

**Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water  
And Sewer Authority Organizational Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Fairburn- Annex Building  
40 Washington Street, Fairburn, GA 30213

- I.** Mayor J. Clark Boddie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II.** Roll Call was taken by Secretary Jessica Davis with the following board members present:

The Honorable Mayor J. Clark Boddie

The Honorable Mayor Vince Williams	The Honorable Councilman Brian Jones
The Honorable Mayor Mario Avery	The Honorable City Manager Tony Phillips
The Honorable City Manager Sonja Fillingame	The Honorable Councilwoman Tara Miller

The attendance of the board constituted a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

**III. Approval of 2023 Elected Offices**

Mayor Avery made a motion for Mayor Boddie to remain the Chairman for the Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water & Sewer Authority. The second was made by Councilman Jones.

**Vote: 7-0; Motion Carried**

Mayor Williams made a motion for City Manager Fillingame to remain the Vice-Chair for the Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water & Sewer Authority. The second was made by City Manager Phillips.

**Vote: 7-0; Motion Carried**

Mayor Williams made a motion for Mayor Avery to remain the Treasurer for the Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water & Sewer Authority. The second was made by Councilman Jones.

**Vote: 7-0; Motion Carried**

**IV. Approval of Water Authority Minutes:**

The motion to approve the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 MCRW&SA Meeting Minutes was made by City Manager Phillips and seconded by Vice-Chair Fillingame.

**Vote: 7-0; Motion Carried**

**V. New Business:**

**VI. Discussion and Approval:**

The motion to approve the 2023 Water Authority Meeting Schedule was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Miller.

**Vote: 7-0; Motion Carried**

**VII. Reports:**

**A. Water Authority Attorney-**

Attorney Dennis Davenport did not have a report from the attorney's office.

**B. Financial Report-**

Attorney Davenport presented requisition #242 for \$59,635.13.

The motion to approve requisition #242 was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by City Manager Phillips. **Vote: 7-0; Motion Carried**

**C. Project Managers-**

Project Manager Benz informed the cities that the district will have a notification meeting to teach everyone how to become compliant with the new plan adopted in December. They are requesting the presence of all the utility representatives to attend the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Palmetto Train Depot from 10:30 am to noon. The city's district audits will need to be completed and in compliance with the new plan. Project Manager Benz informed the board that the public project will not be feasible. The representatives from 2012 are no longer with the company.

Project Manager Benz stressed the importance of updating the audits. As the fiscal year finishes, the cities have six months to complete their audits. The audits are required for any loan forgiveness program. The Project Managers will prepare the application for the board review to be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup> to be on the state's intended use plan. There is an application process for loan forgiveness. The limit may be 5 million dollars per application. It is financed with the infrastructure act that was passed through legislation.

The Project Managers have worked with Senator Ossoff's office and EPA Region 4 to discuss potential financing, grant programs, and other finance programs. They will contact the project managers in February.

Project Manager Benz is scheduling a meeting with the city of Atlanta regarding funding for the grant application. Project Manager Benz researched the OPB website and saw a link for "drinking water projects to support increased population".

Project Manager Benz asked whether the board wants the managers to complete the pre-application before the application for the state-intended use plan.

Chairman Boddie informed everyone that the meeting with the city of Atlanta is a discussion regarding a partnership with the authority. A conversation with the commissioners will be good.

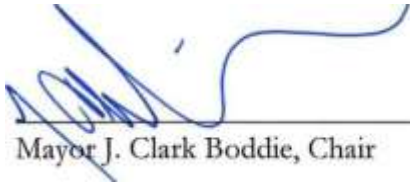
City Manager Phillips stated that the board must go beyond the commissioner and meet with the CFO or Chief of Staff.

**D. Gresham Smith (G&S)-**

Mr. Scott Thompson distributed to the board members a 1st draft and update to the website to include community outreach. The purpose is to get the big picture of who the authority is and what they're doing for the area for anyone interested. There will be a vision statement included in the collaboration charter that G&S presented a couple of months ago. On the website, the viewers can scroll down to the buttons that will take them to links to access different items. The second page is another look at the collaboration charter with success factors and all items the authority is hoping to achieve in the project. G&S would like the board to review and let them know if they have any questions.

Mayor Williams inquired about the city of Fairburn's seal. City Manager Philips will provide the seal to Secretary Davis.

**VIII.** The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm was made by Vice-Chair Fillingame and seconded by Councilwoman Miller. **Vote: 7-0; Motion Carried**



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Mayor J. Clark Boddie, Chair



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Jessica Davis, Secretary