

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

February 19, 2024 – 02:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on February 19, 2024, 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, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch.

The meeting was called to order at 02:30 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 22, 2024

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2024. Ms. Cupid made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of January 22, 2024

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of January 22, 2024. Ms. Cupid made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

4. New business

- a. There were no new business items to present.

5. Financial report

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the January 31, 2024, Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for January was \$2,957,260 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$501,642. Net income for January was \$4,496,599 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$1,583,583.

6. Bid Award – Factory Shoals Tank Repairs and Perimeter Handrail Project

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to award of the Factory Shoals Tank Repairs and

Perimeter Handrail Project to All American Markets, Inc. of Atlanta, GA for the verified low-bid price of \$1,223,219.00. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

7. Engineering Services Contract – Schnabel Engineering, Hickory Log Creek Dam Inspection and Monitoring Services

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Ms. Cupid made a motion to award a five-year Hickory Log Creek Dam Engineering Services contract with Schnabel Engineering, Inc. of Alpharetta, Georgia, not to exceed the price of \$300,000.00. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

8. Old Business

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

9. General Manager's report

- a. Mr. Blackwell provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):
 - i. Blackjack Mountain Pipeline
 1. Contractor Garney continues on punch list items and close-out documentation.
 2. The pipeline was placed in service on February 2nd after flushing, disinfection, and bacteriological testing.
 3. The project is anticipated to finish within contract value.
 - ii. Blackjack Mountain Ground Storage Tank
 1. Electrical subcontractor, Robinson Electrical, finished installation of the control panel and electrical panel.
 2. Integration subcontractor MR Systems began the startup of instrumentation and valve controls.
 3. General contractor, Crom completed cleaning and disinfecting the tank.
 4. Staff completed filling the tank.
 5. Project substantial completion and facility start-up are expected in March 2024.
 - iii. 2024 Critical Valve & Blow-Off Replacement Projects (7a & 7b)
 1. The projects grouped blow-off and valve replacements near the ongoing Maner Road 36-inch Water Main Replacement projects. Construction of these projects was accelerated and performed concurrently to return the pipeline into service sooner to reduce risk.

2. Unity Construction is working to complete the project and making good progress but continues to wait on material, particularly manholes.
 3. Two locations have been completed, six are partially completed, and two are waiting to commence work.
- iv. Maner Road 36-inch Pipeline Replacement
1. Contractor JDS Inc. continued removal of existing water main piping and received additional FRP pipe and fittings.
 2. The FRP pipe manufacturer, Thompson Pipe Group, was on site to label fittings, mark the top of the pipe, and modify four fittings.
 3. Inspection of removed ductile iron pipe continued to show signs of excessive heating that baked or destroyed the pipe's exterior protective polyethylene "bag".
 4. Installation of piping began the week of February 12th.
- v. Factory Shoals Road 30-inch & Six Flags 24-inch Pipeline Replacement
1. Contractor, JDS Inc., continues to work on submittals. The contractor is expected to mobilize in February to locate utilities and install silt fence.
 2. A coordination meeting was held with Cobb County DOT on January 17th to discuss the contractor's traffic control plans. The contractor is preparing an updated plan for approval.
 3. JDS is moving slower than anticipated on the project due to a lack of securing a laydown area and is quickly falling behind the overall project schedule.
- vi. Corrosion Control Feed System Installations
1. The project has added orthophosphate chemical feed systems at both plants for corrosion control.
 2. Contractor, Sol Construction finished installation at both treatment facilities. Startup was completed at the Wyckoff facility in January and the Quarles facility in early February.
 3. Staff completed the third month of in-house sampling. Water quality data will be collected throughout the transition period.
 4. A customer meeting will be held in March. Notification to GA EPD, customers, and stakeholders is ongoing.

10. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Balli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending & Potential Litigation. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
- b. Ms. Cupid made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

11. Legal

- a. Mr. Doug Haynie, Board Attorney, presented a Cooperative Technical Assistance Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement (copy in file).
 - i. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the Cooperative Technical Assistance Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Atlanta Regional Commission in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-8-35. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 03:19 p.m.

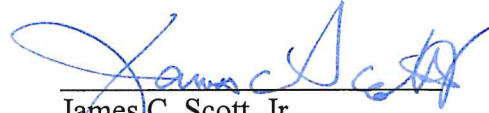


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Assistant Secretary

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James C. Scott, Jr.

Chair