

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

**March 20, 2023– 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on March 20, 2023, 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, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch.

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Sam Woodie offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 20, 2023**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2023. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**3. New business**

Mr. Cole Blackwell, General Manager, announced that Pat Tibbitts, Executive Assistant to the General Manager, was retiring as of March 31, 2023, and Ms. Nicole Zvanut has been hired as the new Executive Assistant to the General Manager.

**4. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the February 28, 2023 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for February was \$2,254,161, which exceeded expectations by \$180,268. Net income for February was \$1,556,745, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$663,080.

**5. Pension Committee Report**

Pension Committee Chair, Stanley Brinkley gave the report from the February 20, 2023 meeting of the Pension Committee (copy in file).

**6. Agreement with Lockheed Martin Corporation**

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion following the recommendation from the Rates & Contracts

Committee to approve the Agreement with Lockheed Martin Corporation as presented; motion passed 7/0.

**7. Bid Award – James E. Quarles Water Treatment Plant 2 – SCADA Replacement Project**

Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award the James E. Quarles Water Treatment Plant 2 SCADA Replacement Project to Crowder Construction Company of Charlotte, North Carolina for the verified low bid price of \$29,010,390. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**8. Replacement of 2006 International Dump Truck**

Ms. Dawn Lei, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Crowder made a motion to purchase a Kenworth Model T880 dump truck from MHC Kenworth of Atlanta in Mableton, Georgia at the State of Georgia contract (SPD0000155) price of \$249,800. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**9. Election of Open Records Officer**

Mr. Blackwell stated that Georgia's record retention law requires every governmental entity to designate a records custodian for record management purposes but gives the option of designating an open records officer, in writing, for the purpose of responding to open records requests. Unless records officer(s) are appointed, every person who has or maintains public records is considered a custodian of those records. As previously stated CCMWA's Open Records Officer, Pat Tibbitts will be retiring effective March 31, 2023. It is recommended that the Board elect Nicole Zvanut as the CCMWA Open Records Officer through a vote today. Mr. Balli made a motion to elect Ms. Nicole Zvanut as the Open Records Officer as of March 21, 2023. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**10. Election of Assistant Secretary to the Board**

Mr. Blackwell stated that it is recommended that the Board elect Nicole Zvanut as Assistant Secretary to the CCMWA Board effective March 21, 2023. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to elect Ms. Nicole Zvanut as Assistant Secretary to the Board effective March 21, 2023. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

## **11. Old Business**

There were no old business items to present.

## **12. General Manager's report**

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

### **1) Wyckoff 6 MG Clearwell Addition**

The project is now 403 days behind schedule according to IHC. (22 additional days) IHC still has not attached dollar figures with the significant claim notices on this project. Types of claims include testing of rock anchors; pipe cost escalation; fasteners (bolts); leak testing; unsuitable soil; concrete supply; rock excavation; supply chain delays and pipe testing. In the contract, IHC is responsible for attendant overtime construction engineering costs as well as attendant construction engineering costs beyond the contractual project completion date. Staff has confirmed adequate retainage is being held to cover accrued engineering costs and liquidated damages liable to IHC as of February 28, 2023.

### **2) Blackjack Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Replacement Project**

Contractor, Garney continues to do project cleanup, grassing and paving. About 500 feet of 36-inch water main remains to be installed. Installation can begin when the bore under Sope Creek at Barnes Mill Road is completed by the boring subcontractor, BoreCo. BoreCo should be mobilizing to the site this week. Project completion is anticipated in June 2023. The project's contractual substantial completion date was January 30, 2023. In the contract, Garney is responsible for attendant overtime construction engineering costs as well as attendant construction engineering costs beyond the contractual project completion date.

### **3) Wyckoff Raw Water Main Replacement Project**

Contractor, Garney did not install pipe in February, despite being able to do so beyond the utility conflict. Approximately 6,600 feet of the 54-inch water main is in place with about 600 feet remaining. A conflict was discovered in January where the new 54-inch water main crosses the existing 60-inch water main near the final connection of the project. Staff continues to work with Garney to determine a solution, which will require a change directive. To give all Poplar Street residents access, a temporary road using wooden mats as a base with gravel on top was installed and put into service on February 24, 2023. Once the 54-inch water main conflict with the 60-inch water main is resolved, a permanent paved road will be reinstalled.

- 4) **Maner Road 36-inch Pipeline Relocation & Replacement Project**  
 The project is scheduled to begin advertisement this week. Tentatively, bids will be due April 25, 2023. A recommendation for bid award is planned for the May CCMWA Board meeting. Pipe and fitting procurement is expected to last approximately six months.
- 5) **U.S. E.P.A. Proposed PFAS Drinking Water Standards**  
 On March 14th, the U.S. E.P.A. released proposed PFAS drinking water standards.  
Initial Monitoring: CCMWA would need to complete quarterly monitoring over a 12-month period. Initial monitoring will need to be complete within three years of the final rule. Previous monitoring results from state or national monitoring programs may be used.  
Compliance Monitoring: Water systems will initially be required to monitor quarterly but will be eligible for reduced monitoring if PFAS levels are less than one-third of the MCLs. Compliance will be determined based on a running annual average.  
Public Notification: Water systems will be required to notify the public within 30 days of any PFAS MCL violations.

Proposed Drinking Water Standards	Critical Health Endpoint	BAT	MCLG	MCL
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	Cancer		0 ppt	4.0 ppt
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	Cancer	Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)	0 ppt	4.0 ppt
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	Thyroid Effects	Ion Exchange (IX)		
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	Developmental Effects	Nanofiltration (NF)		
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) and its related compound potassium-PFBS	Thyroid Effects	Reverse Osmosis (RO)		Hazard Index of 1.0
Hexafluoropropylene dimer acid (HFPO-DA) and its ammonium salt	Liver Effects			

- 6) **Georgia Model Water Tower Competition**  
 On March 4, 2023, the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, Marietta Board of Lights and Water, Cobb County Water System, and the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority sponsored this competition. The contest had 10 middle school entries. It allowed the students to learn about the water profession by building a model water tower using recycled supplies and their imagination, it was a fun-filled, hands-on science project.

**13. Executive Session**

Mr. Buyers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Cybersecurity. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

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

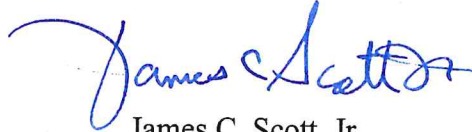
**14. Legal**

There were no legal items to present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Pat Tibbitts  
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair