, and rock removal. 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. Staff has confirmed adequate retainage is being held to cover accrued engineering costs and liquidated damages liable to IHC.

# 2) Blackjack Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Replacement

Contractor, Garney continues to do project cleanup, grassing and paving. About 500 feet of 36-inch water main remains to be installed. Installation can begin when the bore under Sope Creek at Barnes Mill Road is completed by the boring subcontractor, BoreCo. The blasting subcontractor cannot mobilize to begin drilling & blasting for bore launch pit,

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until a leak survey is completed and a blasting plan is approved by Atlanta Gas Light. Project completion is anticipated in early 2023.

#### 16. New business

Chairman Scott and the Board congratulated Ms. Clements on the upcoming birth of her little girl and wished her a healthy delivery.

Chairman Scott congratulated Jacob Wilson on being named the new Transmission Division Manager.

### 17. Executive Session

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

Mr. Balli left the meeting.

Mr. Welch made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Buyers made a motion for the General Manager, IT Director and Authority Attorney to draft and send a letter to one of the IT product manufacturers used by CCMWA requesting that they remediate known issues within their hardware offerings. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

# 18. 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