

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

October 16, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on October 16, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were James Scott, James Balli, Dan Buyers, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch. Charlie Crowder was not present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 02:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

- 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Mr. Patrick Pherson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 18, 2023**
 - a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2023. Ms. Cupid 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 September 18, 2023**
 - a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of September 18, 2023. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Welch 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 September 30, 2023, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for September was \$4,031,747, exceeding the budget expectation by \$426,639. Net income for September was \$4,413,503, exceeding the budget expectation by \$662,462.

- 6. Quarterly Investment Review**
 - a. Mr. Doug Gebhardt, Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment report (copy in file).

7. **Binding of 2024 Health Insurance Offering**
 - a. Mr. Patrick Henley, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to authorize the Authority's Personnel Committee to bind health insurance coverage for Authority employees for the 2024 plan year. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

8. **Process Chemicals for 2024 – Bid Awards**
 - a. Ms. Dawn Lei, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award 2024 chemical supply contracts to the verified low bidders. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

9. **Sole-Source Procurement – Sluice Gate Replacement for Wyckoff Division, Residuals Management Equalization Basin**
 - a. Mr. Cole Blackwell, General Manager, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to authorize the sole source procurement of one Rodney Hunt Corporation sluice gate and associated components at the quoted price of \$89,700 from Heyward Incorporated Atlanta. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

10. **Old business**
 - a. There were no old business items to present.

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 21 days and is now 531 days behind schedule, according to IHC. IHC achieved substantial completion on July 30, 2023, and expects to achieve final completion by October 31, 2023. The clearwell is in service and operating satisfactorily. IHC is demobilized from the site.
 2. IHC Construction has submitted multiple claim notices on this project. Types of claims include testing of rock anchors, cost escalations, fasteners (bolts), leak testing, unsuitable soil, concrete supply, rock excavation, pipe testing, weather, and additional contract time.
 3. IHC is responsible for the attendant overtime construction engineering costs and costs beyond contract time. Staff has confirmed that enough retainage was provided to cover accrued

engineering costs and liquidated damages payable by IHC Construction as of September 30, 2023.

- ii. 2023 Critical Valve Replacements
 1. The 2023 CVR project consists of replacing existing butterfly valves at three locations near the intersection of Callaway and Austell Roads.
 2. CCMWA is performing locates and trial shutdowns in coordination with CCWS.
 3. Ruby-Collins, Inc. is working on material procurement, submittals, and GDOT permitting.
 4. Work is planned to commence later this month.
- iii. Blackjack Mountain Tank Replacement
 1. Contractor Crom completed the tank structure and installation of accessories.
 2. The piping subcontractor finished the installation of valves and remaining piping.
 3. The grading subcontractor remobilized to begin final site grading.
 4. Electrical and instrumentation installation remains to be completed.
 5. Integrator, MR Systems, received the control panel in September and began programming.
 6. Substantial project completion is expected in November 2023; contractual substantial completion is September 1, 2023.
- iv. Corrosion Control Feed System Installations at Wyckoff and Quarles
 1. Vendor Justin Tanks received approval of shop drawings for the storage tanks. Tanks are expected to be delivered October 2023 to the Quarles facility and were received September 19, 2023, at the Wyckoff facility.
 2. Pre-purchased pump skids were delivered September 2023.
 3. Staff working to develop a plan for monitoring transition by soliciting volunteers to collect monthly samples and working with Engineer, Hazen to build a dashboard to share data collected during transition.
- v. Hickory Log Creek Reservoir Pipeline Request by the City of Canton
 1. On October 6, 2023, at the Hickory Log Creek Reservoir (HLCR) Board of Managers meeting, the City of Canton was advised that moving the city's drinking water treatment plant withdrawal would open the withdrawal permit for Hickory Log Creek Reservoir.
 2. Opening the withdrawal permit for the reservoir withdrawal could result in changes to the permit such as more stringent requirements for downstream flow in the Etowah River. If greater flow is required in the Etowah River to pump, the yield of the reservoir would be negatively impacted.
 3. The City of Canton plans to meet with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to discuss the feasibility and possible

ramifications of moving their withdrawal permit to the reservoir's river intake.

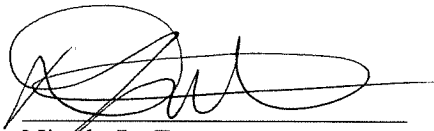
12. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending & Potential Litigation. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.
- b. Mr. Buyers made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

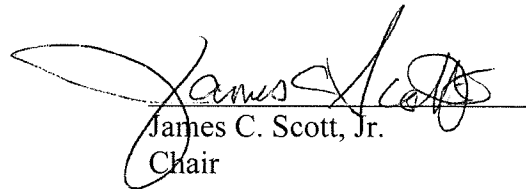
13. Legal

- a. There were no legal items to present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 03:51 p.m.



Nicole L. Zvanut
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair