

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

August 17, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on August 17, 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, Grif Chalfant, 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. Brandon Smith offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 20, 2026

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 20, 2026. Mr. Charlie Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dan Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of July 20, 2026

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of July 20, 2026. Mr. James Balli made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Grif Chalfant 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 July 31, 2026, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for July was \$4,157,869, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$542,934. Net income for July was \$4,530,269, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$848,960.

6. Chattahoochee Trail 54" Water Main Relocation – Engineering Design, Permitting, and Construction Inspection Task Authorization

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Charles Welch made a motion to approve a Task Authorization in the amount of \$242,366.00 under the Engineering On-Demand Services contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., for the engineering design and construction management services for the Chattahoochee Trail 54-inch Water Main Relocation Project. Ms. Lisa Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

7. Nominating Committee Report

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

8. Old Business

- a. There were no old business items to report.

9. 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 Reservoir Cleaning and Rehabilitation Project
 - iv. Quarles Chemical Building Replacement Project
- b. Mr. Blackwell provided information on the following items:
 - i. Georgia Drought Update
 - ii. Cobb Chamber Award – Gold Employer of Excellence Certification

10. Executive Session

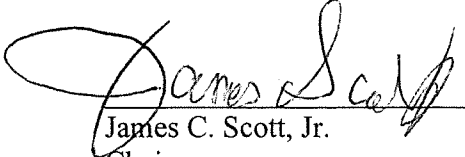
- a. Mr. Balli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending Litigation, and Cybersecurity. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
- b. Mr. Welch made a motion to return to the Regular meeting. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously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

11. Legal

- a. Sharp Mountain Hunt Club Renewal
 - i. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the renewal of the Sharp Mountain Hunt Club Lease Agreement for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2031. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.


Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair