

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

December 16, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on December 16, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were: James Scott, Dan Buyers, Charlie Crowder, Max Bacon, James Balli, Mike Boyce, and Grif Chalfant.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Becky Watkins offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 18, 2019

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2019. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of November 18, 2019

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of November 18, 2019. Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the November 30, 2019 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for November was \$3,328,654, which exceeded expectations by \$754,533. Net income for November was \$2,812,223, which exceeded expectations by \$247,021.

5. Pension Committee report

Mr. Stan Brinkley, Committee Chair reported the following from the November meeting of the Pension Committee (copy in file):

- Via Conference call, Blake Myton, Portfolio Investment Manager with SunTrust, presented the Third Quarter 2019 Investment Review. For the quarter ending September 30, 2019, the Fund generated a gain of 1.16%, with a Policy Benchmark of 1.33%. The value of the fund on September 30, 2019 was \$39,938,600.

- Scott Brown, Investment Advisor to the Committee, submitted the Investment Performance Review. Troy Harmon, Investment Advisor, discussed implementation of suggested changes to the portfolio made last quarter.
- The Committee approved the contract renewal for the Plan Actuary.
- The Committee acknowledged the Third Quarter 2019 report of payment of invoices made by Allison Clements.
- The Committee approved the following officers: Stan Brinkley, Chair; Cole Blackwell, Vice Chair; and Patrick Henley, Secretary.
- The Committee adopted the 2020 Pension Committee Meeting Schedule of February 17, May 18, August 17 and November 16.

6. Second Reading of Proposed 2020 Operations and Capital Improvement Plan Budgets

Mr. Crowder made a motion following the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the proposed 2020 Operations and Capital Improvement Plan Budgets and the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by staff; motion passed 7/0.

7. Consideration of Third Water Supply Contract with Paulding County

Mr. Chalfant made a motion following the recommendation from the Rates & Contracts Committee to approve the Third Water Supply Contract with Paulding County as presented; motion passed 7/0.

8. Engineering Services Task Authorization - Wyckoff Raw Water Pipeline Improvements

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve a Task Authorization under the Demand Services Contract with Engineering Strategies, Inc. of Marietta to perform all engineering and construction management required for the Wyckoff Raw Water Pipeline Improvements Project for the proposed fee of \$445,128. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

9. Engineering Services – James E. Quarles Water Treatment Plant 2 SCADA Replacement Project

Mr. Buyers made a motion to award a contract for design and construction services for the James E. Quarles Water Treatment Plant 2 SCADA Replacement Project to

Hazen and Sawyer of Atlanta in the amount of \$2,795,453. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

10. Emergency and On-Call Construction Contract Extension

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve a one-year extension of the Emergency and On-Call Construction Contract with Unity Construction Company, Inc. of Powder Springs with a contract-based increase in labor and equipment rates of 7.99% over the original rates proposed in 2016. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

11. GIS Platform Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri)

Mr. Balli made a motion to enter into a 3-year ArcGIS Platform Standard Subscription Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri) for a total cost of \$157,500. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

12. Adoption of 2020 Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Buyers made a motion to adopt the 2020 Board Meeting Schedule as proposed by staff (copy in file). Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

13. Old Business

There were no old business items to present.

14. General Manager's report

Mr. Page provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):

- The Special Master released his report to the U.S. Supreme Court in the Florida v. Georgia lawsuit about waters in the ACF basin, with this conclusion:

"I do not recommend that the Supreme Court grant Florida's request for a decree equitably apportioning the waters of the ACF Basin because the evidence has not shown harm to Florida caused by Georgia; the evidence has shown that Georgia's water use is reasonable; and the evidence has not shown that the benefits of apportionment would substantially outweigh the potential harms."

Next steps are expected to be a list of exceptions to the report to be filed with the Court by Florida, and scheduling of oral arguments to be held before the Court issues its opinion, sometime in 2021.

- New Employees Day 2019 was held December 12. Seven new employees spent the day with the General Manager and directors discussing the “big picture” of operations at CCMWA and touring the Hickory Log Creek project.

15. New business

Chairman Scott thanked staff for their dedication and professionalism throughout 2019

Chairman Scott congratulated Brandon Smith on his promotion to Quarles Division Manager and Stan Brinkley for his move to Maintenance Division Manager.

The Board thanked Mayor Bacon for his 20 years of service to the Water Authority and congratulated him on his retirement from the City of Smyrna.

16. Executive Session

Mr. Boyce made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

17. Legal

Quitclaim Deed to Wayne Wadsworth and Dawn Christine Wadsworth related to 4598 Columns Drive

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve a Quitclaim Deed to Wayne Wadsworth and Dawn Christine Wadsworth related to 4598 Columns Drive which releases a portion of an abandoned 36-inch pipeline. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Cobb County, Georgia regarding Transportation Facility Improvement for the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Enhancements

Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Cobb County, Georgia regarding Transportation Facility Improvement for the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Enhancements, subject to the final approval of the General Manager and the Board Attorney. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

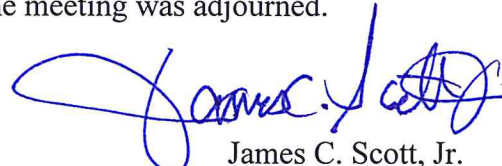
Purchase of approximately 10.00 acres of land from Marsha Harris Slagle in Cherokee County for the Sharp Mountain Creek Property assemblage

Mr. Boyce made a motion to approve the purchase of approximately 10.00 acres of land from Marsha Harris Slagle in Cherokee County for the Sharp Mountain Creek

Property assemblage. The price is \$15,682.00 per acre which would result in a purchase price of \$156,820.00, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Agreement is subject to the approval of the Chair, General Manager, and Board Attorney. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Pat Tibbitts
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair