

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

**April 17, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on April 17, 2017 at 3:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were: Grif Chalfant, Charlie Crowder, Dan Buyers, Max Bacon, James Balli, Mike Boyce and James Scott.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Grif Chalfant.

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Bobby Fields offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017**

Mr. Chalfant asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**3. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Interim Director of Finance, presented a summary of the March 31, 2017 Financial Statement (copy in file). Net income for March was \$2,672,262, which exceeded expectations by \$569,342. Operating income for March was \$2,793,622, which exceeded expectations by \$600,169.

**4. Finance Committee report**

Mr. Scott, Finance Committee Chair, made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve a banking services agreement with SunTrust Bank for a period of three years with an option for a single 2-year extension. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Also on behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scott made a motion to approve a resolution to replace Cole Blackwell with Allison Clements as the primary contact and online account administrator for Renasant Bank. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**5. Quarterly Investment report**

Mr. Courtney Rogers, Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment report (copy in file).

**6. Presentation of 2016 Audit**

Mr. Tim Lyons, Mauldin & Jenkins, presented the 2016 audit (copy in file) and stated that an unmodified opinion was issued. Mr. Lyons noted that the 2016 Audit was presented as a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which exceeds the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) reporting requirements and

complies with recommended Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) financial reporting practices.

**7. Hazen and Sawyer – Coating Program Inspection Services Proposal**

Mr. Blackwell, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve an extension of the Coatings Inspection contract with Hazen and Sawyer through December 31, 2018, with an additional allocation to the contract of \$50,000. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**8. Contract Extensions – Engineering Consultant for Demand Services**

Mr. Kaffezakis, Director of Engineering referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve extension of the Demand Engineering Service contracts with River 2 Tap, Inc. of Roswell, Brown and Caldwell, P.C. of Atlanta and Engineering Strategies, Inc. of Marietta for a period of one year, through May 2017. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**9. Old business**

There were no old business items to present.

**10. General Manager's report**

Mr. Page provided the following updates:

A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on April 12 for an AR&R project to rewind the motor for Raw Water Pump No. 4 at the Wyckoff Intake. The project has a budget value of \$100,000. Of all the attendees of the meeting, staff is aware of only one attending contractor who meets the qualifications required in the advertisement and bidding documents. Staff plans to go through with the bidding process, but wants the Board to be aware of the possibility of having only one bidder for the project. In order to continue the planned sequence of renewing all the pumps and motors at the Wyckoff RWPS, maintaining the schedule for this project is important.

Quarles Plant 1 Replacement – A neighborhood Meet and Greet prior to bidding the project is tentatively set for the afternoon of Saturday, April 29.

Both the Quarles and the Wyckoff plants received recognition for high scores in Plant of the Year competition (Georgia Association of Water Professionals), as well as achieving Platinum Award status for nine consecutive years of zero violations of regulatory requirements for water quality, monitoring and reporting.

**11. New business**

There were no new business items to present.

**12. Executive Session**

Mr. Balli made to motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and leasing of real property. Mr. Scott seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Scott made a motion to return to Regular Session. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**13. Legal**

Mr. Balli made a motion to intervene on behalf of the United States in Alabama v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-607 (D.D.C. filed April 5, 2017), and any other litigation that has been or may be filed challenging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Master Water Control Manual for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin adopted on March 30, 2017, to defend current and future water supplies from Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River (see attached). Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to assert any cross-claims against the United States relating to the Corps' Master Water Control Manual for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin that, in consultation with counsel, are deemed necessary by the jurisdiction's representative to defend current and future water supplies from Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River (see attached). Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve a lease between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Mary Stone for property located near the Sharp Mountain Creek Property subject to the final approval of the General Manager and the Board attorney (see attached). Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve a lease between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Sharp Mountain Creek Hunting Lease for property located near the Sharp Mountain Creek Property subject to the final approval of the General Manager and the Board attorney (see attached). Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Becky A. Mixon  
Assistant Secretary



Griffin L. Chalfant, Jr.  
Chair