

Minutes of the meeting of the Board June 3, 2019, continued

At 4:20 p.m., the meeting reconvened. (Commissioner Zoghby had left the meeting at 3 p.m. and Commissioner Drummond had left at 3:45.) There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Weber moved to adjourn and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2019 at 2 p.m.



Walter Bell, Secretary-Treasurer

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July 8, 2019**

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

PRESENT:

Mr. Kenneth W. Nichols, Acting Chair
Mr. Walter Bell, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Maynard V. Odom, Commissioner
Ms. Barbara Drummond, Commissioner
Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Commissioner

Mr. Charles E. Hyland, Jr., Director
Mr. Douglas L. Cote, Assistant Director
Mr. Bud McCrory, Assistant Director
Mr. Bradley Dean, Attorney

ABSENT:

Mr. Samuel L. Jones, Chair
Ms. Sheri N. Weber, Commissioner

Acting Chair Nichols called the meeting to order and Assistant Director Bud McCrory gave the invocation. Acting Chair Nichols said as a formal announcement, after 27 + years of service, today will be Ms. Carol Rambo's last Board meeting. She has announced that she will retire on August 1. Acting Chair Nichols said on behalf of the Board, preceding Boards and senior staff, they appreciate the support Ms. Rambo has given over the years. Ms. Rambo thanked the Board.

Committee Reports was next and Commissioner Drummond said she will report when the agenda item comes up. **Visitors** was next with **Resolutions for Retirees** and Mr. Hyland read the following into record:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, MR. MICHAEL P. DALE, Public Service Worker II, began his employment with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners on April 16, 1994, as a classified employee, and has worked continuously since; and

WHEREAS, he served the System faithfully for over 25 years, performing his duties with the highest quality, working in a cooperative spirit with his fellow employees, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE that **MR. MICHAEL P. DALE**, whose retirement was effective July 1, 2019, be recognized and commended for his years of service to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile and to the citizens of Mobile.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2019.

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Mr. Hyland said Michael worked in a number of different departments. Many years ago, when he was over Customer Service, Michael worked in Disconnections and was always a very dedicated employee, helpful to customers and fellow employees. Michael moved into Facilities Management these last few years which basically just showed his willingness to do whatever was good for the organization. We appreciate everything he did for MAWSS and hope he has a very long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Mr. Dale said he is thankful for the opportunity to work for this company. He said whatever he had to say, he'd say it to employees and say let's keep it within each other because you always have to step back and examine yourself. That's why he never ran up and said anything to the boss. He always made sure he examined himself first. He was able to do whatever they told him to do and he enjoyed it. He didn't mind coming to work. He said someone told him in 1996 that if he was going to stick around, don't abuse his time because he would need it down the road. From that day forward, it got down in his gut and he didn't play with his sick or vacation time. He came to work. He truly loved working with the people. When his sight started getting bad, they saw the need to get him off the road and put him in the warehouse and he worked there for 6 months. Then they put him in Custodial and he worked with Richard Price. He said he enjoyed all 3 phases and had no problems; he did what they told him to do. That's it. He thinks he has one of the best retirements you'll ever see. He enjoyed himself and he appreciates it.

Acting Chair Nichols said on behalf of the Board, they thank Mr. Dale for his service and his obvious dedication, and wish him the best in his retirement.

Next, Mr. Hyland read the following into record:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, MR. TRACY D. WATSON, Meter Repair Tech II, began his employment with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners on July 22, 1991, as an hourly employee, became classified on April 18, 1992, and has worked continuously since; and

WHEREAS, he served the System faithfully for over 27 years, performing his duties with the highest quality, working in a cooperative spirit with his fellow employees, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE that **MR. TRACY D. WATSON**, whose retirement was effective July 1, 2019, be recognized and commended for his years of service to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile and to the citizens of Mobile.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2019.

Mr. Hyland said in the early days, Tracy was working in the Warehouse in the Backflow Prevention department, and just like Michael Dale, he looked out for his fellow employees. All of these employees who are retiring really had a passion for doing their job well. Tracy fits that description and we hope he has a very happy retirement.

Mr. Watson thanked the Board for the opportunity to work here for over 27 years in a great job. When he first started here, he was 21 years old and he's grown a lot. He looks forward to starting a new chapter in his life and being able to take his knowledge in everything he's learned here and move forward with that. He said he was lucky to get into the department he was in and get certified and licensed. He said he enjoys working with the public and he hopes to become licensed as an instructor in the future. He believes we have one of the best Cross Connection Control programs in Alabama, and really in the Southeast. What his department does is really one of the most important things here, they protect the public drinking supply. If he can take that to other utilities and get them started in a program, help them test, repair, or survey, that's a winning situation and he's grateful for the opportunity.

Acting Chair Nichols said on behalf of the Board, they thank Mr. Watson for his service and wish him the best of luck in the next chapter of his life.

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Next, Mr. Hyland read the following into record:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, MR. TOMMY L. WILLIAMS, Treatment Plant Operator III, began his employment with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners on January 23, 1984, as a classified employee, and has worked continuously since; and

WHEREAS, he served the System faithfully for over 35 years, performing his duties with the highest quality, working in a cooperative spirit with his fellow employees, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE that **MR. TOMMY L. WILLIAMS**, whose retirement was effective July 1, 2019, be recognized and commended for his years of service to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile and to the citizens of Mobile.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2019.

Mr. Hyland said Tommy spent most of his years, with the exception of a short period of time, working in the water treatment area. When we talk about an employee who is passionate about his work and doing a very critical job, you can't find anyone more passionate than Tommy. He's done a fantastic job for many years for this Board and is the type of person who is always willing to help others. He set the standard for retirement parties because there were more people here last week for his party than we've ever seen at any retirement party. That speaks a lot about him and how he cared about the people he worked with. There were a lot of current employees here to wish him well but there were also a lot of employees who worked at MAWSS in the past and had retired that came back to honor Tommy. That speaks volumes about him. We appreciate everything he did and we certainly hope he enjoys a very long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Mr. Cote said he worked with Tommy the past 4 hours but, unfortunately, was out of town during his retirement party. Never once was he concerned about the hands the Stickney plant was in because he knew it was in the hands of a masterful operator. Tommy would always smile and had a very good disposition. He told him many times, "Mr. Cote, I love treating water." It's always refreshing to listen to someone who truly loves what he does and Tommy is a natural at treating water. Mobile Water is very blessed to have had him all these years.

Mr. Williams said first of all, he'd like to thank God, this Board, Executive Staff, and Carl Hanke who put their trust in me. Words cannot express how I feel for having had this opportunity. He said the people he worked with all these years are so good and it's a blessing to know them. When he came here, he thanked God for family and he tried to bring that to this environment. He said he appreciates you all, loves you all, and he prays that God will continue to bless you all.

Mr. Hyland said we are going to miss all 3 of these employees as you can tell by listening to them. They were very dedicated to their work and understood the criticality of their work. Our hope is and he is sure, that in each instance, these employees have passed a lot of those characteristics on to the people who worked with them. That bodes well for MAWSS in the years to come. We will miss them all but we wish them well in their retirement.

The **Minutes of June 3, 2019** were presented for approval and the Recording Secretary stated to the accuracy. Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Bids and Purchasing was next. Mr. Cote said Item A. **C100316.24, 2018 Small Diameter Gravity Sewer CIPP** and Item B. **C100316.27, Pine Run Subdivision Sewer Rehabilitation** will be held over until the next Board meeting.

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Item C is entered here for the record:

M5712-2657, Overlook Road Water Line Improvements & Water Line Valve Replacement at Government Street & Royal Street

Construction:	\$1,100,000.00	Construction:	\$1,100,000.00
Engineering:	\$ 100,000.00	Engineering:	\$ 100,000.00
Total:	\$1,200,000.00	Total:	\$2,100,000.00

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Additive Alternate</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Ballcon, Inc.	\$1,033,282.00	\$149,574.00*	\$1,182,856.00
Nordan Contracting Co., Inc.	\$1,564,379.00	\$181,099.00	\$1,745,478.00
W. R. Mitchell Contractor, Inc.	\$1,160,464.00	\$171,866.00	\$1,332,330.00

*Amount to be confirmed.

Mr. Cote said the apparent low bidder was Ballcon in the amount of \$1,033,282 and staff requests the Director be given authority to award upon review by the engineer and upon review of determination of compliance with our DBE Program. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Odom seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item D was reviewed by Mr. McCrory and is entered here for the record:

IFB 19-010 MJ DI Pipe and Fittings – Annual Contract (3 bids) Est. Value - \$150,000
 Contract Period: 7/1/19 – 6/30/20
 Low responsive bidder: Ferguson Waterworks

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

Item E was reviewed by Mr. Cote and is entered here for the record:

IFB 19-017 Fluoride Storage Tank (2 bids, 1 N/Q) Value - \$47,000
 Low responsive bidder: Corrosion Technology

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

Item F was also reviewed by Mr. Cote and is entered here:

IFB 19-018 Repair Peerless Intermediate Pump (4 bids, 1 N/Q) Value - \$52,250
 Low responsive bidder: JH Wright & Associates

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

Item G was reviewed by Mr. McCrory and is entered here:

IFB 19-019 Annual Contract – Fire Hydrants (5 bids) Est. Value - \$200,000
 Contract Period: 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 w/2 one year ext. options
 Low responsive bidder: Core & Main

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

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Item H was reviewed by Mr. Cote and is entered here:

Fox Memorial Landing Concessionaire Contract (V1025604)

Value - \$31,536 over 3 years

Contract Period: 8/6/19 – 7/31/22

Responsive bidder: Roger LaPointe

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

Legal was next and Attorney Dean said there are a few legal matters that are appropriate to be discussed in **Executive Session**. Approximately 30-40 minutes will be needed.

There were no items of **Unfinished Business**. **New Business** was next with **MM398476, Eslava Lift Station Bar Screen Replacement**, with tabulation of the June 3, 2019 bids and recommendation to award to the low bidder, W. R. Mitchell Contractor, Inc., for \$1,957,400. Mr. Brent Rawson, Mott MacDonald, said the low bidder also complied with DBE Policy 16-01. Based on the engineers' recommendation, Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board. Item B was **MAWSS 17008 Annual Contract Easement Vegetation Maintenance** – Request additional \$75,000 to increase spending authority to 2019 budgeted amount of \$312,000. Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. Commissioner Bell then said we've gone 10 months on the other part of the budget and asked if we will spend the \$75,000 in the time remaining. Mr. Cote said we have some catching up to do. Commissioner Bell asked if we have already spent the money and Mr. Cote said no. Commissioner Drummond asked if we have a lot of work that has not been done and Mr. Cote said that is correct. We are behind schedule on our easement clearing and maintenance so we're trying to get caught up. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item C was **MW5712-2648, Installation of Low Pressure Check Valve Assemblies on Dawes Oak Drive**, with tabulation of the May 6, 2019 bids and recommendation to reject all bids and rebid the project at a future date. Acting Chair Nichols asked why are we pushing it back to 2020. Mr. Cote said if we turn around and rebid quickly, it's likely we will get the same bidders. Also, by moving it to next year, we can increase the dollar amount in the contract. Hopefully, that will attract more contractors. Commissioner Drummond asked if the work is critical now and Mr. Cote said no, not at this point. Acting Chair Nichols said to increase the dollar amount means increase the budget. Mr. Cote said we budget annually for this work until we get it completed throughout the system. Next year, we will increase the project amount, do more replacements and, hopefully, attract additional contractors with a larger contract. There are other subdivisions that also need this work done that we will add to the scope next year. Commissioner Drummond asked how much is the increase expected to be and Mr. Cote said roughly \$200,000. Based on staff's recommendation, Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Odom seconded. Commissioner Drummond said this is to reject the bids and Mr. Cote said that is correct. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item D was **V644112, Annual Plant Maintenance – Subcontractor for Approval**. Mr. Cote said our annual contractor is requesting the services of Concrete Restoration Services. This is for services to patch and make repairs to the Old Highway 98 bridge across Big Creek Lake. Commissioner Bell asked if there will be any problems with other subcontractors. Mr. Cote said this will be the only subcontractor; there are no others. 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.

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

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- A. **IFB 19-020 Purchase of Two Submersible Pumps – Chin St LS (3 bids)** Value - \$16,671
Low responsive bidder: JH Wright & Associates
- B. **IFB 19-021 Purchase of Two Submersible Pumps – Life Church LS (3 bids)** Value - \$16,997
Low responsive bidder: JH Wright & Associates
- C. **Co-op Purchase of 10 Latitude 14 Rugged 5414 Laptops** Value – \$24,132.90
Co-op Provider: Dell Inc. through NCPA
- D. **Ext. 2 Contract MAWSS 17005 – Powdered Activated Carbon** Est. Value - \$1,005,000
Contract Extension Period: 9/1/19 – 8/31/20
Current Contract Holder: Cabot Norit Americas
- E. **Ext. 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 17008 – Easement Vegetation**
Contract Extension Period: 9/1/19 – 8/31/20 Value - \$237,000
Current Contract Holder: Robinson Landscaping
- F. **Ext. 1 MAWSS 18011 Corrosion Control Chemical** Est. Value - \$131,880
Contract Extension Period: 9/1/19 – 8/31/20
Supplier: Carus Chemical Corporation
- G. **Professional Service – SharePoint Online Document Library Project** Est. Value - \$16,975
Professional Service Provider: Bit-Wizards
- H. **GMC CMOB 180014, Wright Smith WWTP Primary Digester Cover Replacement**, with tabulation of the June 3, 2019 bids and recommendation to award to the low bidder, Schmidt Environmental Construction, Inc., for Base Bid plus Additive Alternate, in the amount of \$1,608,000. (Confirmation of Director's Award)
- I. **M5712-2546, Manhole Installation on 48” Sewer Line at Three Mile Creek, Replace Manhole at Reynolds Dr. and Denson Court Depressed Sewer Repair** with underrun Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$13,480 (4.01% of original \$336,050 contract) resulting in a revised \$355,420 contract. Change revises contract quantities to as-built conditions.
- J. **Disclosure of Property Purchase**
 - 1. Mobile County Key 766781
 - 2. Mobile County Key 00977116 and 01673790
 - 3. Mobile County Key 01004763
- K. **Sensitive Positions**
- L. **MW Project Status Report – June 18, 2019**

Mr. Hyland reminded everyone to keep their eyes on the weather toward the end of this week. There's a possibility of a tropical depression forming in the northeast Gulf of Mexico. We will be preparing our employees here at work and asking them to prepare at home. We will keep everyone abreast of any changes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 2:36 p.m., Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn and reconvene in Executive Session and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

At 3:38 p.m., the meeting reconvened with all members present. Acting Chair Nichols said he will accept a motion to allow staff to make an offer for the easement on the Eslava Creek property as discussed. Commissioner

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

Acting Chair Nichols said he will now accept a motion to allow staff to make an offer on the 2 acres adjacent to the new Highway 98. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Odom seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Next, Acting Chair Nichols said he will accept a motion to allow staff to accept the offer from ALDOT on the .3 acres adjacent to Glenwood Road. Commissioner Odom moved for approval and Commissioner Zoghby seconded. Commissioner Drummond abstained. The motion carried with the aye votes of Commissioners, Odom, Zoghby, Bell, and Acting Chair Nichols.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Odom moved to adjourn and Commissioner Drummond seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2019 at 2 p.m.



Walter Bell, Secretary-Treasurer