

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

May 20, 2024 – 02:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on May 20, 2024, at 02:30 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, and Corkey Welch. Lisa Cupid was not present.

The meeting was called to order at 02:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Mr. Patrick Pherson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 15, 2024

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2024, as revised. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of April 15, 2024

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of April 15, 2024. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

4. New business

- a. There were no new business items to present.

5. Financial report

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the April 30, 2024, Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for April was \$2,712,003 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$733,213. Net income for April was \$3,297,776 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$861,587.

6. Quarles Chemical Building – Equipment Sole Source: Burnett Lime Company, Inc., Liquid Lime System Equipment

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion for sole source approval for Cal-Flo Lime Slurry Systems from Burnett Lime Company, Inc. at the quoted price of \$2,844,700.00, which will be included in the Bid Documents for the Quarles Chemical Building Replacement Project. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

7. Quarles Chemical Building – Equipment Sole Source: DeNora, Sodium Hypochlorite Generator Equipment

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion for sole source approval for a DeNora Water Technologies, ChlorTec sodium hypochlorite generation system at the quoted price of \$8,812,638.00, which will be included in the Bid Documents for the Quarles Chemical Building Replacement Project. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

8. Quarles Chemical Building –Sole Source: MR Systems, Integration Services

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion for sole source approval for a DeNora Water Technologies, ChlorTec sodium hypochlorite generation system at the quoted price of \$8,812,638.00, which will be included in the Bid Documents for the Quarles Chemical Building Replacement Project. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

9. Ductile Iron Pipeline Contractor Pre-Qualification Approval – Reeves Young, LLC

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve Reeves Young, LLC of Sugar Hill, GA for inclusion on CCMWA's Prequalified Pipeline Contractors List for Ductile Iron Pipe in the Category 1, 24-inch and smaller, size category. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

10. Board Meeting Date Change for June 2024

- a. Mr. Blackwell discussed the need to change the Board Meeting date for the month of June due to scheduling conflicts among Board Members. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the Board Meeting date change from June 24, 2024, to June 26, 2024. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

11. Old Business

- a. Ms. Clements referred to the Cell Tower Lease Rate Comps memorandum in the board package (copy in file). The Board discussed appropriate language to include in the Lease Agreement with American Tower. Mr. Scott recommended the Lease Agreement with American Tower be drafted to present to the Board in June 2024.

12. General Manager's Report

- a. Mr. Blackwell provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):
 - i. Blackjack Mountain Pipeline
 1. Contractor, Garney, is preparing close-out documentation.
 2. Pavement repairs on Barnes Mill Road are complete.
 3. The pipeline was placed in service in early February 2024.
 4. The project's substantial completion was established on October 30, 2023.
 5. The project is anticipated to finish within contract value.

6. Garney has withdrawn its request that CCMWA consider additional compensation of \$2,034,600 for changed conditions and deletion of scope. The final pay application and close-out documents are being processed.
- ii. Maner Road 36-inch Pipeline Replacement
 1. The project consists of the replacement of approximately 9,100 feet of 36" ductile iron pipe (DIP) with fiberglass reinforced polymer (FRP) pipe in south Cobb County adjacent to Georgia Power's Plant McDonough-Atkinson.
 2. The project is on hold after the Contractor, JDS Inc., discovered a problem when the FRP pipe failed a joint test on April 15th.
 3. The contractor notified the pipe manufacturer, Thompson Pipe Group (TPG), of the issue, and the manufacturer inspected the pipe.
 4. TPG found several instances of rolled gaskets and delamination spots on the pipe.
 5. Staff has met with the engineer, contractor, and pipe manufacturer to discuss project completion options.
 6. A final plan is being prepared. The project is on hold until the plan is approved. Significant schedule delays are anticipated.
 - iii. Factory Shoals Road 30-inch & Six Flags 24-inch Pipeline Replacement
 1. The project consists of replacing 11,500 linear feet of mostly 16-inch and 24-inch pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) with 24-inch and 30-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) along Factory Shoals Road, Riverside Parkway, and Cityview Drive.
 2. The contractor, JDS Inc., received the approved traffic control plan and lane closure for Riverside Parkway, finished installing an 8-inch DIP water main on Riverside Parkway, and placed the main in service. The contractor has also installed 280 linear feet of 24-inch DIP on Riverside Parkway.
 3. Coordination with Cobb County DOT is ongoing for Cityview Drive and Factory Shoal Road traffic control plans.
 - iv. Mars Hill Church Rd to Pine Mountain 36-inch Aged Pipeline Replacement
 1. This project involves replacing about 22,000 linear feet of 30-inch and 36-inch pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) with 36-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) in northwest Cobb County.
 2. Contractor, Cleary Construction, is working on submittals. The contractor mobilized and began clearing the easement near Pine Mountain Circle, performing surveying, and installing erosion and sediment control measures.
 - v. Factory Shoals Tank Rehabilitation Project
 1. The project involves repairing spalling concrete, replacing failing coatings on the tank exterior, and installing a new handrail system around the tank's perimeter.

2. The contractor, All American Markets, Inc., mobilized on April 29th and began installing the containment system.
- vi. CCMWA Level of Service Goals Update
1. Level of Service (LoS) defines the types and amounts of service CCMWA wants its assets to provide to its customers relative to the capabilities and limitations of the assets.
 2. LoS indicates how CCMWA will operate and maintain its assets to meet customer expectations.
 3. CCMWA's LoS goals provide:
 - a. A means of assessing overall system performance
 - b. A direct link between costs and service
 - c. An internal guide for CCMWA staff
 - d. A communication avenue with customers
 4. CCMWA's customers were invited to participate in the LoS update at its annual customer coordination meeting on May 15th.
 5. Examples of LoS goals include:
 - a. Water Quality
 - b. Customer Service
 - c. Drought
 - d. Education and Outreach
 - e. Health and Safety
 - f. Financial
 - g. Sustainability
 - h. Minimum System Operating Pressure
 - i. Redundancy / Reliability
 - j. System Capacity
 - k. Treatment Capabilities
- vii. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Rules Update
1. Consumer Confidence Report
 - a. America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, Congress instructed EPA to revise the Consumer Confidence Report Rule.
 - b. The new rule requires systems serving over 10,000 customers to distribute reports twice yearly.
 - c. The rule only requires water systems to develop entirely new reports if they experience a violation or action level exceedance.
 - d. Water systems serving 100,000 or more people must develop a language access plan for assisting consumers with limited English proficiency.
 2. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
 - a. Monitoring is required for designated PFAS. Utilities have until 2027 to complete initial monitoring and then compliance monitoring.

- b. Beginning in 2027, water systems must inform the public about the levels of these PFAS in their drinking water.
- c. By 2029 utilities must implement solutions that reduce these PFAS if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed these MCLs.
- d. By 2029, utilities with PFAS that violate one or more MCLs must reduce levels and provide public notification of the violation.
- e. EPA published the final rule designating PFOA and PFOS as **CERCLA** hazardous substances.
- f. EPA's final rule does not protect public water systems as passive receivers from being sued by the original polluters and does not protect public water systems concerning PFAS-contaminated residuals.

13. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Balli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending & Potential Litigation. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

Mr. Balli left the meeting at 03:38 p.m.

- b. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

14. Legal

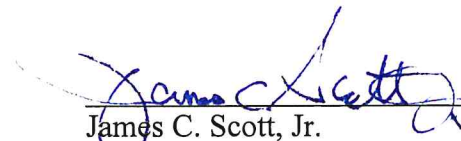
- a. Mr. Doug Haynie, Board Attorney, presented a Modification to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Macon Water Authority (copy in file).
 - i. Mr. Welch made a motion to approve a Modification to Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Macon Water Authority which adds Macon Soils, Inc. to the previous Intergovernmental Agreement approved by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-8-35. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 03:58 p.m.



Nicole L. Zvanut
Assistant Secretary

*Erin Landers
signing on behalf of
Nicole Zvanut*



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair