

## **News Advisory**

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### **MAWSS Mourns Passing of Vice Chair Tommy Tyrrell**



*Photo: Tommy Tyrrell*

The Board of Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) will pause for a moment of silence Monday in memory of Vice-Chair Thomas “Tommy” M. Tyrrell who passed away March 4. Tyrrell was appointed to the MAWSS Board, August 16, 2011, to fill the unexpired term of the late H. E. (Hap) Myers, Jr. In April, 2014, Gina Gregory appointed him to another six year term that would have ended in 2020. Tyrrell was a graduate of the USA College of Business and had extensive knowledge of the construction industry. He was the founder and owner of Construction Management Services.

As Chair of the MAWSS Finance Committee, Tyrrell was instrumental in helping the organization restructure long term debt and revise its trust indenture which enabled the organization to free up capital funds needed for infrastructure improvement. He was a strong proponent of building the MAWSS Maintenance Center and the completion of renovations to MAWSS Park Forest Plaza. He was active in many civic and charitable organizations in and around Mobile.

“Tommy Tyrrell’s leadership and tenacity enabled MAWSS to make operational changes that were needed to move us forward as a model utility,” said MAWSS Director Charles Hyland. “I will always be grateful for the advice and support he gave me when I assumed the position of Director,” said Hyland.

“Tommy will be remembered for his efforts to help MAWSS and the Mobile area grow through responsible business development,” said MAWSS Chair Sheri Weber. “His knowledge of the construction industry was a great benefit to our Board as we tried to make the best use of our capital dollars. His guidance helped us revise our approach to projects, always making sure our customers got the best value for their money.”

Services for Tyrrell will be held Monday at St. Ignatius Catholic Church.