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June 16, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia was held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at our Main Office, Chattahoochee Room. Chairman Nick Smith took the roll call, and the following Commissioners were present:

Nick Smith, Chair Wes Kelley Oz Roberts

Absent:

Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chair Mayor Skip Henderson

Vice Chair Upshaw and Mayor Henderson were excused from this meeting.

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on May 12, 2025, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Wes Kelley to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Vickie Clark presented the Financial Report for the month of May 2025, including Ft. Benning, to the Board. A motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Brittany Brossett requested that the Sewer Availability Fee be waived for Habitat for Humanity development in the Nueva Valley Subdivision. A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Wes Kelley. Motion carried.

John Peebles presented our partnership with CSU to put two new logos on our University Avenue tanks. A drone video was shown to the Board.

Aric Jackson introduced himself to the Board as the new Vice President of Employee Services, and Business Operations and Analytics. He informed the Board of his plans for the future of the Employee Services Department.

The following Departmental Reports for May 2025 were provided to the Board as information only:

- Customer Service Reports
- > Customer Advocacy/Meter Maint/Water Accountability Reports
- > Engineering Reports
- > Field Services Reports
- > Information Services/Environmental Services Reports
- > Communications Report
- > Employee Services Report
- > Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Reports

President Cummings requested an extension of the GEFA loans from May to October 2025. A motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Oz Roberts. Motion carried.

Chairman Nick Smith announced that the Board will now move into an Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real estate. A motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Oz Roberts. Motion carried.

Upon coming out of the Executive Session the Board went back to the regular Board meeting to vote on permission to negotiate on the purchase of property for up to \$3,000,000.00 for the building of a new wastewater treatment facility. A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Wes Kelley to approve this purchase. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Oz Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Vic Burchfield, Secretary