



# Columbus Water Works

*Serving our Community  
Protecting the Environment*

**January 11, 2021**

Due to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declaring Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a health emergency and pandemic, this Board may alternatively utilize virtual meetings during the period of emergency in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g).

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia was held as a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 virus. It was held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Reynolds Bickerstaff took the roll call and the following Commissioners were present:

Reynolds Bickerstaff, Chairman  
Sanders Griffith, Vice Chairman  
Becky Rumer  
Rodney Close  
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, Chairman  
Sanders Griffith, Vice Chairman  
Steve Davis, President  
Alex Hinton, Secretary

Proposed Officers 2021  
Reynolds Bickerstaff, Chairman  
Sanders Griffith, Vice Chairman  
Steve Davis, President  
Alex Hinton, Secretary

Motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Mayor Henderson to elect the above Officers for the calendar year 2021. Motion carried.

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on December 14, 2020, were presented to the Board. Motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Rodney Close to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

President Davis introduced Felande Ross, Eddie Chambers and John Schneider, employees with the Columbus Water Works. They were present at the meeting in order to be recognized upon their retirement. President Davis presented each one of them with the following Resolution:

### *A Resolution*

*Whereas*, Felande D. Ross, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since September 1987 is retiring; and,

*Whereas*, Felande D. Ross, has served in the capacity of Meter Technician in the Meter Maintenance Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

*Whereas*, Felande D. Ross, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his thirty-three 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 Felande D. Ross 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 eleventh day of January 2021, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Felande D. Ross, and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.

  
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PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS

  
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SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

  
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CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

  
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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
SECURITY, ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS & CUSTOMER ADVCCACY

## *A Resolution*


*Whereas*, Eddie F. Chambers, Jr., has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since April 1995 is retiring; and,


*Whereas*, Eddie F. Chambers, Jr., has served in the capacity of Data Technician II in the Field Services Waste Water Collection Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

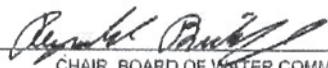
*Whereas*, Eddie F. Chambers, Jr., has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his twenty-five years of service;


*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 Eddie F. Chambers, 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 eleventh day of January 2021, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Eddie F. Chambers, Jr., and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.

  
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PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS

  
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CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

  
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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT,  
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS

## *A Resolution*

*Whereas*, John G. Schneider, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since August 2003 is retiring; and,


*Whereas*, John G. Schneider, has served in the capacity of Party Crew Chief in the Engineering Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,


*Whereas*, John G. Schneider, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his seventeen 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 G. Schneider, 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 eleventh day of January 2021, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said John G. Schneider, and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.

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

Secretary Hinton presented the Financial Report for the month of December including Ft. Benning to the Board. Motion was made by Mayor Henderson and seconded by Sanders Griffith to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

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

**English and Simpson Ranges Water and Sewer Supply**

This project consists of:

- Installing approximately 2,510 LF of 8-inch sewer mains with the necessary manholes and lateral connections
- Installing approximately 430 LF of 2-inch copper water service lines along Dixie Road on Fort Benning, Georgia.
- This work will extend public water and sewer to the new latrines at each range.

On December 17, 2020, three bids were publicly opened and read as follows:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Gordy Construction Company	\$316,220.00
RDJE, Inc.	\$337,881.00
Crawford Grading and Pipeline	\$386,896.00

- The engineer's estimate was \$323,595.00.
- While the estimate was over budget, the contract was setup in a manner to remove or decrease non-essential items to reduce the cost before award if necessary.
- The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends contract award to Gordy Construction Company as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the valued engineered price of \$287,275.00 (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod).
- Staff requests Board approval to award the English and Simpson Ranges Water and Sewer Supply Project to Gordy Construction Company at the values engineered price of \$287,275.00.

Motion was made by Sanders Griffith and seconded by Rodney Close to accept the low bid of \$287,275.00 from Gordy Construction Company for the English and Simpson Ranges Water and Sewer Supply Project (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod). Motion carried.

**Davis Hill/Kelly Hill-Patton Range to Pierce Range Connections**

This project consists of:

- Installing approximately 3,825 feet of 8-inch DIP water main
- This project will connect dead-end water mains at Pierce Range and Patton Range off Dixie Road on Fort Benning, Georgia.
- This work will increase available fire flow capacity to each range and circulate water to maintain water quality.

On December 17, 2020, five bids were publicly opened and read as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
<b>Gordy Construction Company</b>	<b>\$218,932.00</b>
Alexander Contracting	\$231,673.38
RDJE, Inc.	\$235,734.00
Whitfield Contractors	\$239,898.80
Crawford Grading and Pipeline	\$261,681.00

- The engineer's estimate was \$240,000.00. The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends contract award to Gordy Construction Company as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$218,932.00 (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod).
- Staff requests Board approval to award the Davis Hill/Kelly Hill- Patton Range to Pierce Range Connections Project to Gordy Construction Company at the bid price of \$218,932.00.



Motion was made by Sanders Griffith and seconded by Mayor Henderson to accept the low bid of \$281,932.00 from Gordy Construction Company for the Davis Hill/Kelly Hill- Patton Range to Pierce Range Connections Project (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod). Motion carried.

### **Uchee Creek Campground Northwest Loop Water Main**

This project consists of:

- Installing approximately 1,950 LF of 8-inch DIP water main.
- This project will loop the existing water main at the campground by connecting two dead-end mains on Fort Benning, Alabama.
- This will provide additional fire flow capacity for the activities and event center.

On December 17, 2020, four bids were publicly opened and read as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
<b>Gordy Construction Company</b>	<b>\$153,840.00</b>
Whitfield Contractors	\$163,350.28
RDJE, Inc.	\$165,354.00
Crawford Grading and Pipeline	\$239,135.60

- The engineer's estimate was \$205,480.00. The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends contract award to Gordy Construction Company as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$153,840.00 (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod).
- Staff requests Board approval to award the Uchee Creek Campground Northwest Loop Water Main Project to Gordy Construction Company at the bid price of \$153,840.00.

Motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Rodney Close to accept the low bid of \$153,840.00 from Gordy Construction Company for the Uchee Creek Campground Northwest Loop Water Main Project (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod). Motion carried.

### **Naval Reserve Center Lift Station**

This project consists of:

- Installing a two-horsepower grinder pump station, approximately 1,285 LF of 8-inch DIP water main, and 500 LF of 1.5-inch PVC force main.
- The lift station and water main will serve the relocated Naval Reserve Center near Custer Road on Fort Benning, Georgia.

On December 17, 2020, three bids were publicly opened and read as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
<b>Gordy Construction Company</b>	<b>\$311,631.00</b>
Crawford Grading and Pipeline	\$326,293.00
RDJE, Inc.	\$347,079.00

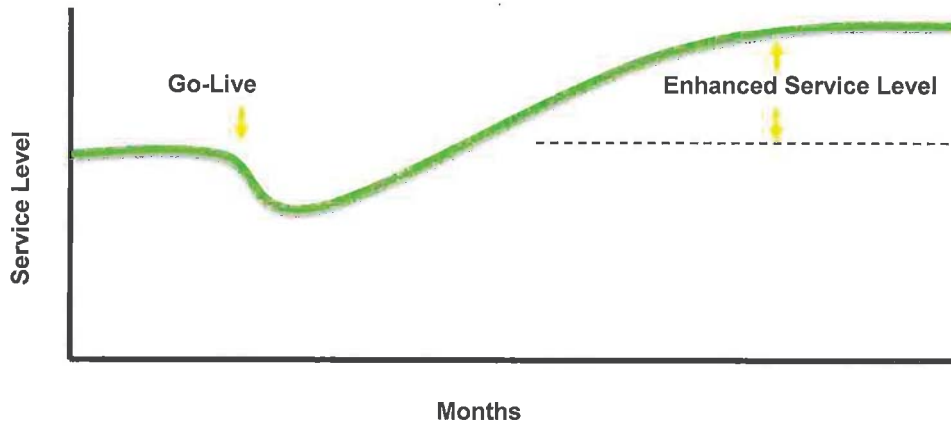
- The engineer's estimate was \$272,149.00. The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends contract award to Gordy Construction Company as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$311,631.00 (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod).
- Additional funds will be covered by Fort Benning Contract Modifications.
- Staff requests Board approval to award the Naval Reserve Center Lift Station Project to Gordy Construction Company at the bid price of \$311,631.00.

Vice Chairman Griffith asked Mr. White if this approval was subject to getting the additional modifications to cover the amount. Mr. White responded that is correct. A) We will get additional funding from Ft. Benning, or b) pull funding from current modifications where we can. Mr. White advised that CWW would not incur money they do not have.

After discussion, motion was made by Sanders Griffith and seconded by Becky Rumer to accept the low bid of \$311,631.00 from Gordy Construction Company for the Naval Reserve Center Lift Station Project (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod). Motion carried.

Vic Burchfield gave a brief update on the Go-Live for the New Customer Information System (CIS) Project as outlined below:

- Go-Live launch is January 19<sup>th</sup>!
- Countdown has started and tasks are in motion
- Robust Communications Plan currently in play
  - Customers
  - Employees
- Three-Month Post Go-Live Period
  - Employees adjust to new system
  - System Matter Experts confirm proper system operation
- Expected service level decrease initially during adjustment period followed by increase in service level
  - Higher Call Volume
  - More customer questions



CWW is excited and eager for our customers and employees to experience the new CIS System!

Chairman Bickerstaff congratulated Mr. Burchfield and all departments and staff involved in implementing this new system.

The following Departmental Reports for the month of December 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

There was no discussion.

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

  
 Alex D. Hinton, Secretary