

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

June 22, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on June 22, 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, Grif Chalfant, James Balli, and Lisa Cupid. Corkey Welch was not present for the meeting.

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 May 15, 2023

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of May 15, 2023

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of May 15, 2023. Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

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 May 31, 2023, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for May was \$4,027,246 missing the budget expectation by \$67,001. Net income for May was \$4,173,552 falling short of the budget expectation by \$62,627.

6. Pension Committee Report

- a. The Pension Committee Chair, Mr. Stanley Brinkley, gave the report from the May 15 meeting of the Pension Committee (copy in file).

7. **Consideration of Retirement Plan Restatement**
- a. Mr. Patrick Henley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, recommended approval for the Cobb County Marietta Water Authority Retirement Plan to be Amended and Restated in Full effective January 1, 2023, as recommended by the Pension Committee (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the retirement plan as presented. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.
8. **Bid Results – Orthophosphate Feed Systems Project**
- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the award of the Orthophosphate Feed Systems Project to Sol Construction of Atlanta, Georgia for the verified low bid of \$1,243,000. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.
9. **Change Order – Quarles Chemical Building Design**
- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the award of a \$993,005 change order to the Engineering Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia for additional design services related to the Quarles Water Treatment Plant Chemical Building Replacement project. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.
- Mr. Balli left the meeting.
10. **Old business**
- a. Mr. Blackwell presented a draft letter to the City of Canton, discussing an article about the City of Canton changing the name of Hickory Log Creek Reservoir to Lake Canton, for the Board to consider (copy in file).
11. **General Manager’s report**
- a. Mr. Blackwell provided the following updates to the published General Manager’s Report (copy in file):
 - i. Wyckoff 6 MG Clearwell Addition
 1. The project lost another 14 days and is now 438 days behind schedule according to IHC. Substantial completion is estimated to be July 29, 2023.
 2. IHC Construction has submitted 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.

3. Most claim notices do not disclose an associated dollar value. However, the “Tank Leakage” claim submitted totals \$3,115,971.
 4. In the contract, IHC is responsible for attendant overtime construction engineering costs and attendant construction engineering costs beyond the contractual project completion date.
 5. Significant progress has been made in the last month towards project completion. Substantial completion is expected in late July.
 6. Staff has confirmed adequate retainage is being held to cover accrued engineering costs and liquidated damages liable to IHC as of 5/31/2023.
- ii. Blackjack Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Replacement Project
1. Contractor, Garney continues to do project cleanup, grassing, paving, and has completed the final pipeline tie-in.
 2. The “open cut” crossing of Sope Creek at Wallace Road and Merritt Road was completed on May 21, 2023, as planned.
 3. Currently, Barnes Mill Road is shut down at the intersection with Merritt Road, but should be reopened later this week, weather permitting.
 4. Installation of pipe should be complete in July.
 5. Project substantial completion is anticipated in early September.
- iii. Wyckoff Raw Water Pipeline Improvements
1. Contractor, Garney has completed installation of the 54-inch pipeline and is currently pressure testing.
 2. Permanent restoration of Poplar Street is complete.
 3. Restoration activities continue on other sections of the pipeline project.
 4. The project should be substantially completed by June 30th with final completion by August 1st.
- iv. Regulatory Update
1. As part of a new National Cybersecurity Strategy, EPA issued guidance earlier this year directing Safe Drinking Water Act state primacy agencies to assess cybersecurity resilience of public water systems (PWSs).
 2. CCMWA is working with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency to ensure CCMWA complies with cybersecurity resilience standards.
 3. Under EPA’s proposed PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation, public water systems across the country would have as little as three years to come into compliance with new drinking water standards for **PFOA** and **PFOS** that would limit concentrations to four (**4**) parts-per-trillion, the equivalent of one drop in five Olympic-sized swimming pools.

4. CCMWA is working with the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) to ask members of congress from Georgia to:
 - a. Urge EPA for moderation in final rule making with more realistic timelines for compliance.
 - b. Passage of the “Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act”.

12. Executive Session

- a. Ms. Cupid made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Cybersecurity. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.
- b. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

13. Legal

- a. Mr. Daniel White presented an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) and Cobb County Water System (CCWS) (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the IGA between CCMWA and CCWS for the Cedarcrest Road Water Main Improvements Project. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Nicole L. Zvanut
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair