

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

December 16, 2024 – 02:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on December 16, 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. Cole Blackwell offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024

- a. Mr. James Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024. Mr. Charlie Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dan Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Meeting of November 18, 2024

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Meeting of November 18, 2024. Mr. Charles Welch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. James Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

4. New business

- a. Mr. Scott congratulated Mr. Buyers for his recognition as the first-ever Town Center Citizen of the Year.

5. Financial report

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the November 30, 2024, Financial Statements (copy in file). Operating income for November was \$2,948,138, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$473,527. Net income for November was \$4,025,929, which exceeded the budget expectation by \$1,088,111.

6. Second Reading of 2025 Operations and Capital Budgets

- a. Ms. Clements referred to the memorandum in the board package and presented the 2nd Reading of 2025 Operations and Capital Budgets (copy in file). The Finance Committee made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 Operations and Capital Budgets, and the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion passed 6/1 with Mr. Balli in opposition.

7. Pension Committee Report

- a. Mr. Stan Brinkley, Chair of the Pension Committee, gave a report on the Regular Pension Committee meeting of November 18, 2024 (copy in file).

8. Bid Results – Purchase and Delivery of Sodium Chlorate Tanks

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to award the purchase and delivery of two sodium chlorate tanks to Augusta Fiberglass Coating, Inc., of Blackville, SC, at the verified low bid of \$81,318. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

9. Ductile Iron Pipeline Contractor Pre-Qualification Approval – C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc.

- a. *Mr. Scott recused.* Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Grif Chalfant made a motion to approve the addition of C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc., of Marietta, GA, to the list of approved contractors for Category 1 (24-inch and smaller) Ductile Iron Pipeline water main installation. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion passed 6-0-1.

10. Computerized Maintenance Management System Software and Services Award

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve of a software implementation agreement with NexGen for a total cost of \$499,800 with a yearly software subscription fee of \$100,000 for the first year, with an expected annual increase of 5%. Ms. Lisa Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

11. Approval of 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

- a. Mr. Blackwell presented the proposed 2025 Board Meeting Schedule. Ms. Cupid made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Mr. Buyers 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 presented updates on the following items:
 - i. Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Audit
 - ii. Georgia Environmental Protection Division Sanitary Survey

- iii. Disinfection By-Products Regulatory Update
- iv. USEPA – Lead and Copper Rule Improvements
- c. Mr. Blackwell recognized the CCMWA Finance Division for its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for Fiscal Year 2023.

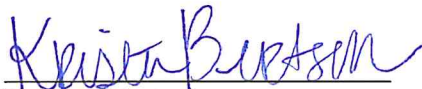
14. Executive Session

- a. Ms. Cupid made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Cybersecurity matters. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.
- b. Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Ms. Cupid seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

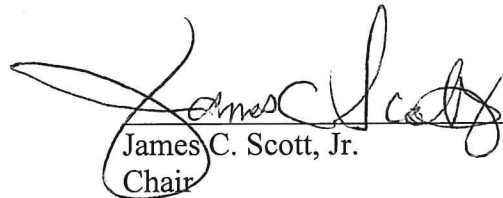
15. Legal

- a. **Consideration to Purchase 3630 Mars Hill Road**
 - i. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to authorize the fee simple acquisition of 3630 Mars Hill Road, Acworth, Georgia 30101, for \$400,000. This motion includes the authority of the chair, staff, and board attorney to carry out all necessary and appropriate matters set forth in the contract and to complete the purchase of the property. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Kristen Bertsch
Assistant Secretary



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair