

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

January 26, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on January 26, 2026, at 02:30 p.m., in a hybrid format, with members attending in person in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room and virtually via Microsoft Teams. A virtual attendance option was offered due to the State of Emergency declared in the State of Georgia related to winter weather conditions. Water Authority Board members present in-person were James Scott, Dan Buyers, Charles Welch, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, and Charlie Crowder. Water Authority Board member Lisa Cupid attended virtually.

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 15, 2025. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Charles Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of December 15, 2025

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of December 15, 2025. Mr. Charlie Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lisa Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

4. New business

- a. Mr. Scott congratulated Ms. Cupid on her recognition by *Georgia Trend* as one of the One Hundred Most Influential Georgians in 2026.

5. Financial report

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the December 31, 2025, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for December was \$1,718,191, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$636,285. Net income for December was \$2,503,459, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$570,871.

6. Quarterly and Year-End Investment Report

- a. Mr. Christopher Holt, of Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly and Year-End Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2025 (copy in file).

- 7. Approval of Board and Attorney Travel Expenses for AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition**
 - a. Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the travel expenses for the CCMWA Board and Attorney to attend the American Water Works Association Annual Conference and Exposition on June 21-24, 2026, in Washington D.C. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

- 8. Supplemental Engineering Services During Construction – Quarles Reservoir Cleaning and Improvements Project**
 - a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. James Balli made a motion to approve an On-Demand Services Task Authorization to Hazen and Sawyer, PC, in the not to exceed amount of \$501,613 for additional construction phase engineering services for the Quarles Reservoir Cleaning and Improvements Project. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

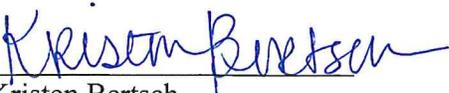
- 9. Old Business**
 - a. There were no old business items to report.

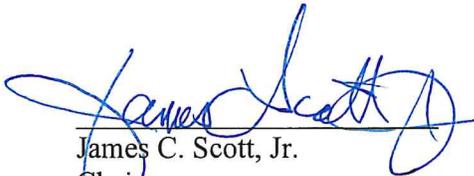
- 10. General Manager’s Report**
 - a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the General Manager’s Report (copy in file) and provided information related to the following projects:
 - i. Mars Hill Church Road to Pine Mountain 36-inch Aged Pipeline Replacement Project
 - ii. Old Highway 41 / National Park Service Water Main Replacement Project
 - iii. Quarles Chemical Building Replacement Project
 - iv. Quarles Plant No.2 SCADA Replacement Project
 - b. Mr. Blackwell provided notice of an upcoming Town Hall meeting with the Marietta City Council, at which CCMWA will present information regarding water consumption by data centers.

- 11. Executive Session**
 - a. Mr. Buyers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending and Potential Litigation. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
 - b. Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular meeting. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

- 12. Legal**
 - a. There were no legal items to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34p.m.


Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair