

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

September 21, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on September 21, 2026, at 02:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were James Scott, Charlie Crowder, Charles Welch, Grif Chalfant, and Lisa Cupid. Board members not present were Dan Buyers 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. Sam Woodie offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 17, 2026

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 17, 2026. Mr. Charlie Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Grif Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of August 17, 2026

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of August 17, 2026. Mr. Charles Welch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lisa Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

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 August 31, 2026, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for August was \$4,614,982, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$488,582. Net income for August was \$5,242,050, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$543,190.

6. Pension Committee Report

- a. Mr. Stan Brinkley, Chair of the Pension Committee, gave a report on the Regular Pension Committee meeting of August 17, 2026 (copy in file).

7. CCMWA Board Election of Officers

- a. Mr. Scott called for nominations for CCMWA Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. With no additional nominations, the Board unanimously voted 5/0 to approve the following officers: Mr. James Scott –

Chair; Mr. Dan Buyers – Vice-Chair; Mr. Charlie Crowder – Secretary; and Ms. Kristen Bertsch – Assistant Secretary.

8. CCMWA Committee Member Appointments

- a. Mr. Scott appointed the following board members and staff members to serve on CCMWA Committees.
 - Finance Committee: Lisa Cupid, Grif Chalfant, Corkey Welch
 - Personnel Committee: James Balli, Dan Buyers, Charlie Crowder
 - Planning Committee: Dan Buyers, Charlie Crowder, James Balli
 - Pension Committee: Patrick Henley, Stan Brinkley, Cole Blackwell, William Blalack, Eric Mitchell, Corkey Welch, Grif Chalfant
 - Rates and Contracts Committee: Grif Chalfant, Charlie Crowder, Dan Buyers
 - James Scott will serve as ex officio on all CCMWA Committees.

9. Old Business

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

10. General Manager's Report

- a. Ms. Rita Neely, Director of Engineering, 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
 - iv. Quarles Reservoir Cleaning and Rehabilitation Project
 - v. Pine Mountain Tank Replacement Project

11. Executive Session

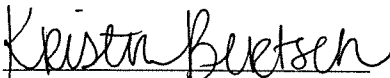
- a. Mr. Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Cybersecurity. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.
- b. Ms. Cupid made a motion to return to the Regular meeting. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

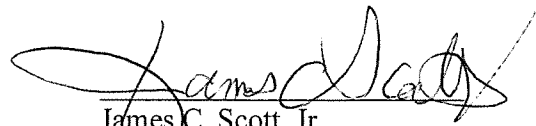
12. Legal

- a. 1660 Barnes Mill Road Lease Extension
 - i. Ms. Cupid made a motion to approve a new Lease Agreement between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, as Landlord, and GeoSurvey, Ltd., as Tenant, for the property at 1660 Barnes Mill Road, Marietta, Georgia, with a monthly rental rate of \$5,108.16 and a lease expiration of October 15, 2031. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.
- b. Cobb County Memorandum of Agreement – Transportation Facility Improvements

- i. Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement, as presented, to address project modifications required for Cobb County's South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road Roundabout transportation improvement project. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.


Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair