

BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
March 10, 2025

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile met this Monday in their regular session at 1:30 p.m. at MAWSS' Park Forest Plaza.

PRESENT:

Ms. Barbara Drummond, Chair
Ms. Linda St. John, Vice Chair
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Commissioner
Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Commissioner
Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Commissioner
Mr. John C. Williams, Commissioner

Mr. Bud McCrory, Jr., Director
Mr. Bradley Dean, Attorney
Mr. Daryl Russell
Ms. Calressia Clark
Ms. Fatima Washington

ABSENT:

Mr. Douglas L. Cote

Chair Drummond called the meeting to order and Commissioner Gonzalez gave the invocation.

Committee Reports were next; Commissioner Williams provided a summary of the **Finance / Risk Management Committee Meeting** held on February 20, 2025. Staff presented the committee with a detailed review and discussion of *Risk Insurance / Building Coverage for MAWSS Facilities, 10-year Financial Trend / 2024 Financial Review and Workers Compensation*.

Commissioner Bell stated that staff provided valuable information during the **Ad Hoc/Supplier Diversity Committee Meeting** held this morning. Discussion was held and will be ongoing in regards to several policies that will be presented to the full Board at a later date.

There were several **visitors** present requesting an audience with the Board, in accordance with Board By-laws.

Matthew Frazier (8468 Rester Ct., Mobile, AL) approached the Board with inquiries into the type of invasive species that is present at Big Creek Lake. He stated that he feels Big Creek Lake should not be closed and the decision to do so was made in haste.

Heath Hutchinson (8241-A Jones Rd., Wilmer, AL) came forward and explained that Big Creek Lake has been a source of community and recreation for his family for over four generations. It has been an important fixture for the Semmes / Wilmer area and he would appreciate consideration from the Board to reopen the lake to recreational usage.

Joshua Lacoste (5210 Oak Crest Dr., Wilmer AL) stated that his family has been using the lake for close to 70 years. His appreciation of the lake runs deep and he would like to request that the Board reconsider the decision to close Big Creek Lake to recreational activities.

Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MS. THARLANTA R. WILLIAMS**, Meter Repair Technician II, on her retirement after 27 years of service to the Board.

Chair Drummond presented the **Consent Agenda Items** for approval, and they are as follows:

Item 4 Consent Agenda

Bids and Purchasing

- A. IFB 25-002 HVAC Replacement at CCW WWTF Headworks MCC Building
- B. IFB 25-003 Annual Contract – Diesel Engine & Generator Maintenance
- C. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 22015 for Corrosion Control Chemicals
- D. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 22016 for HVAC Maintenance Service
- E. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 24010 – Aggregates

Commissioner Bell moved for approval of the **Consent Agenda**. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

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Presentation to the Board was next; Mr. Lomax came forward to detail the process of *Working with and Navigating Underground Utility Projects*.

Attention was given to the following: Budget Development, Design and Estimated Construction Costs, Bid Process and Construction. The goal is to repair, relocate, replace, and/or expand needed infrastructure in accordance with the MAWSS Standard Specifications. This is all done while maintaining safe work zones and staying within contract terms.

In conclusion, Mr. Lomax emphasized that MAWSS staff and the consulting engineering firms work together to develop the most efficient and accurate plans possible. This process can also be cost effective when MAWSS is able to coordinate with the City of Mobile during their repair/replacement projects.

The **Minutes of February 3, 2025** were presented for approval. Commissioner Williams moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Bid Openings were next, Mr. Russell read the bid tabs as follows:

Item 6A McCrory & Williams M5712-2811 2025 Annual Sewer Replacement Project

The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,500,000; there were three bidders, the apparent low bidder is Construction Labor Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,297,495. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 6B McCrory & Williams M5712-2818 2025 Annual Bypass Pump Contract

The engineers estimate for this project is \$290,000; there was one bidder, the apparent low bidder is Construction Labor Services, Inc. in the amount of \$537,880. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Legal was next and Attorney Dean stated there are three matters that are appropriate for discussion in an Executive Session.

There were no items of **Unfinished Business**.

New Business was next and they are as follows:

Item 9A Facilities for Acceptance: Angelbrook Subdivision & Townhomes (Water & Sewer Facilities)

The subdivision and townhomes are located on the east side of McFarland Road and north side of Cottage Hill Road. The development contains 155 residential lots, inclusive of the townhome lots. Staff has reviewed the project and the close-out documentation and recommends acceptance of the water and sewer facilities as noted above, total valued at \$993,170.

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Zoghby seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item 9B MAWSS Proposed Timber Cut of approximately 376 acres of property surrounding BCL

Staff requests approval as recommended by David Corliss, professionally licensed forester; estimated value of the proposed cut is \$350,000 with an advance payment of \$250,000.

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

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Item 9C Master Plan Phase II 2025 SRF Loan Closings

Mr. McCrory presented the following requests for approval:

i. CWSRF Master Plan PHII 2025 Supplemental Loan

- a) Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$15,310,000 Principal Amount of Subordinated Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2025-CWSRF-B-DL
Total Amount of Projects: \$15,304,500 (net funds above less \$5,500 finance fee)

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

- b) 2025 Master Plan PhII CWSRF Loan Certification Designating *Mr. Cote* as the Official Loan Representative for Series 2025-CWSRF-B-DL

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

ii. CWSRF Master Plan PHI 2025 Supplemental Loan

- a) Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$10,110,000 Principal Amount of Subordinated Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2025-CWSRF-A-DL
Total Amount of Projects: \$10,105,500 (net funds above less \$5,500 finance fee)

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

- b) 2025 Master Plan PHI CWSRF Loan Certification Designating *Mr. Cote* as the Official Loan Representative for Series 2025-CWSRF-A-DL

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

iii. DWSRF Master Plan PHII 2025 Supplemental Loan

- a) Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$20,010,000 Principal Amount of Subordinated Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2025-C-DWSRF-DL.
Total Amount of Projects: \$20,004,500 (net funds above less \$5,500 finance fee)

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

- b) 2025 Master Plan PHII DWSRF Loan Certification Designating *Mr. Cote* as the Official Loan Representative for Series 2025-C-DWSRF-DL

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

iv. DWSRF Master Plan PHI 2025 Supplemental Loan

- a) Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$8,945,000 Principal Amount of Subordinated Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2025-B-DWSRF-DL.
Total Amount of Projects: \$8,939,500 (net funds above less \$5,500 finance fee)

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

- b) 2025 Master Plan PHI DWSRF Loan Certification Designating *Mr. Cote* as the Official Loan Representative for Series 2025-B-DWSRF-DL

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

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v. DWSRF HWY 90/Causeway Water Main Replacement 2025 Supplemental Loan

- a) Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$1,710,000 Principal Amount of Subordinated Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2025-A-DWSRF-DL.

Total Amount of Projects: \$1,704,500 (net funds above less \$5,500 finance fee)

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

- b) 2025 HWY 90/Causeway Water Main Replacement DWSRF Loan Certification Designating *Mr. Cote* as the Official Representative for Series 2025-A-DWSRF-DL

Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item 10 Information Only Items:

- A. IFB 25-004 HVAC Replacements for Park Forest
- B. IFB 25-005 Purchase of Fifteen Stanley Underwater Hydraulic Trash Pumps
- C. IFB 25-006 Purchase of Fifteen Mikasa Jumping Jack Packers
- D. IFB 25-007 Purchase of Fifteen Husqvarna FS 309 Walk Behind Saws
- E. 25-Ton Air Conditioner Rental for CCW Power Control Room
- F. Annual Renewal of Adobe Acrobat Applications
- G. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 23007 – Laboratory Testing Services (Y3)
- H. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 23009 – Backflow Preventers (Y3)
- I. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 23010 – Easement Tree Maintenance (Y3)
- J. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 23014 – Septic Tank Cleaning (Y3)
- K. Professional Service – Purchase/Implementation of Security Cameras for BCL Pumping Station
- L. Professional Service – Purchase & Installation of Security Cameras for Shelton Beach and PF Facilities
- M. Professional Service – Security Upgrades for Park Forest
- N. Purchase of a Topcon Hiper VR Network Rover GPS Unit
- O. Purchase of Twenty Rain Gauges with Tipping Buckets
- P. Purchase of Two Rake Arm Electric Motors for CCW WWTP
- Q. Purchase of H-TEC Combination Air Valves
- R. Sole Source Purchase of a Flygt Pump at Giblin Rd LS91
- S. Sole Source Repair Parts for #2 Flygt Pump at Halls Mill LS155
- T. Sole Source Purchase of a Wilo Pump for Michigan-Eagle LS010
- U. Sole Source Purchase of Two Flygt Pumps at Snow & Airport LS163
- V. Sole Source Purchase of Two Wilo Pumps for Baker LS089
- W. MAWSS/City of Mobile Agreement STPMP-7533(601) Access Management and Signal Upgrades on Dauphin Street from I-65 at Springhill Memorial Hospital to Sage Avenue
- X. HDR10195981 Stickney 50MG Reservoir Improvements Project Owners Allowance Allocation #4
- Y. Consultant Project Status Reports – *January 2025*

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There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:10 p.m., Commissioner Bell motioned to move into Executive Session; Commissioner St. John seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **April 7, 2025** at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the *Clifton C. Williams Wastewater Treatment Plant* which is located at 1600 Yeend Street, Mobile, AL 36603.



Jay W. Weber, Secretary-Treasurer