



Columbus Water Works

*Serving our Community
Protecting the Environment*

February 14, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia was held on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at our Service Center Auditorium. Chairman Rodney Close took the roll call and the following Commissioners were present:

Rodney Close, Chair
Becky Rumer, Vice Chair
Wes Kelley
Clint Cox
Mayor Skip Henderson

This being the first meeting of the New Year, election of Officers was in order. The following Officers were nominated:

Current Officers
Reynolds Bickerstaff, Chair
Sanders Griffith, Vice Chair
Steve Davis, President
Vic Burchfield, Interim Secretary

Proposed Officers 2022
Rodney Close, Chair
Becky Rumer, Vice Chair
Steve Davis, President
Vic Burchfield, Interim Secretary

Motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Becky Rumer to elect the above Officers for the calendar year 2022. Motion carried.

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on December 13, 2021, were presented to the Board. Motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Clint Cox to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

John Peebles informed the Board that CWW had six employees that he wanted to recognize upon their retirement. They are as follows:

John T. King served in the capacity as a Process Control Specialist II at the North Columbus Water Treatment Facility with the Columbus Water Works for 10 years.

Oral R. Thomas served in the capacity of Mechanical Technician II in the Managed Maintenance Department with the Columbus Water Works for 35 years.

Harry P. Corbitt, Jr., served in the capacity as an Electrical/Instrumentation Technician II in the Managed Maintenance Department with the Columbus Water Works for 15 years.

Patricia L. Carswell served in the capacity as an Accounting Assistant in the Financial Services Department with the Columbus Water Works for 14 years.

Steven M. Fix served in the capacity as a Global Positioning System Technician in the Engineering Department for 32 years.

Louis T. Smith served in the capacity as the Assistant Superintendent of the Fort Benning Water Treatment Plant with the Columbus Water Works for 16 years.

Mr. Peebles introduced Mr. Louis Smith to the Board so that he could present the following Resolution:

A Resolution

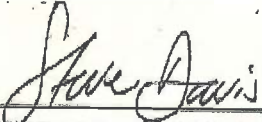
Whereas, Louis T. Smith, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since April, 2005 is retiring; and,


Whereas, Louis T. Smith, has served in the capacity of Assistant Superintendent of the Fort Benning Water Treatment Plant with the Columbus Water Works; and,

Whereas, Louis T. Smith, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his sixteen years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Louis T. Smith for his diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,


Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this fourteenth day of February 2022, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Louis T. Smith, and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS


SECRETARY,
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS



CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS


SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,
WATER RESOURCE OPERATIONS

Chairman Close congratulated Mr. Smith on his many years of service and wished him well on his retirement.

A Resolution

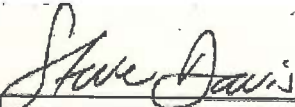
Whereas, John T. King, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since February, 2011 is retiring; and,


Whereas, John T. King, has served in the capacity of Process Control Specialist II at the North Columbus Water Treatment Facility with the Columbus Water Works; and,

Whereas, John T. King, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his ten years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to John T. King for his diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this fourteenth day of February 2022, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said John T. King, and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



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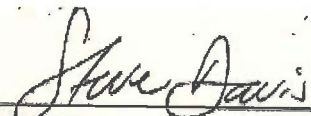
Whereas, Oral R. Thomas has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since March, 1986 is retiring; and,

Whereas, Oral R. Thomas, has served in the capacity of Mechanical II in the Managed Maintenance Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

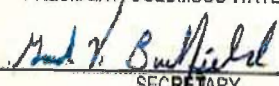
Whereas, Oral R. Thomas, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his thirty-five years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Oral R. Thomas for his diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,


Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this fourteenth day of February 2022, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Oral R. Thomas, and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



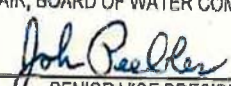
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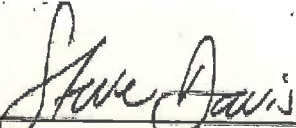



Whereas, Harry P. Corbitt, Jr., has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since July, 2006 is retiring; and,

Whereas, Harry P. Corbitt, Jr., has served in the capacity of Electrical/Instrumentation Technician II in the Managed Maintenance Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

Whereas, Harry P. Corbitt, Jr., has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his fifteen years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Harry P. Corbitt, Jr., for his diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this fourteenth day of February 2022, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Harry P. Corbitt, Jr. and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.

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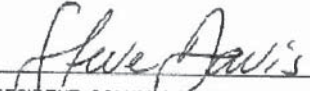
Whereas, Patricia L. Carswell, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since July, 2007 is retiring; and,

Whereas, Patricia L. Carswell, has served in the capacity of Accounting Assistant in the Financial Services Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

Whereas, Patricia L. Carswell, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout her fourteen years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Patricia L. Carswell for her diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

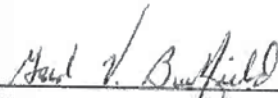
Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this fourteenth day of February 2022, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Patricia L. Carswell and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



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SECRETARY, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

A Resolution

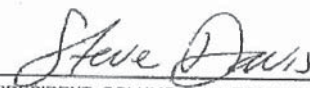
Whereas, Steven M. Fix, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since October, 1989 is retiring; and,

Whereas, Steven M. Fix, has served in the capacity of Global Positioning System Technician in the Engineering Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

Whereas, Steven M. Fix, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his thirty-two years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Steven M. Fix for his diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this fourteenth day of February 2022, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Steven M. Fix and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



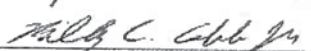
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CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT,
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS

The Board congratulated the retirees on their many years of service with the Columbus Water Works.

Vic Burchfield presented the Financial Reports for the months of December 2021 and January 2022 including Ft. Benning to the Board. Motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Clint Cox to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Kevin White presented the following projects to the Board for their approval:

NCWRF and SCWRF Structural Assessment and Repairs

Structural repairs to the Facilities include:

- Crack and leak repairs
- Corroded rebar and surface spalling repairs
- Resurfacing of degraded basins

On January 20, 2022, CWW received and publicly read bids from two companies to perform work in accordance with documents provided by Barge Design Solutions.

Contractor	Bid Amount
Blackwell's Inc.	\$767,501.00
Southern Preservations Systems	\$827,624.00

- The engineer's estimate was \$1,240,300.00.
- The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends contract award to Blackwell's, Inc. as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$767,501.00 (Funded via Columbus R & E).
- Staff requests Board approval to award the NCWRF and SCWRF Structural Assessment and Repairs Project to Blackwell's Inc. at the bid price of \$767,501.00.

Following discussion, motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Clint Cox authorizing Management to award the NCWRF and SCWRF Structural Assessment and Repairs Project to Blackwell's Inc., in the amount of \$767,501.00. (Funded via Columbus R & E). Motion carried.

Garnsey Range Well Treatment Facilities

This project is to provide a treatment facility for a 40 GPM well to serve the Garnsey Range located on Fort Benning.

On September 23, 2021, CWW received and publicly read a single bid based on documents provided by Krebs.

Contractor	Bid Amount
RDJE, Inc.	\$751,696.00

- The engineer's estimate was \$374,572.00. The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bid and recommends contract award to RDJE, Inc. as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$751,696.00 (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod).
- Staff requests Board approval to award Garnsey Range Well Treatment Facility Project to RDJE, Inc. at the bid price of \$751,696.00.

Following discussion, motion was made by Clint Cox and seconded by Becky Rumer authorizing Management to award the Garnsey Range Well Treatment Facility Project to RDJE, Inc., in the amount of \$751,696.00. (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod). Motion carried.

Vic Burchfield advised the Board that the Columbus Water Works CSO NPDES permit requires instream surface water quality monitoring at six locations on the Chattahoochee River by using permanent automatic samplers at each location. One of these locations, 14th Street Bridge, will best be sampled from the Alabama side of the bridge. Additionally, CWW has determined that sampling at Mill Creek located in Alabama in conjunction with the permit locations would provide a better understanding of the water quality of the river. The City of Phenix City has agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow CWW to use these two sites. The following is an outline of responsibilities for Phenix City and Columbus Water Works:

City of Phenix city Responsibilities

- Provide the following locations for use as sampling sites:
 - Next to the 14th Street Bridge – Alabama side (East of the sidewalk and fence and North of the bridge).
 - Back of lift station adjacent to Mill Creek (50 feet North of the lift station and house).
- Phenix City will allow access to the sampling stations.

CWW Responsibilities

- CWW will maintain adequate liability insurance coverage for the sampling stations, power access and property in conjunction with this project.
- CWW will acquire and pay for electrical power. CWW will have Alabama Power set them up with their own power supply for the duration of the project.
- CWW staff and contractors will maintain the sampling stations throughout the duration of this project. This project duration will be at a minimum of 5-year increments that coincide with the renewal of CWW's CSO NPDES Permit.
- CWW will provide for routine maintenance to the stations and foundations for the locations.

Term

- The term shall be effective when fully executed by both Parties and shall continue for five years from that date, renewable in 5-year terms.

Following discussion, motion was made by Clint Cox and seconded by Wes Kelley to proceed with the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Phenix City concerning river and creek sampling on the Alabama side. Motion carried.

The following Departmental Reports for the months of December 2021 and January 2022 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/Security/Environmental Services Reports
- Corporate Relations Reports
- Employee Services Reports
- Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Reports


Chairman Close asked for an update on the CSO permit. President Davis stated it is on the docket for a hearing in Superior Court in late March.

President Davis provided the following item of information to the Board:

- Fort Benning put out a media release about Columbus Water Works treatment plant located at Fort Benning. Since it began operation in September 2012, the CWW has provided clean, safe drinking water to the Benning population by employing tiny technology to produce huge capability and capacity. Vic Burchfield and Louis Smith were interviewed for this article.

There was no discussion.

There being no further business, motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Clint Cox to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Vic Burchfield, Interim Secretary