

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

February 16, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on February 16, 2026, 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, Charles Welch, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid and Charlie Crowder.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 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 January 26, 2026

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 26, 2026. Mr. Charlie Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lisa Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of January 26, 2026

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of January 26, 2026. Mr. Grif Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

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 January 31, 2026, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for January was \$1,886,564 which fell short of the budget expectation by \$277,580. Net income for January was \$2,402,731, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$442,979.

**6. Trickum Road 20-inch Water Main – Engineering Design and Construction
Inspection Task Authorization**

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve a Task Authorization in the amount of \$255,309 under the Engineering On-Demand Services contract with Engineering Strategies, Inc. of Marietta, Georgia. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

7. Old Business

- a. Mr. Chalfant commended Mr. Blackwell for his presentation on data centers at the City of Marietta Town Hall meeting.

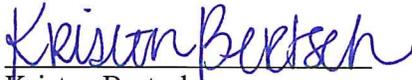
8. General Manager's Report

- 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. Drought Report
 - ii. Radionuclides – Quarles Division Failure to Sample Violation
 - iii. Pension Investment Management Services

9. Legal

- a. There were no legal items to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.


Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair