Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority
Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 20, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on July 20, 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, Charlie Crowder, Charles Welch, and Grif Chalfant. Water Authority members not present were James Balli and Lisa Cupid.

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 June 15, 2026**
    a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 15, 2026. Mr. Grif Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dan Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

3. **Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of June 15, 2026**
    a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of June 15, 2026. Mr. Charlie Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Charles Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

4. **New business**
    a. Mr. Blackwell introduced new Laboratory Division Manager, Michael Arnette.

5. **Financial report**
    a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the June 30, 2026, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for June was $4,015,795, which fell short of the budget expectation by $55,233. Net income for June was $5,362,417, which exceeded the budget expectation by $614,713.

6. **Quarterly Investment Review**
    a. Mr. Christopher Holt, of Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment Review for the quarter ending June 30, 2026 (copy in file).

7. **Investment Policy Update – Consideration of Additional Broker**
    a. Ms. Clements referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the addition of Brean Capital, LLC to the list of authorized brokers/dealers in the CCMWA Investment Policy. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

8. Pension Committee Report

a. Mr. Stan Brinkley, Chair of the Pension Committee, gave a report on the Special Called Pension Committee meeting of June 15, 2026 (copy in file).

9. Bid Results – 2026 Facility Coatings Program

a. Ms. Rita Neely, Director of Engineering, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to award the 2026 Facility Coatings Program to Llamas Coatings, Inc. of Atlanta, GA, for the verified low bid of $280,728.00. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

10. Appointment of Nominating Committee

a. Mr. Scott appointed a Nominating Committee of officers to report at the September Board meeting. The Committee consists of Mr. Grif Chalfant – Chair, Ms. Lisa Cupid, and Mr. James Balli.

11. Appointment of Pension Committee Member

a. Upon recommendation of the Pension Committee, Mr. Scott appointed Mr. Eric Mitchell, Wyckoff Division Maintenance Superintendent, to serve on the Pension Committee as a replacement member to Ms. Karen Osborne. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

12. Old Business

a. There were no old business items to report.

13. 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. Old Highway 41 / National Park Service Water Main Replacement Project
   ii. Quarles Plant No.2 SCADA Replacement Project
   iii. Quarles Chemical Building Replacement Project

b. Mr. Blackwell provided updates on the following items:
   i. Georgia Drought Update
   ii. Taste and Odor Compounds in Lake Lanier and Allatoona Lake

14. Executive Session

a. Mr. Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

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

15. Legal

a. Factory Shoals Property Purchase

i. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve a Land Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, as Purchaser, and Sovannary Roun, as Seller to purchase approximately 2.4 acres of land known as 7249 Factory Shoals Road, Austell, Georgia, also known as tax parcels 1805890030 and 1805890040, at the price of $175,000.00. This motion authorizes the Chair, the General Manager, and the Board Attorney to take any and all action to carry out the Terms of the Land Purchase and Sale Agreement. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary

James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair