

**BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA**  
**December 2, 2024**

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:**

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

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

**ABSENT:**

Ms. Linda St. John, Commissioner

Chair Bell called the meeting to order and then gave the invocation.

There were no **Committee Reports** or **Visitors** present requesting an audience with the Board.

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

**Item 4                      Consent Agenda**

Bids and Purchasing

- A. IFB 24-032 Annual Contract – No Lead Brass Plumbing Fittings
- B. IFB 24-034 Annual Contract – Security Guard Service
- C. Annual Support / Maintenance Agreement for enQuesta SaaS Programs 2025
- D. Budget Increase Request for AC MAWSS 23002 for Rotary Kiln Quick Lime
- E. Budget Increase Request for AC MAWSS 24004 for Sulfur Dioxide
- F. GIS Data Migration – Utility Network Design/Development Professional Services
- G. M/W Project No. M5712-2766 Transite Pipe Replacement – Phase I
- H. M/W Project No. M5712-2806 2025 Low-Pressure Sewer Check Valve Assembly Installation
- I. M/W Project No. M5712-2809 2025 Annual Contract for Cured-In-Place Pipe Sewer Rehabilitation
- J. M/W Project No. M5712-2815 2025 Annual Contract for Replacement of HDPE Water Services
- K. M/W Project No. M5712-2817 2025 Annual Contract for Water Line Looping
- L. HDR Project No. 10199152 Stickney WTP Building Replacements & Electrical Upgrades CO# 16

Commissioner Drummond moved for approval of the **Consent Agenda**; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Ms. Allen directed attention to a slideshow **presentation** detailing the origin of MAWSS' *It's Easy to Be UnGreasy Program* as the organization moves forward with an updated F.O.G. Program. Points of interest are as follows:

- SSO History (Blockage Related)
- Reasoning behind the creation of the program
- Updating the Program to not only hold current awareness; but to create renewed interest
  - From "Grease" to F.O.G. (*Fats, Oils, and Grease*)
  - Branding, Web and Social Media Design
- Why Customers should Recycle

Once the current supply of "It's Easy to Be UnGreasy" containers have been depleted, staff will move forward with introducing and ensuring our customers are fully educated on the new "F.O.G." program.

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The **Minutes of November 4, 2024** were presented for approval. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

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

### **Item 6A GMC Project No. AMOB240029 MAWSS Kiosks Center**

The engineers estimate for this project is \$125,000; there were three bidders, the apparent low bidder is Rogers & Willard in the amount of \$177,052.

### **Item 6B Volkert Project No. 1201846.002 C. C. Williams Digester S1 Dome Repairs**

The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,598,450; there was one bidder and the apparent low bidder is Rob't J. Baggett, Inc. in the amount of \$1,738,229.41. Staff requests approval of a Directors Award after review has been completed by the engineer and DBE Department. Commissioner Williams moved for approval; Commissioner Drummond seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Staff will bring *Item 6A* back to the Board for consideration after it has been reviewed by the engineer and DBE Department.

**Legal** was next and Attorney Dean stated there are two litigation 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 USGS Joint Funding Agreement FY2025 October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025**

Each year MAWSS enters into a joint funding agreement with USGS to maintain and publish water resource/stream gauging information upstream of Big Creek Lake. The data is used primarily during hurricanes to determine relief rates. Staff requests approval of MAWSS's portion for the referenced term in the amount of \$38,400.

Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

### **Item 9B Proposed 2025 Budget (Including proposed changes to Policy/Procedure Manual/Fee Schedule)**

Mr. McCrory addressed the Board and said as of December 1, 2024, staff has received no comments or questions in regards to the proposed 2025 Operations and Maintenance Budget during the thirty-day advertisement period. A Public Hearing was held on November 18, 2024 at the MAWSS Park Forest Location and the transcript from the hearing was emailed to the Board.

Staff requests approval of the 2025 Operations and Maintenance Budget as presented and will continue to review the budget on a quarterly basis with the Finance/Risk Management Committee.

Commissioner Zoghby moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

### **Item 9C Report from Nominating Committee – Election of 2025 Board Officers**

Chair Bell read the report as given by the nominating committee. The committee met and recommend the following slate of officers for 2025: Chair, Commissioner Barbara Drummond, Vice-Chair, Commissioner Linda St. John, and Secretary-Treasurer, Commissioner Jay Weber.

Commissioner Williams moved for approval and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

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**Item 10 Information Only Items:**

- A. IFB 24-031 Annual Contract – Mission ARC Couplings
- B. IFB 24-033 Annual Contract for Liquid Oxygen
- C. IFB 24-035 Lamphole Castings – Annual Contract
- D. 25-Ton Air Conditioner Rental for C. C. Williams Power Control Room
- E. Annual GIS Software Support Agreement 2025
- F. Annual Preventative Maintenance for (4) Caterpillar Generators at C.C. Williams WWTP
- G. Annual Software Subscription for EAM Essentials 2025 (Y4)
- H. Annual Subscription of Fleet Management Software
- I. Annual Subscription and Kiosk Lease (Y2)
- J. Building Sealant Repair for Saraland Pumping Station
- K. Co-op Purchase of an Emergency SD Generator / Auto Transfer Switch for Old Military LS092
- L. Ext 1 Contract MAWSS 24002 – Mowing / Grounds Maintenance / Zones 2-12 (Y2)
- M. Ext 1 Contract MAWSS 24003 – MH Frames/Covers/Risers Cat 1 & 2 (Y2)
- N. Perimeter Fence Clearing for Myers WTP
- O. Purchase of (2) VFDs for the Stickney Hillcrest Pumps
- P. Professional Services – Annual Contract for Artic Wolf Cyber Security
- Q. Professional Service – Big Creek Lake Water Quality Monitoring 2025
- R. Professional Svc – Maintenance on PSA Oxygen Generators at CCW WWTP
- S. Renewal of the VMWare VSphere Application
- T. Repair of Motor No. 5 at S. Palmer Gaillard Pumping Station
- U. Sole Source Purchase of (1) 6,000 Gallon Convault Diesel Tank for Wright Smith WWTP
- V. Sole Source Purchase of Parts for ADS Flow Monitors
- W. Sole Source Purchase of Emerson SCADA Parts
- X. Sole Source Purchase of a Spare Flygt Pump at Faye Ln LS020
- Y. Sole Source Repair Parts Influent Pumps at Wright Smith WWTP
- Z. Window Replacement for Saraland Pumping Station
- AA. HDR Project No. 10195981 Stickney 50MG Reservoir Improvements O/A/ Allocation #2
- BB. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2771 Perch Creek LS Repair O/A/ Allocation #1
- CC. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2816 8Mile Ck 18” S / L Rplcmnt MH 401-MH407
- DD. MAWSS 2024 Annual Forestry Report
- EE. MAWSS December 2024 LifeSouth Blood Drive Memo
- FF. Consultant Project Status Reports – *October 2024*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 1:58 p.m., Commissioner Drummond motioned to move into Executive Session; Commissioner Gonzalez seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

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Regular session reconvened at 2:12 p.m., Commissioner Drummond motioned to approve an amendment to the 2010 settlement agreement with ALDOT allowing vehicles carrying hazardous materials to travel SR-158 and reduce the speed limit in the Big Creek Lake watershed to 45 miles per hour, apart from approximately 1,820' of roadway west of the intersection at Highway 98 and McCrary Road. Commissioner Zoghby seconded, and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **January 6, 2025** at 1:30 p.m.

  
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John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer