

BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
December 4, 2023

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. Thomas Zoghby, Chair
Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Vice Chair
Ms. Barbara Drummond, Commissioner
Ms. Linda St. John, Commissioner
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Commissioner
Mr. John C. Williams, Commissioner

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

ABSENT:

Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer

Chair Zoghby called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

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

Report from the Nominating Committee – Election of Board Officers 2024

Chair Zoghby asked the nominating committee to give their report. Commissioner St. John said the nominating committee met and recommend the following slate of officers for 2024: Chair, Commissioner Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Vice-Chair, Commissioner Thomas Zoghby, and Secretary-Treasurer, Commissioner John C. Williams.

Commissioner St. John moved for approval and Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

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

Item 3 Consent Agenda

Bids and Purchasing

- A. IFB 23-051 Annual Contract – No Lead Brass Plumbing Fittings
- B. Annual Support / Maintenance Agreement for enQuesta SaaS Programs 2024
- C. Professional Staffing Services – Four (4) Call Center Agents
- D. C.E.R.M. Project No. 2022-1438A-003A MAWSS Waterline Replacement – Multiple Locations
- E. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2765 2024 Annual Contract for Sewer Line Repairs
- F. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2774 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue Sewer Repair
- G. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2775 2024 Annual Contract for Cured-In-Place Pipe Rehabilitation of Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Mains
- H. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2777 2024 Annual Contract for Manhole Rehabilitation
- I. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2780 2024 Annual Contract for Access Road Construction & Sewer Easement Maintenance
- J. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2783 2024 Annual Contract for Cleaning & Video Inspection of Various Sanitary Sewer Segments
- K. HDR Project No. 10199152 Stickney WTP Building Replacements & Electrical Upgrades Change Order No. 14

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

Ms. Allen came forward and **presented** a slideshow of the accomplishments achieved during 2023. Public Affairs coordinated and participated in the following:

- Renewed Employee Engagement Activities
- Community Engagement
- Updating MAWSS' website
- Defining what makes a "Model Utility" and sharing with employees

The **Minutes of November 13, 2023** were presented for approval. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond 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 5A Isaiah Engineering Inc. Project No. IEMAWSS-0105 Big Creek Lake Boom Project

The engineers estimate for this project is \$518,591.50; there was one bidder, Hughes Companies in the amount of \$511,520.44. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 5B McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2650 Eslava Creek Force Main Replacement Sliplining of Existing 48" Force Main

The engineers estimate for this project is \$10,000,000; there was one bidder, Hemphill Construction Company in the amount of \$9,506,620. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 5C McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2767 2024 Annual Contract for Water Line Looping

The engineers estimate for this project is \$700,000; there were three bidders and the apparent low bidder was Hughes Companies in the amount of \$592,817.87. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 5D McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2771 Perch Creek Lift Station Repair

The engineers estimate for this project is \$450,000; there were two bidders and the apparent low bidder was Hughes Companies in the amount of \$442,704.61. This project is scheduled in order to provide additional restraint to pipe connections at the lift station outside the force main for the prevention of sanitary sewer overflows. Staff requests Directors Award authority after review by the engineer and DBE Manager.

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

Legal was next and Attorney Dean stated there is one matter appropriate for discussion in an Executive Session.

There were no items of **Unfinished Business**.

New Business was next and they are as follows:

Item 8A Crooked Creek / Big Creek Lake Area (Purchase of Property); northern portion; 175 acres

As discussed with the Growth and Development / Infrastructure / Property Committee, staff requests approval to purchase the referenced property in the amount of \$615,000. This purchase will provide protection from future land development in the area surrounding Big Creek Lake. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

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Item 8B Acceptance of Facilities (*Sewer Only*) / Canterbury Subdivision

Staff has reviewed the documentation and recommends acceptance of the sewer facilities as noted above in the amount of \$139,937.97. The subdivision is located on the south side of Bit Spur Road, west of Westgate Road; containing 12 lots. MAWSS is accepting sewer facilities only; as this subdivision is a privately-owned development (*on a private road*), therefore the Homeowners Association is responsible for maintaining the water facilities. Sewer lines were already in place and relocated for the development during construction (MAWSS is responsible for *underground repairs only*). It should be noted that there are very few privately owned developments within Mobile County.

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

Item 8C City of Mobile – St. Louis Street Revitalization Project Agreement / Spending Increase Request

Mr. Russell continued addressing the Board and stated this request is a part of a federally funded project, encompassing the Broad Street through Conception Street area. MAWSS' portion was initially budgeted at \$3,200,000; primarily covering water infrastructure replacement. Saint Louis Street contains shallow depth cast iron lines, which means it is a complete street renewal project for the City of Mobile.

This renewal not only impacts right of way lines, but will also expose the cast iron water lines and in all likelihood damage them. Staff requests a spending increase of \$1,000,000 to cover MAWSS' costs within this cooperative project. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Mr. Hardy, representing **HDR**, approached the Board with a detailed presentation / slideshow of the change order costs and updated progress of *Project No. 10195981*. Highlights are as follows:

- Reservoir Improvements (including drain/remove sediments, repair critical voids, new shotcrete liner, replace all piping and instrumentation, flow control structures)
- Initial bid price was \$13,107,800
- Est. sediment volume was 12,500 cubic yards (later estimate determined to be 36,000 cubic yards)
 - Unexpected sediment content/limited dewaterability/increased quantity
 - Updated estimate is based on Lidar Survey and reservoir bottom as-built data (Original sediment survey is from data collected in January 2019)
- ADEM required testing and permitting has been done
 - Increased costs and contract days (delay claim)
 - Increase of the sediment hauling unit cost for quantity overrun
 - Adjustment of contract removal quantity

Item 8D HDR Project No. 10195981 Stickney WTP Reservoir Improvements Change Order No. 1

At the conclusion of Mr. Hardy's presentation, staff requested approval of the referenced item in the amount of \$1,472,682 and 105 additional contract days. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 8E Proposed 2024 Budget for Approval

Mr. McCrory addressed the Board and said as of December 1, 2023, staff has received no comments or questions in regards to the proposed 2024 Budget. A Public Hearing was held on November 16, 2023 and the transcript from the hearing was emailed to the Board on November 17, 2023. Staff asks the Board for approval of the 2024 Budget as presented. Staff will review the budget on a quarterly basis with the Finance/Risk Management Committee.

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

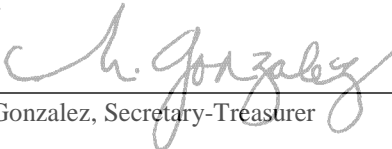
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Item 9 Information Only Items:

- A. IFB 23-046 Purchase of Two (2) Replacement Combined Residual Pumps
- B. IFB 23-048 Replacement of Two Roofs for Booster Stations
- C. IFB 23-049 Purchase of One (1) 80V Industrial Battery
- D. IFB 23-050 Purchase of Five (5) Telog Data Loggers
- E. Annual Subscription of Fleet Management Software
- F. Annual Subscription for Wonderware SCADA Software 2024
- G. Annual Software Subscription for EAM Essentials 2024 (**YEAR 3**)
- H. 25-Ton Air Conditioner Rental for CC Williams Power Control Room
- I. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22037 – Liquid Oxygen (**YEAR 2**)
- J. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 23002 – Rotary Kiln Quick Lime (**YEAR 2**)
- K. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract Project No. M5712-2745 Liquid Calcium Nitrate and VX 456 Solution
- L. Professional Service – Big Creek Lake Water Quality Monitoring 2024
- M. Professional Safety Consulting Services
- N. Professional Service – Wildlife Services
- O. Driven Engineering Project No. 21068 2021 Various Sewer Repair Locations
- P. Consultants Selected (12) to Provide Engineering Services January 1, 2024-December 31, 2028
- Q. HDR Proj No. 10315599 Underground Fuel Storage Tank Replacements
- R. December 2023 LifeSouth Blood Drive
- S. Consultant Project Status Reports – *October 2023*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:30 p.m., Commissioner St. John moved to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session. Commissioner Weber seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.



Maria Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer