

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

October 21, 2024 – 02:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on October 21, 2024, at 02:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority’s Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were James Scott, Dan Buyers, Charlie Crowder, Charles Welch, Grif Chalfant, and James Balli. Not Present: Lisa Cupid

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Ms. Rebecca Watkins offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 16, 2024

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2024. Mr. Dan Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Charlie Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of September 16, 2024

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of September 16, 2024. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. James Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

4. New business

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell introduced Water Treatment Engineer Dr. Mike Watts to the Board.

5. Financial report

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the September 30, 2024, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for September was \$4,043,084, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$610,328. Net income for September was \$5,008,564, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$1,118,409.

6. Quarterly Investment Report

- a. Mr. Christopher Holt, of Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 (copy in file).

7. Audit Services Request for Proposals Results

- a. Ms. Clements referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve a 3-year agreement for audit services, with an option for the General Manager to renew for two additional 1-year terms with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. Mr. Charles Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

8. Pension Committee Report

- a. Mr. Stan Brinkley, Chair of the Pension Committee, gave a report on the Regular Pension Committee meeting of August 19, 2024 (copy in file).

9. Binding of 2025 Health Insurance Offering

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Grif Chalfant made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee to bind health insurance coverage for CCMWA employees for the 2025 plan year. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

10. Task Authorization – Quarles Critical Valve Replacement, On-Call Construction

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve of an Emergency and On-Call contract task authorization to Ruby-Collins, Inc., of Smyrna, GA, for the Quarles Water Treatment Plant Critical Valve Replacements Project for the verified lowest cost proposal of \$911,470.00. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

11. Bid Results – 2025 Water Treatment Chemicals

- a. Dr. Dawn Lei referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to award the listed vendors to provide process chemicals during 2025 for the verified low bids. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

12. Bid Results – Old 41 / Stilesboro Road Water Main Replacement Project

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to award the Old Highway 41 / Stilesboro Road Water Mains Replacement Project to Unity Construction Company, Inc. of Powder Springs, GA, with a verified low bid of \$13,268,513.00. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

13. Old Business

- a. There were no old business items to report.

14. General Manager’s Report


- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the General Manager’s Report (copy in file) and provided information related to the following projects:
 - i. Maner Road 36-inch Pipeline Replacement

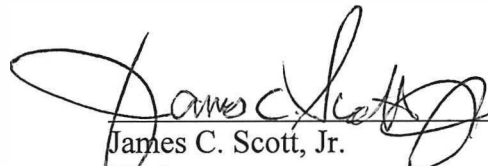
- ii. Factory Shoals Road 30-inch & Six Flags 24-inch Water Main Replacement
- iii. Mars Hill Church Rd to Pine Mountain 36-inch Aged Pipeline Replacement
- iv. Cedarcrest Connector Water Main
 - v. Quarles Chemical Building Value Engineering Progress Update
 - vi. Wyckoff Division Filter Effluent Pipe Repair
- b. Mr. Blackwell provided a report on the assistance of CCMWA during the response to Hurricane Helene, including the dispatch of staff members and equipment to the cities of Hazelhurst and Pooler, GA.
- c. Mr. Blackwell shared the latest development and court ruling from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, in reference to ongoing fluoride litigation.

15. Legal

- a. There were no legal matters to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 03:19 p.m.


Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair