

Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water And Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021
Union City-City Hall
5047 Union St., Union City, GA 30291

I. Vice Chair 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 Councilwoman Laura Mullis

The Honorable Mayor Vince Williams

The Honorable Councilwoman Shayla Nealy

The Honorable City Manager Sonja Fillingame

The Honorable Councilman James Whitmore

The Honorable Chairwoman Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst was absent.

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

III. **Approval of the Water Authority Minutes:**

The motion to approve the August 16th, 2021, Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water and Sewer Authority (MCRWSA) Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Williams and the second was provided by Councilwoman Mullis.

Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried

IV. **New Business:**

Attorney Dennis Davenport did not have a report concerning new business.

V. **Reports:**

A. **Water Authority Attorney-**

a. Attorney Davenport did not have a report as the authority attorney.

B. **Financial Manager-**

a. Attorney Davenport presented on behalf of Financial Manager Dan Post

1. Requisition # 223

- Attorney Davenport presented to the board, Requisition #223 in the amount of \$20,682.77. The motion to approve requisition #223 was provided by Councilman Whitmore and seconded by Mayor Williams.

Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried

C. **Project Managers-**

Project Managers Laura Benz and Andrea Gray began their report by discussing the USGS gage. USGS agreed to waive the installation fee. The annual fee for the gage is \$17,500 and USGS is asking for a 5-year contract. USGS would like to conduct a site visit for siting the gage. The board approved for Project Manager Benz to coordinate a site visit with USGS on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Once the type of gage is determined, USGS will compose an agreement for the board's consideration either an annual or a 5-year term. The gage will need to be installed by June.

Krebs is coordinating with EPD to address their concerns regarding the preliminary engineering report. Krebs will provide an update at the October 12th meeting. The list of requested revisions will not affect the scope of the project, the schedule, nor the budget that was in the original document. The project managers will seek proposals for the RFP to make sure an engineer can write and administer the RFP to make sure it meets the needs. The requirements are much more stringent due to federal funds. Councilwoman Nealy asked the project managers what are their thoughts on the

timeline and what's their reach-out connectivity for engineer firms to assist? Project Manager Benz informed the board members that a list of engineer firms was brought before them in May 2021. The engineer firms are more interested in bidding on the work as opposed to assisting with drafting the proposals. The Project Managers will provide the board an update by the October 12th meeting.

The final MBI for the Mulberry Creek site was issued on August 24th. The authority is now in its implementation phase, and the project managers listed the stream credits in their memo. When the water authority first entered into the royalty agreement for Mulberry Creek, it was anticipated that there were wetland credits only. There are now stream credits that were generated. The Project Managers are waiting to see if there were stream credits attributed to the water authority's 41 acres. The authority is responsible for 81% of the wetland credits. Currently, the project managers are anticipating that the board has a 4% royalty payment for each wetland credit. The 2018 credits have not been permitted due to it being a new bank. The project managers anticipate that the 4% could be about \$20,000 per credit. The board received a spreadsheet reflecting the credits sold from the Blue Creek bank and the monastery. All credits were sold and anticipate closing by December 31st on the last few credits to yield \$44,850.00. The credits now are contracted for \$50,000 a piece, and the average going price is \$85,000 in above.

Based on the bank modification, the authority's percentage of every credit sale will increase from approximately 33% to about 41%. Every time someone buys credits from the Blue Creek bank, 41% of that credit sale will be attributed to the authority's credit for reimbursement. By the October 12th meeting, the board will receive a proposal regarding the buyout of their interest.

The project managers submitted the GEFA loan application on September 1st. GEFA is requesting additional information from the cities and the authority regarding the past four years' audits as well as updates on some of the DCA information. Project Manager Gray has been working with the cities and the authority on collecting the information.

Regarding the Environmental Information Document, the authority must submit a jurisdictional delineation report and cultural resource update. The project managers reached out to RS Webb for a quote, and estimates were received for the delineation for the board to decide if it needs to be bid out. The estimates range from \$9800 for 20 miles of pipeline. The water authority will conduct a special called meeting to discuss the consideration of consultant proposals for Cultural Resources and Jurisdictional Delineation on September 28th at 7:00 pm at Union City- City Hall. The motion to approve the September 28th special called meeting was provided by Councilman Whitmore and seconded by City Manager Fillingame. **Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried**

The project managers submitted the grant application for the Cares Act relief funds. The deadline is extended to October 31st. The project managers are requesting information from the board about how covid has affected their cities.

VI. The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Mullis.

Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried



Mayor J. Clark Boddie, Vice Chair



J. Davis
Jessica Davis, Secretary