

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

**August 19, 2024 – 02:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on August 19, 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, Grif Chalfant, James Balli, and Lisa Cupid. Not Present: Corkey Welch

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

- a. Mr. Brandon Smith offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 22, 2024**

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2024. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of July 22, 2024**

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of July 22, 2024. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

**4. New business**

- a. Mr. Doug Haynie, CCMWA's attorney, announced that Mr. Scott and Mr. Balli will be sworn in on August 20, 2024, for their new terms on the Water Authority board.

**5. Financial report**

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the July 31, 2024, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for July was \$4,407,374, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$686,009. Net income for July was \$8,210,526, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$4,031,761.

**6. Consideration of Local Vendor Preference Policy**

- a. Ms. Allison Clements referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the adoption of the Local Vendor Preference Policy as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

Ms. Cupid arrived at 2:43 p.m.

**7. Request For Proposal Results - On-Call Pump Repair Services**

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to award the On-Call Pump Repair Services contract to Goforth Williamson, Inc. of Griffin, Georgia, for a 2-year term with an option for the General Manager to renew for two additional 1-year terms. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

**8. Quarles Plant No. 2 High Service Pump Station Roof Replacement**

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Crowder made a motion to award the Quarles High Service Pump Station No.2 Roof Replacement project through the State of Georgia contract 99999-SPD-S20200901-0007 to F.H. Paschen of Atlanta, Georgia, in the amount of \$233,195.00. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

**9. Nominating Committee Report**

- a. Mr. Chalfant reported that the Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers: Chair- Mr. James Scott, Vice Chair- Mr. Dan Buyers, and Secretary- Mr. Charlie Crowder.

**10. Old Business**

- a. Mr. Scott asked Erin Landers to send an email to Mr. Welch offering the Board's condolences for the loss of his sister.

**11. General Manager's Report**

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):
  - i. Maner Road 36-inch Pipeline Replacement
  - ii. Factory Shoals Road 30-inch & Six Flags 24-inch Water Main Replacement
  - iii. Mars Hill Church Rd to Pine Mountain 36-inch Aged Pipeline Replacement
  - iv. Wyckoff 86-inch Combined Filter Effluent Pipe Leak
  - v. Public Outreach: "From Source to Tap"

**12. Executive Session**

- a. Ms. Cupid made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending & Potential Litigation. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.
- b. Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

### 13. Legal

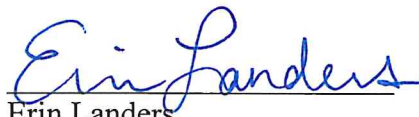
a. **Notice of Claim/Ante Litem Notice - Denial**

Mr. Doug Haynie referred to the Notice of Claim in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to deny the claim of Kelly Morton as presented with direction for staff to continue to work with the claimant to resolve the matter. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

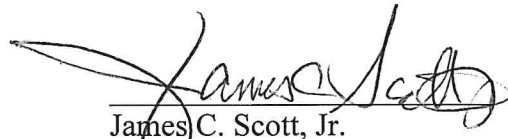
b. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and IHC Construction Companies, LLC related to the construction of the Wyckoff WTP Clearwell #3 and authorize the Chair and General Manager to execute same on behalf of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority. The Chair, General Manager and legal counsel are hereby authorized to make minor changes to the Agreement as deemed necessary and appropriate. This approval is contingent upon approval of the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release by IHC Construction Companies, LLC, and the proper execution of same by IHC Construction Companies, LLC. Otherwise, this motion shall be null and void. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

c. Ms. Cupid made a motion to amend the contract with IHC Construction Companies, LLC for the construction of Wyckoff Clearwell No.3 in the amount of \$2,251,217.78 to compensate for additional construction efforts relative to tank leakage repairs and unsuitable soils. Retainage and interest on retainage will be paid to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, totaling \$1,648,782.22. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.



Erin Landers  
Acting Assistant Secretary

  
James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair