

COBB COUNTY-MARIETTA WATER AUTHORITY
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017 --- 3:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on November 20, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were: James Scott, Dan Buyers, Charlie Crowder, Max Bacon, James Balli, Mike Boyce and Grif Chalfant.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Glenn Page offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of October 16, 2017

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of October 16, 2017. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

4. Financial report

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the October 31, 2017 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for October was \$4,031,496, which exceeded expectations by \$1,043,457. Net income for October was \$4,134,765, which exceeded expectations by \$1,243,184.

a. Results of Request for Proposals for Investment Advisor

Ms. Clements referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to enter into a 3-year contract for Investment Advisory Services with Davenport & Company with an option for one 2-year renewal thereafter. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

5. Bid Results – Process Chemicals for Water Treatment for 2018

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Boyce made a

motion to approve the chemical vendors recommended in the memorandum to provide process chemicals during 2018 for the verified low bids shown. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Blackwell to advise both Water Solutions and Nalco of the Board's displeasure of the extreme increase in their price for purate and for Mr. Blackwell to continue contract negotiations with Water Solutions.

6. Bid Results – Lost Mountain Tank No. 1 Painting

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to award the contract for the Lost Mountain Tank No. 1 Painting contract to Llamas Coatings, Inc. of Smyrna for the verified low-bid price of \$476,728. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

7. Bid Results – Quarles Raw Water Reservoir Improvements

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award the construction contract for the Quarles Raw Water Reservoir Improvements project to Heavy Constructors, Inc. of Marietta for the verified low bid price of \$870,703. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

8. Engineering Services for Highway 41 20-Inch Water Main

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to award the Engineering Services Contract for the Highway 41 20-Inch Water Main to Engineering Strategies, Inc. of Marietta for the proposed fee of \$470,672. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

9. Personnel Committee report

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file).

a. Report on binding of employee insurance

Mr. Page reported that, as authorized at the October meeting, the Personnel Committee approved the binding of employee insurance as recommended by staff.

b. Consideration of approval of cost-of-living adjustment to pay grade scale

Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve a cost-of-living adjustment of 2.2% to the pay scale as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

c. Consideration of approval of amendment to vacation policy

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve a change in the vacation policy to add a fifth week of paid vacation for employees with tenures exceeding 25 years. Mr. Boyce seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

10. Planning Committee report and presentation of Proposed 2018 – 2022 Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the Board package (copy in file). Mr. Page reported that the Planning Committee had met on October 25, and voted to approve and recommend to the Board the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Page reported highlights of the plan, and stated that it was the recommendation of the Planning Committee to replace the current 3% annual rate program with annual rate increases of 2% through 2020. Mr. Page stated that the Board will be asked to approve the Planning Committee's recommendation to adopt the proposed 2018-2022 CIP and include the first year's capital spending in the proposed 2018 Budget at the December meeting.

11. Finance Committee report and First Reading of Proposed 2018 Operations and Capital Improvement Plan Budgets

Ms. Clements refer to the memorandum noted in Item 10 above that was included in the Board package (copy in file). Ms. Clements reported that the Finance Committee had voted to approve and recommend to the Board the proposed 2018 Operations and Capital Improvement Budgets, inclusive of all items approved by the Planning and Personnel Committees, for first reading at the November meeting and consideration at the December meeting.

Following discussion, the Board directed Ms. Clements to create a separate line item for legal fees associated with litigation over long-term water supply.

12. Old business

There were no old business items to present.

13. General Manager's report

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

ACF Supreme Court Case (FL v. GA): Oral arguments have been scheduled for January 8.

ACT "Failure to Act" Case (CCMWA, ARC and GA v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers): Georgia parties are currently negotiating with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Corps of Engineers to provide Judge Story with a schedule of completing the reallocation study he ordered in his judgment.

14. New business

a. Election of Open Records Officer

Mr. Buyers made a motion to elect Patricia Tibbitts as Open Records Officer. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

b. Election of Assistant Secretary

Mr. Crowder made a motion to elect Pat Tibbitts as Assistant Secretary effective December 15, 2017. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

15. Executive Session – Personnel and Litigation

Mr. Bacon made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, personnel and real estate. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Bacon left at this time.

Mr. Boyce made a motion to return to Regular Session. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

16. Legal

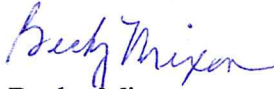
Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve an Easement Encroachment Agreement between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Galleria Common Area Associates, LLC. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed 5/0/1 with Mr. Boyce abstaining.

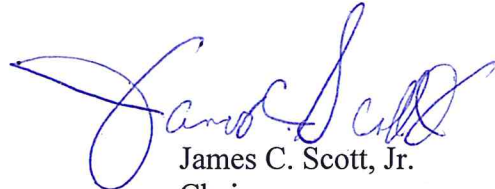
Mr. Balli made a motion to approve an Easement Encroachment Agreement between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and TAC-RW

Lot 1, LLC or the current owner. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 4/0/2 with Mr. Boyce and Mr. Buyers ~~abstaining~~ recusing themselves.

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and Mr. Glenn M. Page as General Manager as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 6/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Becky Mixon
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair