

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

**April 17, 2023 – 2:30p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on April 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, Charlie Crowder, James Balli, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch. Grif Chalfant 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. Patrick Pherson offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023**
  - a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.
  
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of March 20, 2023**
  - a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of March 20, 2023. Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Cupid 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 March 31, 2023, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for March was \$3,071,949 exceeding the budget expectation by \$368,771. Net income for March was \$5,366,986 exceeding the budget expectation by \$2,517,877.
  
- 6. 2022 Auditor's Discussion and Analysis and 2022 Mauldin & Jenkins Management Letter**
  - a. Mr. Adam Fraley, with Mauldin & Jenkins, introduced Mr. Will Derzis. Mr. Derzis presented the 2022 audit (copy in file) and stated that an unmodified (clean) opinion was issued. Mr. Derzis noted that the 2022 Audit was presented

as an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which goes beyond the normal financial reporting required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and complies with standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards* as issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (copy in file).

- b. Mr. Derzis presented the Management Letter with suggestions to be considered as part of the ongoing process of modifying and improving the Authority's practices and procedures (copy in file).

**7. Quarterly Investment Review**

- a. Mr. Doug Gebhardt, with Davenport and Company, introduced Mr. Christopher Holt. Mr. Holt presented the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Quarterly Investment report (copy in file).

**8. Bid Award – Factory Shoals Road 30-inch and Six Flags Drive 24-inch Pipeline Project**

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the award of the Factory Shoals 30-Inch & Six Flags 24-Inch Water Mains Replacement Project to JDS Inc. of Lawrenceville, Georgia for the verified low bid of \$17,947,632.00. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

**9. Sole-Source Procurement - Variable Frequency Drive Main Control Unit Replacement**

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve a sole-source procurement and installation of the NXG Pro+ Control Unit in Quarles Finished Water Pump No. 5 VFD by Siemens Large Drives, LLC of New Kensington, Pennsylvania for the quoted price of \$60,380. Mr. Crowder 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 is now 418 days behind schedule according to IHC. (15 additional days)
  2. Staff met with IHC on April 13th to discuss 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. 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.
  4. Staff has confirmed adequate retainage is being held to cover accrued engineering costs and liquidated damages liable to IHC as of 3/31/2023.
- ii. Blackjack Mountain 36-Inch Water Main Replacement Project
1. Contractor, Garney continues to do project cleanup, grassing and paving.
  2. 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 bore subcontractor, BoreCo.
  3. BoreCo mobilized to the site the week of March 17th but the floor elevation of the bore pit and receiving pit were not low enough requiring additional excavation, which is delaying BoreCo's progress.
  4. Project completion is anticipated in mid-2023. The project's contractual substantial completion date was January 30, 2023.
- iii. Wyckoff Raw Water Main Replacement Project
1. Approximately 6,600 feet of the 54-inch water main is in place with about 600 feet remaining.
  2. 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 has worked with the design engineer, ESI and has determined a solution, which will run the 54-inch water main over the 60-inch water main.
  3. Final connection of the new 54-inch water main to the existing water main occurred on April 13th. Work to install the remaining length of the pipeline is underway.
  4. Project will be complete once suitable backfill and repaving of Poplar Street are finished.
- iv. 2023 Critical Valve Replacement Project
1. The 2023 CVR project consists of replacing existing butterfly valves at three locations near the intersection of Callaway and Austell Roads.
  2. Engineer, ESI has provided final bid documents to Emergency & On-Call (EOC) contractors for cost proposals as allowed per the contract.

3. Unity Construction's proposed cost was \$1,225,766 and Ruby-Collins' proposed cost was \$1,087,546. The Engineer's cost estimate was \$1,006,676.
  4. This EOC Authorization will be assigned to Ruby-Collins.
  5. Due to supply chain delays, work likely will not commence until October 2023.
- v. Quarles Transfer Pump Station Flooding Event
1. On April 13th transfer pump No.2 was removed from service for a planned rebuild leaving the suction side of the pump open, per protocol to keep any water leaking by the effluent valve from flooding the station.
  2. Around 5:00 am on April 14th a series of electrical power flicker events at the Quarles Treatment Division caused the shutdown of all high service and transfer pumps.
  3. When the transfer pumps shut down, the plant was operating at 60 MGD, which then flooded the transfer pump wet well in less than 2 minutes, which in turn caused water to flood the transfer pumping station via the suction side of transfer pump No.2.
  4. By 9:00 am the station had been dewatered and by 10:00 am the plant was back in service.
  5. Work is ongoing to repair or replace impacted electrical gear and electronics.
  6. Staff anticipates the station can resume full operation within 2 weeks. Until then, Quarles water production will be limited to 40 MGD.

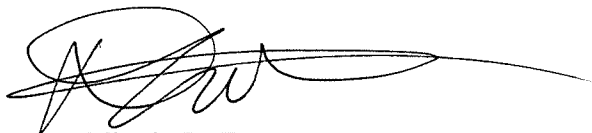
**12. Executive Session**

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



Nicole L. Zvanut  
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair