

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

July 17, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on July 17, 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, Grif Chalfant, James Balli, and Lisa Cupid. Charlie Crowder and Corkey Welch were not present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Dr. Dolisa Williams offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 22, 2023

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2023. Ms. Cupid made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of June 22, 2023

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of June 22, 2023. Ms. Cupid made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

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 June 30, 2023, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for June was \$3,461,197 missing the budget expectation by \$195,548. Net income for June was \$3,478,421 falling short of the budget expectation by \$324,256.

6. Quarterly Investment Review

- a. Mr. Christopher Holt, Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment report (copy in file).

7. **Proposal Award – Consultant for Demand Services**
 - a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the award of contracts for CCMWA’s Engineering Demand Services Program Plant Category to Hazen and Sawyer, PC., Garver, LLC, River to Tap, Inc., and HDR Engineering Inc. as well as award of contracts for CCMWA’s Engineering Demand Services Program Pipelines Category to Freese and Nichols, Inc. and Engineering Strategies, Inc. Contracts will be for two years at the hourly rates proposed, with three 1-year extensions available upon agreement under terms of the contract. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

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. Wyckoff 6 MG Clearwell Addition
 1. The project lost another day and is now 439 days behind schedule according to IHC. The clearwell was put into service on June 30th. IHC has filed for substantial completion.
 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 and the “Unsuitable Materials” claim totals \$2,040,794.
 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. On July 11, 2023, IHC filed for partial (50%) release of retainage. As of June 30, 2023, approximately \$1,505,000 was being held in retainage.
 6. As of June 30, 2023, accrued engineering costs and liquidated damages liable to IHC were approximately \$1,350,000.
 - ii. Blackjack Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Replacement Project
 1. Contractor, Garney continues to do project cleanup, grassing, paving, and is working to install the final approximate 200 feet of pipe.
 2. Most of the remaining pipe to be installed requires excavation through rock.
 3. Project substantial completion is anticipated in September.
 4. The project is expected to be completed within contract value.


- iii. Wyckoff Raw Water Pipeline Improvements
 - 1. Contractor, Garney has completed installation of the 54-inch pipeline and the pipeline is in service.
 - 2. Property restoration activities are ongoing.
 - 3. Project substantial completion is expected by September.
 - 4. The project is anticipated to finish within contract value.
- iv. Chattahoochee River Water Quality – Big Creek WRF
 - 1. On June 30, 2023, CCMWA was alerted by Fulton County of non-permit compliant effluent being released from their Big Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF).
 - 2. Prior to June 30th, CCMWA had detected higher than normal levels of Escherichia coli (E. coli) in the Chattahoochee River and immediately adjusted the drinking water treatment processes.
 - 3. According to Fulton County, the root cause was identified as an imbalance in the biological processes employed to treat wastewater. Insufficient levels of beneficial organisms in the treatment process resulted in proliferation of harmful bacteria, including E. coli. It is currently unknown why the event occurred.

10. Executive Session

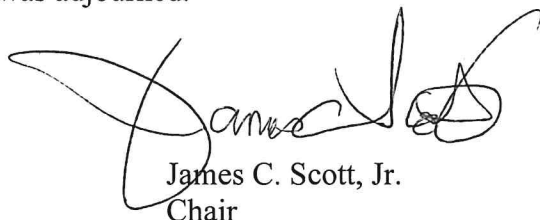
- a. Ms. Cupid made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 5/0.

Mr. Balli left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

As there was no longer a quorum, the meeting was adjourned.



Nicole L. Zvanut
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair