

**BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
January 6, 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
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Secretary-Treasurer
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. Douglas L. Cote
Mr. Daryl Russell
Ms. Calressia Clark
Ms. Fatima Washington

ABSENT:

Ms. Linda St. John, Vice Chair
Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Commissioner

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

Committee Reports were next; Commissioner Williams abbreviated the matters discussed during the Human Resources Committee Meetings held on December 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and December 17, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Staff and the committee discussed the retirement benefits and drawbacks, if any, should MAWSS choose to grant Tier 1 benefits for all employees within the organization regardless of hire date. A broader discussion of Tier II to Tier I Conversion will be held during an upcoming Board Workshop.

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Mr. McCrory then summarized the Growth and Development / Infrastructure / Property Committee Meeting which was also held on December 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Staff and the committee reviewed several items as follows: Wholesale Sewer Program, the capacity of the Williams Wastewater Treatment Plant, Growth Trends over the last five years, the Proposed Developer Assistance Policy, the Springhill Reservoir Sale (*update*), the Rangeline Crossing Apartment Complex (*settlement agreement with MCWFSPA update*), the mutual easement agreement between MAWSS and Alabama Power, and the Proposed Fire Line Fee Change.

The committee also discussed the Perch Creek Lift Station Replacement which requires parcel purchases in the Dauphin Island Parkway area and is on the agenda for review and approval at today's meeting.

In conclusion, the committee also agreed to dedicate the new MAWSS Kiosk Payment Center in honor of former MAWSS Board Commissioner, Mr. Tommy Tyrell.

There were no **Visitors** present requesting an audience with the Board. Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MR. EDWARD J. DOBBS**, Chief Construction Inspector, on his retirement after 27 years of service to the Board and **MS. BEVERLY D. LANDRUM**, Administrative Support Assistant, on her retirement after 26 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 24-030 Annual Contract – Polymer for H.E. Myers WTP
- B. IFB 24-038 Annual Contract – Rotary Kiln Quick Lime
- C. Annual Support and Maintenance Agreement for Infor SaaS and CloudSuite
- D. Professional Service – Cost of Service Rate Study
- E. State Contract MA230000003128 – Purchase of Six (6) Ford F150 Regular Cab 4x2 Fleet Vehicles
- F. State Contract MA230000003128 – Purchase of Seven (7) Ford F150 Super Cab 4x2 Fleet Vehicles
- G. State Contract MA230000003416 – Purchase of Two (2) 2024 Ford F250 Regular Cab 4x2 Fleet Vehicles
- H. State Contract MA230000004125 - Purchase of Three (3) 2024 Caterpillar 305 Excavators
- I. GMC Project No. AMOB240029 MAWSS Kiosks Payment Center Project
- J. HDR Project No. 10199152 Stickney WTP Building Replacements/Electrical Upgrades CO# 17

Chair Drummond requested clarification on *Consent Agenda Item 4C* and *Consent Agenda Item 4J*.

Mr. Russell provided detail for *Item 4C Annual Support and Maintenance Agreement for Infor SaaS and CloudSuite*. Staff continues to monitor and upgrade all of the organization's software systems in accordance with the IT Master Plan which will be completed and presented for review to the Board in July 2025.

Mr. Cote illustrated the reasons behind the change orders for *Item 4J Stickney WTP Building Replacements/Electrical Upgrades Change Order No. 17*. This project replaces nearly all of the electrical components within the Stickney Plant. As construction began and continues, it should be noted that the facility is very old, has doubled in size over the last few decades and unseen issues have been discovered. Also included are items that were missed during the design phases and material delays. Staff has budgeted for all of the anticipated change orders.

Commissioner Williams moved for approval of the **Consent Agenda**; Commissioner Gonzalez seconded; Commissioner Bell abstained and the motion then carried with the majority vote of the Board present.

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Ms. Clark directed attention to a slideshow **presentation** of the “*Field Operations and Logistics Division*”. The division consists of the following departments and responsibilities:

Field Operations

- Water Operations/Maintenance (Leaks/Installs/Hydrants)
- Sewer Operations/Maintenance (Repairs/Installs/Street Cuts)
- Easement Maintenance
- Right of Way Maintenance
- Customer Response (Sewer Stoppages/Cave-In’s/Missing MH Lids/Bad Odor Complaints/Video Laterals/MH Overflows/Force Main Breaks)

Preventative Maintenance

- Sewer Cycle Cleaning
- Field Investigation (Easement Line Walking/Smoke Testing)
- Video Investigation

**Also shown were Total Numbers of SSOs per Year (2015 – Present) / SSOs Reaching U.S. Waters Per Year as reported and Wet Weather SSOs Reaching U.S. Waters Per Year excluding stipulated penalty request waivers.*

- Overflow Comparisons (Blockages/Breaks/Inflow/Infiltration/Force Majeure/Lift Station Failure

Fleet Maintenance

- Distribution of Vehicles by Year (2000 – Present) / Purchases/Replacements/Auctions

The **Minutes of December 2, 2024** were presented for approval. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

There were no **Bid Openings**.

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 Master Plan Phase II 2025 Supplemental Applications for Closing in 2026

Staff requests approval to submit a supplemental application for the 2026 Master Plan Phase II CWSRF Loan to ADEM. The loan application is in the amount of \$23,500,000.

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

Staff requests approval of the ADEM Resolution designating Mr. Cote as the official representative of MAWSS for the 2026 Master Plan CWSRF Loan as identified above.

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

Staff requests approval to submit a supplemental application for the 2026 Master Plan Phase II DWSRF Loan to ADEM. The loan application is in the amount of \$28,000,000.

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

Staff requests approval of the ADEM Resolution designating Mr. Cote as the official representative of MAWSS for the 2026 Master Plan DWSRF Loan as identified above.

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

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Item 9B Property Purchase – Dauphin Island Parkway (Key No. 1040215 / 0.93 Acres) and (Key No. 2813147 / 3.73 Acres) in the proposed amount of \$45,000 for both parcels necessary to accommodate the construction of the New Perch Creek Lift Station.

Mr. Russell addressed the Board and requested approval authorizing Mr. McCrory to sign all documents as required to complete the purchase as illustrated above.

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

Item 10 Information Only Items:

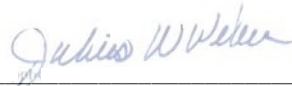
- A. IFB 24-039 Annual Contract – Mowing and Grounds Maintenance Zone 1
- B. Ext 1 Contract MAWSS 24004 – Sulfur Dioxide (Y2)
- C. Annual Support Agreement for Kronos UKG Dimensions System 2025
- D. Sole Source Purchase of IDEXX Incubator for the Lab
- E. Sole Source Repair Parts for #2 Flygt Pump at Kerr McGee LS094
- F. Sole Source Purchase of a Wilo Pump for Old Military LS092
- G. State Contract MA230000003416 – Purchase of a Ford F450 Crew Cab 4x2 Fleet Vehicle
- H. Jacobs D3424000 SRF Pj# CS010281-19 Nortons Ln SWAT/LS Pj Owner’s Allowance Allocation #1
- I. Volkert Project No. 1201846.002 C.C. Williams S1 Digester Repair Contract

Chair Drummond commended staff for the monthly Directors Report, it is very informative and continues to highlight the hard work the organization does each day for our community.

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:15 p.m., Commissioner Bell motioned to move into Executive Session; Commissioner Gonzalez seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Regular session reconvened at 2:40 p.m.; the Board and Staff discussed the recent studies that have identified additional invasive species threats that may potentially impact water quality and create infrastructure problems moving forward.

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:50 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **February 3, 2025** at 1:30 p.m.



Jay W. Weber, Secretary-Treasurer