

Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water And Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024
Palmetto Community Center
595 Main Street, Palmetto, GA 30268

- I.** Chairwoman Sonja Fillingame 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 Chairwoman Sonja Fillingame
 - The Honorable Mayor Vince Williams
 - The Honorable Vice-Chair Mario Avery
 - The Honorable Councilman Brian Jones
 - The Honorable Board Member J. Clark Boddie
 - The Honorable City Manager Tony Phillips

The following board members were absent during roll call:
The Honorable Mayor Teresa Thomas-Smith

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

III. Approval of Water Authority Minutes:

The motion to approve the April 9th 2024 MCRW&SA Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by City Manager Phillips. **Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried**

IV. New Business:

V. Discussion and Approval:

▪ **Additional details for the upcoming strategic planning retreat**

General Manager Lindy Farmer informed the board that Secretary Davis had researched several venues for the retreat location. Mayor Williams stated that since the retreat is tentatively planned for one day, the board could utilize the GMA facilities. Mayor Williams will provide Secretary Davis with a contact person to begin the planning process with GMA.

The board made a collective decision to not meet for the August 13th board meeting due to the retreat being scheduled for Saturday, August 10th, 2024.

VI. Reports:

A. Water Authority Attorney-

- **Contracts-** Attorney Dennis Davenport informed the board that the following contracts would be fully executed this evening: Coweta County Water Authority, Krebs, and General Manager Lindy Farmer.

B. Financial Report-

Attorney Davenport presented requisition #261 in the amount of \$32,478.75.

Motion to approve Req #261 in the amount of \$32,478.75 was made by Board member Boddie and seconded by Vice-Chair Avery. **Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried**

C. Project Managers-

- **CONTRACTS:** The project managers and Attorney Davenport met with the executive director of Coweta County Authority on April 11th regarding the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). General Manager Farmer will meet with their staff and Krebs Engineering to determine the scope of work for each entity.
- **LETTER OF SUPPORT:** Mr. J. Boring contacted the project managers to request a letter of support from the board to Congressman Drew Ferguson's office. Congressman Ferguson has been working to secure additional funding support from GEFA. Currently, GEFA is funding only 10 million versus 25 million dollars. They've received several letters of support.

Mayor Williams stated that he is in strong support of former Mayor Ferguson's decision. He believes it's a wise idea and further stated that the board has a great relationship with his office.

Motion to approve the letter of support was made by Board member Boddie and seconded by Mayor Williams. **Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried.**

- **EPA:** In April, EPA announced the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation. While the board is not yet a water provider, they're looking at potentially purchasing water. Public water systems will monitor the PFAS. The regulations that were implemented for the six PFAS will have three years for initial monitoring (2027), and then in 2029, water systems will have to adjust treatment for those.
- **ANNUAL PERMIT COMPLIANCE:** The deadline for the Annual Water Loss Control Program Progress Reports is July 27th. The project managers reached out to the cities' utility departments.
- **EPA:** Continues to issue money for individual grants. The project managers informed the board members that their utility staff can reach out to them regarding the funding.
- **CITY OF ATLANTA:** Mayor Dickens made some adjustments in the last couple of weeks. Commissioner Browning is no longer the commissioner of the water district. She has been replaced by Commissioner Al Wiggins, Jr.

D. General Manager-

General Manager Farmer informed the board that he was unable to attend the meeting with Coweta Water Authority due to a funeral. He is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Krebs and Coweta.

GM Farmer met with Mayor Smith regarding information that Krebs put out. They have two more meetings to attend with Union City and Fairburn. These meetings will assist in meeting the August deadline.

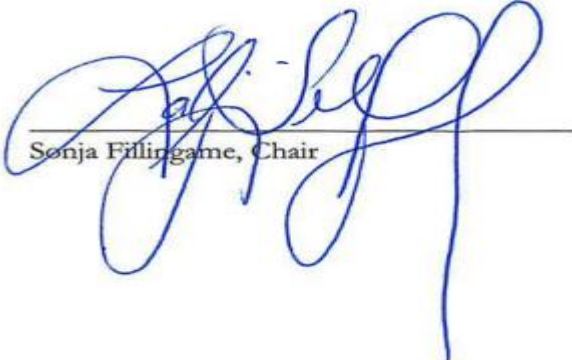
E. Krebs Engineering-

Krebs met with Palmetto on April 30th and will soon meet with Fairburn and Union City. They've identified a couple of route options for the transmission main from Coweta County up into the system near Fairburn and Union City. They've performed cost estimates, and as

we gather more information from the archives, they'll be able to develop hydraulic models and finalize designs.

VII. Other Business:

VIII. The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm was made by Vice Chair Avery and seconded by Mayor Williams. **Vote: 6-0; Motion Carried**



Sonja Fillingame, Chair



J. Davis
Jessica Davis, Secretary