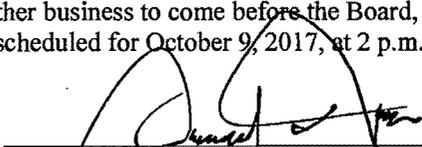


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Mr. Hyland said he also requests the Board allow us to move forward with the application process of the \$32 million **SRF**. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Odom seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board. There being no further business to come before the Board, at 3:04 p.m., the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2017, at 2 p.m.

  
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Samuel L. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer

**BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 11, 2017**

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile met this Wednesday in their regular session at 2:00 p.m. at MAWSS' Park Forest Plaza.

**PRESENT:**

Dr. James E. Laier, Chair  
Ms. Barbara Drummond, Vice Chair  
Mr. Samuel L. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mr. Maynard V. Odom, Commissioner  
Mr. Walter A. Bell, Commissioner  
Mr. Kenny Nichols, Commissioner

Ms. Jackie McConaha, Attorney for the Board  
Mr. Charles E. Hyland, Jr., Director  
Mr. Douglas L. Cote, Assistant Director  
Mr. Bud McCrory, Assistant Director

**ABSENT:**

Ms. Sheri N. Weber, Commissioner

Chair Laier called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. There were no **Committee Reports**. Mr. Hyland said there is one **Visitor**, who signed in and asked to speak to the Board.

**Mr. Douglas Wicks** came forward. His comments are entered here for the record:

*I appreciate this opportunity to be given the privilege to speak before the Board today. I may sound a little bit muffled, however, as I had some extensive dental work yesterday. I want to commend the Board for your efforts in passing the Resolution that set as a goal 15% for minority participation but I think it's important for you to hear a little history from someone who has had first-hand knowledge of why it's so difficult to reach those goals. As I listen to Ms. Felicia Patterson give a report, the 1% DBE participation, I want to share with you that until May 2006, there were almost monthly bids on valves and fittings and I was able to bid monthly and I was successful on a significant number of them. But, all of that changed, of course understand that I am a Mobile resident, my business is in Mobile but I was the only minority bidding. At that time, you may have had some desire to increase minority participation but there was no goal set or policy that was established. So when I competed and won bids it was because I was the lowest bid. In May 2006, I had a letter from Andy Claxton, of Purchasing, that said the policies had been changed to "all or none" and to a period of one year, could be extended to 3 years. That essentially wiped me out. I asked questions and complained to no avail. A couple of years after that, I got a notification from the young lady who was over the Under Utilized Businesses, Ms. Kidd, asking why wasn't I just trying to promote participation and I gave her a copy of the letter and I wrote her a letter. I'll read it to you, I wrote it to the Board, and it says:*

**RE: "ALL OR NONE" One year/Discriminatory Bid Practices**

*Dear Ms. Kidd:*

*In reference to the policy change I spoke with you about, please find the enclosed communication of May 18, 2006. As mentioned, it effectively eliminates any small and/or minority owned supplier like my*

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*company from bidding and doing business with MAWSS, which is counter to the purported goals of UUBE. It allows for a big company to supply pipes and valves for three years without bidding for two years.*

*Every provision listed in the three "Delivery Stipulations" is discriminatory and injurious to a small business such as BCP, Inc. To my knowledge, BCP, Inc. was the only local minority owned supplier of metal pipes and valves used by MAWSS. Consequently, BCP, Inc. has been effectively denied (the only minority owned supplier) an opportunity to do business with MAWSS.*

*Your assistance in addressing and rectifying this egregious practice is respectfully requested. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to respond.*

*This was even double-downed on because after that time, the requirements to become certified as minority owned by MAWSS increased to where the financial problems were greater than they were to be certified as a DBE and they are about the most stringent you can get to be certified by a DBE. Then all of a sudden there were insurance requirements that were so much even though you didn't have anything to do that you would need the kind of insurance they were asking for. They take away your finances and then all of a sudden increase your requirements for your financial capability. So this was done. There is a history, and Ms. Drummond I hear you talking and you are concerned, but there is a history that got you to this point and it was engineered. I'll be happy to leave the evidence of what I'm saying, the letter from Andy Claxton. My history is a matter of record. I'll be happy to answer any questions. I do want to say that I am so happy there is some sensitivity to this but it always helps to have some facts. I'm talking about first-hand facts; I'm not talking about here-say. You are talking to the guy.*

Chair Laier said he appreciates Mr. Wicks' comments and we will review the information he gave the Board. Commissioner Jones thanked Mr. Wicks for bringing his perspective and the history of what took place in the past. Hopefully, we will see a much better effort in the future with what has already been passed here. He said he appreciates that because he didn't know about that particular history. Mr. Wicks left a copy of the letter he read from today.

The **Minutes of September 11, 2017** were presented for approval. Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

**Bids & Purchasing** was next. Mr. Cote said we had two bids opened today and he reviewed the following:

**AL17024, 48-inch Butterfly Valve Replacement at the East Reservoir**

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>	ORIGINAL ESTIMATES:
Ballcon	\$110,400.00	Construction: \$ 30,000.00
Construction Labor Services, Inc.	\$139,689.68	Engineering: \$ 5,000.00
W. R. Mitchell Contractor, Inc.	\$161,322.00	Total Original Estimate: \$ 35,000.00
		CURRENT ESTIMATES:
		Construction \$100,000.00
		Engineering \$ 17,900.00
		Total Current Estimate \$117,900.00

Mr. Cote said the apparent low bidder was Ballcon and the amount of that bid was \$110,400. This will be brought back to the Board for final approval following review and tabulation by the engineers.

**M5712-2613, 2018 Annual CIPP Rehab of Public Portion of Sanitary Sewer Mains**

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>	Construction	Engineering	Total Original Estimate
		\$400,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$405,000.00
		Construction		\$400,000.00

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BLD Services, LLC	\$427,180.00	Engineering	\$ 5,000.00
		Total Current Estimate	\$405,000.00

Commissioner Nichols asked if there are any thoughts on why we only had one bidder. Mr. Billy Wilkerson, McCrory & Williams, said we had 3 plan holders. They all came to the mandatory pre-bid meeting and asked questions. We thought all of them were going to bid but, obviously, at the last minute they decided not to do so. This will also be brought back to the Board for final approval following review and tabulation.

Mr. McCrory presented Item C:

**Co-op Purchase for a Ford F-250 w/Knapheide Service Body Fleet Vehicle** Value - \$33,608.66  
Co-op Provider: National Auto Fleet Group (NAFG)

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

Item D was presented as follows:

**IFB 17-025 Annual Contract – Employee Uniforms** (3 Bids) Est. Value - \$143,600  
Contract Period: 10/1/17 – 9/30/20  
Low responsive bidder: Cintas Uniform Company

Mr. McCrory said the difference this year is we are doing a lease program instead of a purchase program. It's supposed to be a cost savings to us. Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item E is entered here for the record:

**IFB 17-028 for 10" Lamphole Castings** (5 Bids) Est. Value - \$30,000  
Contract Period: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18  
Low responsive bidder: HD Supply

Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Nichols seconded. Commissioner Drummond asked if we are looking at these to be sure the requirements of Policy 17-01 are being met. Mr. McCrory said the current Policy 17-01 is the one we hold each annual accountable for until we make that change. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Cote covered Item F as follows:

**IFB 17-029 Rebuild Westfalia Centrifuge** (1 Bid, 2 N/B) Value - \$72,000  
Low responsive bidder: Centrisys Corp.

Mr. Cote said this is dewatering equipment at the Williams WWTP. As he discussed in the premeeting, they looked at dewatering equipment at WEFTEC. They are looking for equipment that's going to have a less costly life cycle cost than these centrifuges. As you look at the cost of repairing these, it's quite expensive so we are looking for alternatives. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board

Mr. McCrory said Item G was mentioned by Ms. Clark earlier. It's entered here:

**IFB 17-030 Annual Contract – Easement Vegetation Maintenance (M5712-2616)**  
(2 Bids) Est. Value - \$237,000  
Contract Period: 9/1/17 – 8/31/18 with two possible one-year extension options

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Low responsive bidder: Robinson Landscaping, Inc.

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

Item H is entered here:

**IFB 17-032 Annual Contract – PVC Pipe, Fittings and Ball Valves** (5 Bids) Est. Annual Value - \$110,000

Contract Period: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18, with two possible one-year extensions

Low responsive bidder: Consolidated Pipe

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

Item I was:

**IFB 17-033 Annual Contract – Liquid Aluminum Sulfate** (4 Bids) Est. Annual Value - \$615,000

Low responsive bidder: Southern Ionics

Mr. Cote said this is used in the treatment of water for producing potable water. Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board

Mr. Cote presented Item J as:

**IFB 17-034, Annual Contract – Hydrofluorosilicic Acid (Fluoride)**

(3 Bids) Est. Annual Value - \$90,500

Low responsive bidder: Univar, USA

Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Jones seconded. Commissioner Drummond asked if the price has recently increased. Chief Treatment Plant Operator Carl Hanke said it's actually down from the previous price, which was \$396 per ton; this will be \$312 per ton. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board

Mr. Cote presented Item K as:

**IFB 17-035 Purchase and Install a Swaby Sludge Pump** (1 Bid, 3 NQ) Value - \$43,838.82

Low responsive bidder: Process Pump & Repair

Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Nichols moved for approval and Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board

Mr. McCrory presented Item L as:

**IFB 17-036 Septic Tank Cleaning** (3 Bids) Value - \$34,726

Low responsive bidder: *Southern Grease Hauling\**

**(The agenda was incorrect; see below for correction and award to Advanced Service Plus Plumbing.)**

Mr. McCrory said this is for our Copeland Island subdivision. We have 194 units that we are required to maintain and pump out the tanks. Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Jones seconded. It was confirmed by Chief Treatment Plant Operator Mike Sims that this is an annual contract. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board. Commissioner Bell said before we move from this, and in light of Mr. Wicks speaking to us about multi-year contracts and you are going to look at doing some amendments to 17-01, would it be appropriate that we maybe put on hold after today, any multi-year

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contracts until you come up with a new policy. He said he thinks it was very damaging what Mr. Wicks said today in terms of went on in 2006. We certainly want to not have that going on today. Mr. Hyland said we can definitely look at that. It doesn't have to be rebid but we can always decide, after the one year, that we want to rebid. Mr. McCrory said we have the option after one year to rebid, if we'd like.

\*The following occurred later in the meeting but is entered here for continuity: Mr. Hyland said he is aware the agenda shows a different company, Southern Grease Hauling, as the low bidder; however, they did not complete or sign the Subcontracting form included in the solicitation. Advanced Service Plus Plumbing was the low bidder meeting our specs and the recommendation is to award the contract to Advanced Service Plus Plumbing, at \$34,726. With concurrence from Attorney McConaha, Commissioner Bell withdrew his motion to award to Southern Grease Hauling and Commissioner Jones withdrew his second. Mr. Hyland then asked the Board to entertain a motion for award to Advanced Service Plus Plumbing. Commissioner Bell so moved and Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

**Legal** was next and Attorney McConaha said an **Executive Session** is needed to discuss a litigation related matter and a property purchase.

**Unfinished Business** was next with **Holiday Gift Cards**. Mr. Hyland said Greer's gave a 6% discount on the face value of the holiday gift cards and this was the best discount of the six vendors total that were asked to submit on this. In light of that, staff requests Board approval of the purchase of holiday gift cards for our employees in the total cost of \$15,040. Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

**New Business** was next with **M5712-2610, 2018 Annual Contract for Manhole Frame and Cover Replacement**, with tabulation of the September 11, 2017 bids and recommendation to award to the second low bidder, Harwell & Company, LLC, for \$126,117.50. Mr. Wilkerson said the apparent low bidder was unable to satisfy the DBE Policy 16-01 requirements. Based on the engineer's recommendation, Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Odom seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item B was **M5712-2545, Access Road Annual Contract for 2015** – Request to increase spending authorization to \$1,250,000. Mr. Wilkerson said due to the situation on Driftwood, additional funds are needed for this contract. Based on the engineers' recommendation, Commissioner Jones moved for approval and Commissioner Nichols seconded. Commissioner Drummond asked where the money will come from and Mr. Cote said from excess revenues, as Ms. Matz discussed in the Financial Report. Mr. Cote said there are other expenses associated with Driftwood as well. Mr. Wilkerson said he expects to have the total amount next week. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item C was **RFP Award of Ethernet Services at MAWSS Treatment Plant Locations**. IT Director Mahir Butt said in an effort to review our communication plan for our treatment plants and to abide by the DHS requirements of resiliency for our infrastructure, we requested proposals for fiber connections to all our plants. Only one response was received and that was Unity Fiber. They are going to construct fiber connections to each of our plants from our data center so we will have more resilient communication between us and our plants. Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond seconded. Commissioner Drummond asked if this is in compliance with Policy 17-01. Mr. Butt said the problem with this particular contract is there are only two companies in the City that can handle this. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item D was **RFQ for Financial Statement Auditor**. Comptroller Collena Matz said we put out an RFQ for auditing services for the next 5 years and we expanded our request to include all firms in the State of Alabama that had both government and utility experience. That totaled 165 firms. We received however, only 8 submissions, and staff's recommendation, which was given to the Finance Committee on August 24, was that we proceed with Jackson Thornton, Certified Public Accountants, beginning with our December 31, 2017 audit. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Nichols seconded. Commissioner Bell said it was the Finance Committee's recommendation that we approve Jackson Thornton as the auditors.

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Commissioner Drummond asked if Jackson Thornton is local. Commissioner Bell said they are a national firm, and have their Alabama headquarters in Montgomery. They do a lot of work for a lot of state agencies, but no office in Mobile that he is aware of. Commissioner Bell said that was one of the requests that we expand to the entire state in terms of looking at auditors for MAWSS. That's why we left out of the city and county of Mobile to expand the horizon of accounting firms that we could look at. Jackson Thornton came in as the top firm. Commissioner Drummond asked if the costs are comparable since this is a 5 year contract. Commissioner Bell said you don't want to change your auditors every year and then asked Ms. Matz if it is 3 or 5 years. Ms. Matz said it's for 3 years with two extension options, so potentially a 5 year period. Commissioner Bell said normally you want to keep your auditor for 5 years and change out the partner after a period of time. Ms. Matz said that is what we asked for in the RFQ, to allow for a partner rotation to be an option; in the past, we have not always allowed that as an option so therefore, we have actually disallowed previous winners of the RFQ. The cost is \$65,000 per year.

Commissioner Jones asked what the cost was last year and Ms. Matz said she believes it was \$37,000. She said for 2016, it was \$30,000 and an additional \$7,000 if we went with CAFR preparation so a total of \$37,000. Ms. Matz said this proposal is \$65,000 for the first year and the total would be \$335,000 for 5 years. Commissioner Drummond asked if someone on the Finance Committee could tell the Board what they will get for the extra cost. Mr. McCrory said Ms. Matz had a very extensive review that listed all the qualifications and Jackson Thornton rose to the top in their ranking with what they provided to us. We presented that to the Finance Committee and there was much discussion about the cost; due to the value of what we felt like we would receive from Jackson Thornton, we felt like that cost would be recovered in the efforts they would give us for the audit. Commissioner Drummond said she's still not clear on what we're getting for the extra money even though she's sure they are very qualified as are the other firms we've had in previous years.

Mr. McCrory said, as far as what we are saying from staff's standpoint and he thinks the Finance Committee also since they were in agreement, we feel like we are getting a firm that will provide us not better service, but a more valued service, moving forward. Can we put a dollar value on each—we aren't getting anything extra, we are getting the same audit but we will have a more detailed report with less time that we have to put in as an internal staff.

Commissioner Jones said he wasn't able to make the Finance Committee meeting but he's sure a lot of consideration was given. What did we do before on the first year? Sometimes there is a higher cost on the first year. Ms. Matz said the first year is actually a lower cost with Jackson Thornton. Different firms price out their audit structure differently as far as number of hours. The first year obviously is going to take more audit hours, that's why we did our RFQ for a minimum of 3 years. At a minimum, for it to be competitive and for you to actually solicit good quotes, you need at least 3 years. If we did a one year approval, we would price ourselves out. Most firms would not bid on something for a one year term. The first year of an audit change is a lot of audit hours for both staff as well as the audit firm.

Commissioner Jones asked if cost was a consideration at all and Ms. Matz said yes. The way they structured the RFQ was they had them submit two separate documents. We had them submit their technical bid, or their qualifications. They weighted all of the organizations based on that proposal and then decided which of the cost proposals they would then open. Cost was a secondary factor, not the original selection criteria. Commissioner Jones asked if out of all the firms they had, was it determined that all those submitted to the Finance Committee were qualified. Ms. Matz said we had one of the eight that we did not open their qualifications because they did not meet the cut-off time. Commissioner Jones asked if all the others did. Ms. Matz said we ranked them basically on the criteria that we had put forth in the RFQ. Depending on how you fell in the criteria, everyone was ranked but all of them were opened with the exception of the one that did not meet the cut off. Based on that ranking, then we opened the top 4 for pricing. Commissioner Jones said he wouldn't have these questions if we weren't talking about double what we had been paying. If you had four others, he would think you would say they were all qualified as auditors based on what you asked for. Ms. Matz said yes. Commissioner Jones said but you are basically saying this particular firm was better qualified and Ms. Matz said yes. Commissioner Jones said twice better qualified. Commissioner Bell said it's not so much as twice better qualified as it is the value of what they saw that the company was bringing to the organization in terms of what the staff had to do in preparation on the front end, but the value proposition that this company, Jackson Thornton, brought vs the other bidders was considered to be by the

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Finance Committee, the superior bid at that time. Ms. Matz said the determining factors were the amount of experience they had in the utility industry, specific to the wastewater industry, because we had several bidders that only had experience in the water industry. They did not have experience in the wastewater industry which is a huge element of who we are. That's what they brought to the table was the level of experience they had in our specific industry field, as well as the number of qualified staff members and partners they have that they could rotate to. Commissioner Jones said since he wasn't at the meeting, he will defer to those members who were. The motion then carried with the aye votes of Commissioners Nichols, Jones, Bell, and Odom. Commissioner Drummond opposed.

Item E was **Policy No. 17-02, Budget Amendment Policy** for approval. Mr. Hyland said this was reviewed by Ms. Matz in today's premeeting and we ask the Board to approve it as presented. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Odom seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item F was **HR Policy 98-2, Education Policy** – Proposed revision for approval. Mr. Hyland said this was reviewed by Ms. King in today's premeeting and we ask the Board to approve it with revisions as presented. Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item G was **Facility for Acceptance** and it is entered here for the record:

**Tractor Supply (635 Schillinger Road)**  
Sewer Facilities Only            Value - \$43,693

Water & Sewer Engineering Manager Daryl Russell said this facility is located at 635 Schillinger Road, on the west side, just south of Zeigler and is a 380 ft. extension to our gravity sewer line. Staff has reviewed the construction of the facilities and recommends acceptance. Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Nichols seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item H was **2017 CWSRF Loan – Resolution Designating Official Representative**. Mr. Hyland this is to designate Mr. Cote as the official representative to sign all documents going to ADEM. Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Hyland addressed Item I. He said at the last meeting, a presentation was made by retiree group about a **Retiree one-time payment opportunity** and he sent additional information to the Board on that. The decision needs to be made today because it has to be implemented by the end of October, if the Board chooses to do that. He then asked the wishes of the Board. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval. Chair Laier said Commissioner Weber wasn't able to be here today but she said some of the Retirees received a COLA before and others did not. She felt those that did not receive the COLA before is a concern and they should get some compensation. Commissioner Drummond said there was a cut-off of 2005 on the last one. Mr. Hyland said Commissioner Weber mentioned to him that she wonders if it's possible that this could be approved so that those who did not get the COLA before could get it this time but be limited to them. That's not the way it's written. It's basically written where it would apply to all retirees. Commissioner Odom then seconded and the motion carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item J was **Election of Board Officers**. Chair Laier said at the last Board meeting, he mentioned that the **Nominating Committee** had recommended the following candidates for Board officers:

Chair – Barbara Drummond  
Vice Chair – Samuel Jones  
Secretary-Treasurer – Kenneth Nichols

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Commissioner Odom moved to accept the slate of Officers as presented. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Commissioner Drummond asked everyone to give Chair Laier a round of applause for a job well done.

Mr. Hyland said at the premeeting, he covered the Resolution that he would like for the Board to approve that would designate him to be able to sign the documents to forward to the Restore Council in order to pursue funding. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Odom seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Items presented to the Board for **Information Only** were:

- A. **Ext. 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 15012 Heavy Equipment Rental**  
Contract Extension Period: 11/1/17 – 10/31/18 or Est. Value of 170,000  
Current Contract Holders: James H. Adams & Son, Beard Equipment, Construction Labor Services, Hertz Equipment Rental, Lyle Machinery, Neff Rental (did not extend), and Tractor & Equipment
- B. **Ext. 2 – Annual Contract MAWSS 16004 CI Valve Boxes**  
Contract Extension Period: 11/1/17 – 10/31/18 or Est. Value of \$15,000  
Current Contract Holder: HD Waterworks
- C. **Ext. 1 – Annual Contract MAWSS 16018 Tapping Sleeves**  
Contract Extension Period: 12/1/17 – 11/30/18 or Est. Value of \$18,000  
Current Contract Holder: Core & Main, formerly HD Waterworks
- D. **Ext. 1 – Annual Contract MAWSS 16019 Valves, Category 1-4**  
Contract Extension Period: 11/1/17 – 10/31/18 or Est. Value of \$54,000  
Current Contract Holder: HD Waterworks
- E. **GMC CMOB170025(R) Primary Digester Cleaning at the Wright Smith, Jr., WWTP**, with tabulation of the September 11, 2017 bids and recommendation to award to the low bidder, Denali Water Solutions, LLC, for \$296,625. (Confirmation of Director's award)
- F. **MM378692GG, Gaillard Standby Generator**, with no-cost Change Order #1. Change modifies site grading to include stormwater detention pond. Contract amount remains \$1,267,657.94.
- G. **M5712-2572, 2016 Annual Contract for Cleaning 15"-54" Various Sanitary Sewer Segments** with no-cost Change Order #1. Change order adds an additional item of work and does not change the contract amount. The contract amount remains \$840,453.
- H. **Royal 2016-03-02, Moffett & Schillinger Water Tower Maintenance Project**, with no-cost Change Order #2 adding 15 calendar days to the total duration due to inclement weather in July 2017. Contract remains \$366,952.
- I. **Change Order – Co-op Purchase of Two (2) Fleet Vehicles**  
Replacement of 2017 Kia Sedona (\$27,942.34) with 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan (\$27,348.78), a \$593.56 reduction in price  
Co-op Provider: National Auto Fleet Group (NAFG)
- J. **Sensitive Positions**
- K. **MW Project Status Report**
- L. **Disclosure of Real Property Purchase**

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**M. In-Kind & Contributions Requests**

PEP's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Industrial Reverse Trade Show

Commissioner Odom mentioned that he thought the Board had discussed moving the December meeting so he may not be present for that meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, at 3:11 p.m., Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn and reconvene in Executive Session. Commissioner Drummond seconded and the motion carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

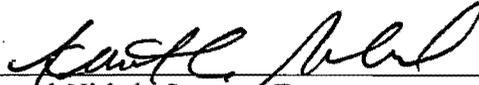
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The meeting reconvened at 4:53 p.m. with all members present. Mr. Hyland said the Board has a copy of the **Purchase and Sales Agreement between our Board and Mobile Infirmary** for us to purchase the property at Three Mile Creek. Staff requests Board approval. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Hyland said we also request approval for **settlement authority** as discussed by the attorneys in Executive Session. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Nicholas seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Hyland said staff requests that the Board consider postponing the implementation of the rate increase on **Spanish Fort** for 60 days and allow time for experts to meet with both parties. Commissioner Jones moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion carried with the aye votes of Commissioners Jones, Bell, and Drummond. Commissioners Odom and Nichols opposed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 4:57 p.m., Commissioner Nichols moved to adjourn. Commissioner Drummond seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2017, at 2 p.m.

  
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Kenneth Nichols, Secretary-Treasurer