

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

April 15, 2024 – 02:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on April 15, 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, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, and Lisa Cupid. Not Present: Corkey Welch.

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2024. Mr. Crowder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session of March 18, 2024

- a. Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of March 18, 2024. Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

4. New business

- a. There were no new business items to present.

5. Financial report

- a. Ms. Allison Clements, Director of Finance, presented a summary of the March Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for March was \$3,043,789 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$363,321. Net income for March was \$3,991,754 which exceeded the budget expectation by \$853,886.

6. 2023 Auditor's Discussion and Analysis & Management Letter

- a. Mr. Adam Fraley, of Mauldin & Jenkins, presented the 2023 Financial & Compliance Audit Summary ending December 31, 2023. (copy in file)

7. Quarterly Investment Review

- a. Mr. Christopher Holt, of Davenport and Company, presented the Quarterly Investment report for the quarter ending March 31, 2024 (copy in file).

8. Bid Results Cedarcrest 24-inch and 16-inch Water Main Project

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Ms. Cupid made a motion to award the Cedarcrest Connector 24-inch and 16-inch Water Main Project construction contract to Unity Construction Company, Inc. of Powder Springs, Georgia, for the verified low bid of \$7,408,885.00. Mr. Balli seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

9. Engineering Services Cedarcrest Connector 24-inch and 16-inch Water Main Supplemental Design and Construction Inspection

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve a Task Authorization under the Demand Services Contract with Engineering Services, Inc. (ESI) in the amount of \$269,032.90 for supplemental design and construction phase services of the Cedarcrest Connector 24-inch and 16-inch Water Main project. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

10. Pre-Qualification of General Contractors Quarles Chemical Building Project

- a. Mr. Blackwell referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Chalfant made a motion to approve the pre-qualification of Archer Western Construction LLC, Crowder Construction Company, and PC Construction Company for bidding on the Quarles Chemical Building Project. Only contractors pre-qualified by the CCMWA Board will be allowed to bid on this project. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

11. Old Business

- a. Mr. Scott asked staff to coordinate with Board members to consider an alternate date for the June 2024 board meeting due to the AWWA ACE Conference. Staff is to report on alternate dates for board consideration at the May meeting.

12. General Manager's Report

- a. Mr. Blackwell provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):
 - i. Blackjack Mountain Pipeline
 - 1. Contractor, Garney, is preparing close-out documentation.
 - 2. Pavement repairs on Barnes Mill Road should be completed by May 1, 2024.
 - 3. The pipeline was placed in service in early February 2024.
 - 4. The project's substantial completion was established on October 30, 2023.
 - 5. The project is anticipated to finish within contract value.
 - 6. Garney has requested that CCMWA consider additional compensation of \$2,034,600 for changed conditions and deletion of scope. Garney has made no claim at this time.
 - ii. CCDOT Required Relocation Cheatham Hill/Kennesaw Mountain Park Trails

1. This project is complete, except for settling on compensation with Cobb County for associated paving, which was completed last year.
 2. Due to minor changes between the quantities included in the original memorandum of agreement (MOA) with CCDOT and final values, an updated amendment will be presented for approval this month.
- iii. Blackjack Mountain Ground Storage Tank
1. Contractor, Crom, completed the structural inspection of visible leaks in the tank; the formal report and recommendation are pending.
 2. The contractor performed an inspection of the leaking control valve; the valve will be removed and repaired by the valve manufacturer.
 3. Final site restoration will be completed after all work requiring heavy equipment has been completed.
 4. All instrumentation and control tasks have been completed.
 5. The tank is currently in service. The tank will be temporarily removed from service once parts have been received for the valve repair work.
 6. Project contractual substantial completion is currently September 1, 2023.
- iv. Maner Road 36-inch Pipeline Replacement
1. Project consists of the replacement of approximately 9,100 feet of 36" ductile iron pipe (DIP) with fiberglass reinforced polymer (FRP) pipe in south Cobb County adjacent to Georgia Power's Plant McDonough-Atkinson.
 2. Contractor, JDS Inc., has installed piping up to the Georgia Power Company (GPC) laboratory driveway, approximately 1,500 linear feet of pipe in total.
 3. The Maner Road creek crossing is underway.
 4. Good progress continues to be made by the contractor. The project should be substantially complete in July.
- v. Factory Shoals Road 30-inch & Six Flags 24-inch Water Main Replacement
1. Project consists of the replacement of 11,500 linear feet of mostly 16-inch and 24-inch pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) with 24-inch and 30-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) along Factory Shoals Road, Riverside Parkway, and Cityview Drive.
 2. Contractor, JDS Inc., continues to work on submittals. JDS Inc. finalized the procurement of a storage area on Lee Industrial Blvd and mobilized equipment to the site. JDS Inc. continued locating utilities along Riverside Parkway and Factory Shoals Road.

3. A meeting was held with Cobb County DOT on March 6th to review the revised traffic control plan; waiting on acceptance of the final plan.
- vi. Wyckoff Filters 1-8 Underdrain Replacement Project
 1. The project replaced plastic underdrains in six filters known to have premature underdrain failures with proven stainless-steel underdrains.
 2. Contractor, REHAB Construction Company, Inc., has completed installing and testing all new underdrains.
 3. The project was substantially completed on March 22, 2024. All filters are now in service.
- vii. Factory Shoals Tank Rehabilitation Project
 1. Cole Blackwell and Rita Neely met with Cobb County District 4 Commissioner, Monique Sheffield on April 12th. Ms. Sheffield chose “Light Gray” as the tank color.
- viii. CCMWA Awards
 1. **Georgia Public Risk Management Achievement Award**
Recognizes a Georgia Public Risk Management Association member entity that has implemented an outstanding risk management program product, or initiative. CCMWA’s use of technology, making safety tools and programs accessible to everyone, and the way we collaborate internally have helped us to stand out above the rest.
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Recognition of coordinated efforts with the waterSmart education Program, promoting water conservation.
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14. Legal

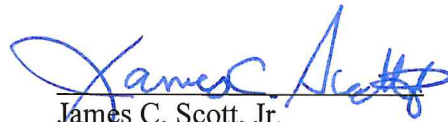
- a. Cobb County Department of Transportation
Project X2404 – Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Enhancements Cheatham Hill
Road 36-Inch Pipeline Relocation – Amendment No.1 Memorandum of
Agreement

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the
Memorandum of Agreement with Cobb County regarding the pipeline relocation
associated with the above-referenced project at a cost of \$98,593.63. Mr. Buyers
seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously 6/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.



Erin Landers
Administrative Assistant



James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair