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

October 20, 2025 - 2:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on October 20, 2025, 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, Charles Welch, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid and James Balli.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

### 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

a. Mr. Tom Ginn offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 15, 2025

a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 15, 2025. Mr. Charlie Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Grif Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

## 3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of September 15, 2025

a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of September 15, 2025. Ms. Lisa Cupid made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

Mr. Dan Buyers arrived at the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

#### 4. New business

a. There were no new business items to report.

#### 5. Financial report

a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the September 30, 2025, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for September was \$4,018,084, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$389,143. Net income for September was \$7,753,289, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$3,410,596.

#### 6. Quarterly Investment Report

a. Mr. Christopher Holt, of Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2025 (copy in file).

#### 7. Binding of 2026 Health Insurance Offering

a. Mr. Cole Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Charles Welch made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee to

bind health insurance coverage for Authority employees for the 2026 plan year. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

#### 8. Bid Results - 2026 Water Treatment Chemicals

a. Dr. Dawn Lei referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. James Balli made a motion to approve the listed vendors to provide process chemicals during 2026 for the verified low bids as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

#### 9. Blow-Off and Critical Valve Replacements 9A and 9B Task Authorizations

a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the issuance of task authorizations through CCMWA's Emergency and On-Call Construction contract to Unity Construction Co., of Powder Springs, GA for the Blow-Off and Critical Valve Replacements Projects 9A and 9B at the verified lowest cost proposals of \$998,070.00 for Group 9A and \$929,975.00 for Group 9B. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

## 10. Esri Geographical Information System Enterprise Advantage Program Agreement

a. Ms. Rita Neely referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Ms. Cupid made a motion to approve a 3-year Enterprise Advantage Program (EEAP) Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri), for a total cost of \$205,050.00. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

#### 11. Old Business

a. There were no old business items to report.

#### 12. General Manager's Report

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the General Manager's Report (copy in file) and provided information related to the following projects:
  - i. Mars Hill Church Road to Pine Mountain 36-inch Aged Pipeline Replacement Project
  - ii. Old Highway 41 / National Park Service Water Main Replacement Project
  - iii. Quarles Chemical Building Replacement Project
  - iv. Quarles Reservoir Cleaning Project
- b. Mr. Blackwell provided updates on the following items:
  - i. Chattahoochee River Taste and Odor Causing Compounds
  - ii. CCMWA Level of Service Goals
- c. Mr. Blackwell recognized CCMWA for receiving the following awards:
  - i. Georgia Association of Water Professionals Water Distribution System of Excellence Platinum Award
  - ii. Georgia Association of Water Professionals Laboratory Quality Assurance and Quality Control Platinum Award

iii. American Council of Engineering Companies - State Engineering Excellence Award for CCMWA's Level of Service Goals Project

#### 13. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate matters. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
- b. Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular meeting. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

#### 14. Legal

- a. Purchase of Real Estate
  - i. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the fee-simple purchase of 3700 Mars Hill Road, Acworth, GA, at the independently appraised value of \$420,000.00, with the following stipulations. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
    - 1. CCMWA has 60 days after the signing of the contract to survey the property and examine the title.
    - 2. CCMWA will deposit \$10,000 into CCMWA's attorney's realestate escrow account upon the signing of the contract by the Seller.
    - 3. CCMWA will have 60 days after the execution of the contract to perform any and all inspections desired.
    - 4. The closing on the transaction would occur within 45 days after the expiration of all of the time periods above.
    - 5. If inspections of the property and title deem the property compromised, CCMWA may terminate the contract and recover its escrow deposit.
- b. Cobb County Department of Transportation Right-of-Way and Easement Acquisition Pete Shaw Tank Sidewalk Improvements
  - i. Mr. Blackwell presented the Cobb County Department of Transportation Right-of-Way and Easement Acquisition request for Pete Shaw Road Sidewalk Improvements at Pete Shaw Tank (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve to donate 3,989.42 square feet of CCMWA property at the Pete Shaw tank site in fee simple right-of-way and grant a temporary driveway easement as shown on Cobb County's survey of the property to facilitate Cobb County constructing sidewalk improvements along Pete Shaw Road. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
- c. Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County Old Highway 41 and Stilesboro Road Pipeline Project
  - Mr. Blackwell presented the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County for the Old Highway 41 and Stilesboro Road Pipeline Project (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County related to the Old Highway 41 and

# Stilesboro Road Water Main Replacement Project as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Kristen Bertsch

**Assistant Secretary** 

James C. Scott, Jr.

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