

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

**February 15, 2021– 2:30 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on February 15, 2021, 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, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Brandon Smith offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021**

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021. Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**3. Financial report**

Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the January 31, 2021 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for January was \$3,442,266, which exceeded expectations by \$764,441. Net income for January was \$3,384,490, which exceeded expectations by \$573,379.

Ms. Clements stated that the Annual Audit to be prepared by Mauldin & Jenkins will begin next week, and the final Audit will be presented at the April Board meeting.

**4. Purchase of Replacement Wheeled Articulated Loader**

Mr. Cole Blackwell, Director of Operations, referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to purchase a Caterpillar 908M wheeled articulated loader and extended warranty through Yancey Caterpillar of Austell, Georgia through the State of Georgia Purchasing Division Contract for the price of \$100,970. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**5. Quarles Recycle Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project**

**Engineering Demand Services Task Authorization No. 4 – Jacobs Engineering, Inc.**

Mr. Glenn Page referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to execute a Task Authorization under the Demand Services Contract

with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. valued at \$360,700 for the design and construction services related to the Quarles Recycle Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

**6. Old Business**

There were no old business items to present.

**7. General Manager's report**

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

Water started flowing through the filters at the new Quarles Plant 1 facility last week, with excellent settled and filtered water quality.

The death of a dog from potential exposure to toxins from blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) in Bull Sluice Lake in late January received some recent media coverage. CCMWA staff coordinated with the National Park Service and the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK) on testing of the lake and the Chattahoochee River downstream of Morgan Falls Dam and at the Quarles Intake. Lake samples collected by CRK showed presence of cyanotoxins, but river samples collected by CCMWA did not. CCMWA will continue to sample regularly for several months to ensure this was an isolated event that occurred in the lake.

A cyber intrusion occurred at the water treatment plant in the city of Oldsmar, Florida on February 5. Fortunately, the Water Treatment Operator averted the attempted poisoning of the water supply there through his vigilant watch over the treatment process. In addition to 24/7 manned operation of its plants, CCMWA uses at least five cyber-security systems to protect the water treatment process. Mr. Lonnie Gilmore, CCMWA IT Manager, reported that hacking attempts occur about twice each week on average, but that our systems have not been seriously compromised.

Ms. Cupid noted that a citizen had made a public comment at a recent Cobb Commission meeting on the condition of roadways within the boundaries of CCMWA's Westside Loop Section 2 Pipe Replacement Project. She indicated concern that residents on one end of the project may not be aware of ongoing work in other stretches of the route. She requested that Authority staff work to provide additional road signage with updates to residents along the project route.

**8. New business**

There were no new business items to present.

**9. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

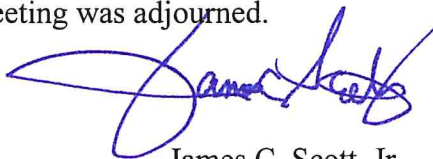
**10. Legal**

There were no legal items to present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Pat Tibbitts  
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.  
Chair