

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

November 18, 2024 – 02:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on November 18, 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, James Balli, and Lisa Cupid.

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 October 21, 2024

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2024. Mr. Dan Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Charles Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

3. New business

- a. There was no new business to report.

4. Financial report

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the October 31, 2024, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for October was \$3,159,993, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$810,988. Net income for October was \$1,445,091, which fell short of the budget expectation by \$1,383,384.

5. Planning Committee Report and Presentation of Proposed 2025 – 2029 Capital Improvement Plan

- a. Mr. Buyers, Chair of the Planning Committee, gave a report on the Regular Planning Committee meeting of October 25, 2024 (copy in file).

6. Personnel Committee Report

- a. Mr. James Balli, Chair of the Personnel Committee, gave a report on the Regular Personnel Committee meeting of October 30, 2024 (copy in file).

7. Finance Committee Report and First Reading of the 2025 Operations and Capital Budgets

- a. Mr. Charlie Crowder, Chair of the Finance Committee, gave a report on the Regular Finance Committee meeting of November 8, 2024 (copy in file).
- b. Ms. Clements referred to the memorandum in the board package and presented the 1st Reading of 2025 Operations and Capital Budgets (copy in file).

8. Contracts Extension – Transmission Emergency and On-Call Construction

- a. Mr. Cole Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Grif Chalfant made a motion to approve a one-year extension of the Emergency and On-Call Construction Contract with Unity Construction Company, Inc., of Powder Springs, GA, with a contract-based increase in labor rates of 4.5% and equipment rates based on the current Equipment Watch Blue Book Rates. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
- b. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve a one-year extension of the Emergency and On-Call Construction Contract with Ruby-Collins, Inc., of Smyrna, GA, with a contract-based increase in labor rates of 3% and equipment rates based on the current Equipment Watch Blue Book Rates. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

9. Quarles Chemical Building Engineering Change Order

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve a change order to the HDR Engineering, Inc. contract for value engineering of the design of the Quarles Chemical Building in the amount of \$427,075. Mr. Charles Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

10. Bid Results – Quarles Two Million Gallon Clearwell Repairs

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award the Quarles Water Treatment Plant Two Million Gallon Clearwell Repair Project to Engineered Restorations, Inc., of Lawrenceville, GA, for the bid price of \$1,034,150. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

11. Task Authorization – On-Demand Engineering Services, Pine Mountain Water Storage Tank Replacement

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to approve a Task Authorization under the on-demand engineering services contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., in the amount of \$427,034 for design and construction phase services of the Pine Mountain Water Storage Tank No.1 Replacement Project. Ms. Lisa Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

12. Old Business

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

13. 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
- b. Mr. Blackwell provided a report on the dry weather conditions in Cobb County since May 2024.

14. Executive Session

- a. Mr. Balli made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, Litigation, and Personnel Matters. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
- b. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

15. Legal

- a. **Executive Employment Agreement**
 - i. Mr. Doug Haynie, Board Attorney, presented the General Manager's Executive Position Employment Agreement. Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

Ms. Cupid left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

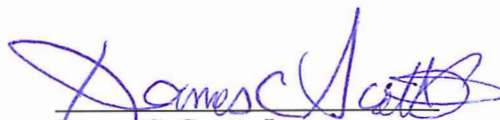
- b. **Easement Agreements with Cobb County for Quarles Chemical Building Construction**
 - i. *Mr. Balli recused.* Mr. Haynie referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the following documents from Cobb County to the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority: a permanent easement instrument, a temporary construction, grading, and entrance road improvements easement, a temporary construction traffic bypass easement and revocation of the existing non-exclusive license to landscape and erect fence agreement for the Quarles Chemical Building Project as presented. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0-1.
- c. **Cooperative Technical Assistance Intergovernmental Cost Sharing Agreement**
 - i. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the Cooperative Technical

Assistance Cost Sharing Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Atlanta Regional Commission as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 04:00 p.m.



Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair