

BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
May 5, 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
Ms. Linda St. John, Vice Chair
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Commissioner
Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Commissioner
Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Commissioner

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

ABSENT:

Mr. John C. Williams, Commissioner

Ms. Fatima Washington

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

Committee Reports were next; Commissioner Zoghby stated that the **Finance / Risk Management Committee** met on April 29, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. and reviewed the following subjects: *2024 Annual Financial Report, Risk Insurance Pre-Renewal/Prior Year Review, 2025 Quarterly Budget Update, Investments and Future Capital Projects*. The auditors detailed a clean report and strong financial position. They will present their full report at the June 2025 meeting of the Board.

The **External Affairs Committee** also met on April 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Zoghby stated the committee conducted a working session with MAWSS' public relations firm, Direct Communications.

Visitors present were acknowledged and welcomed. They did not request an audience with the Board.

Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MR. WALLACE J. BETTIS**, Treatment Plant Operator II, on his retirement after 45 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 25-014 Annual Contract for HVAC Maintenance
- B. IFB 25-015 Demolition of Abandoned Facilities at Wright Smith WWTP
- C. IFB 25-016 Annual Contract for Lime Slurry at Myers WTP
- D. Annual Renewal for AMI Sensus Support

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

Mr. Moore approached the Board with a detailed **presentation** of *Water Facilities Operations and Awards*.

Due to the diligence of the MAWSS plant employees, MAWSS has been recognized for the following awards:

- AWWA Best Tasting Water AL/MS
- ADEM Optimized Plants – H. E. Myers Filtration Plant and Stickney Water Treatment Plant
- AWPCA Best Operated – Distribution System and Myers Water Treatment Plant
- AWPCA Award of Excellence – Stickney Water Treatment Plant

Plant Operations handles maintenance, ensuring all necessary equipment is performing efficiently and according to regulations.

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In order to acquire the Optimization Award, staff must guarantee that contact time is always met and there is always greater than .2 parts per million (*ppm*) chlorine at all points within the system.

Water age must be no less than 4 days and the mixing performance ratio is greater than 1. Settled turbidity should be less than 1.0 NTU (*nephelometric turbidity unit*) 95% of the time, filtered turbidity should be less than 0.1 NTU 95% of the time and should never exceed 0.3 NTU.

Mr. Moore concluded the presentation stating that even with the ongoing construction and upgrades underway at the plants leading to less room for error, distractions and less than typical appearances, staff continues to strive for excellence in their performance.

The **Minutes of April 7, 2025** were presented for approval. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner St. John 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 6A Jacobs D3521300 – Myers WTP SCADA Upgrades

The engineers estimate for this project is \$4,400,000; there were two bidders, the apparent low bidder is Ernest P. Breaux Electrical in the amount of \$4,348,000. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 6B McCrory / Williams M5712-2813 Smith WWTP Entrance Road Improvements

The engineers estimate for this project is \$400,000; there were three bidders, the apparent low bidder is McElhenney Construction in the amount of \$632,897.22. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Legal was next and Attorney Dean stated there is one litigation 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 9A Facilities for Acceptance – Wynnfield Subdivision Unit 5 (*Water and Sewer Facilities*)

Mr. Russell requested acceptance of the water and sewer facilities as indicated above. The subdivision is located on the west side of Sollie Road, south of Cottage Hill Road and has 19 residential lots. Staff has reviewed the facilities and the required close-out documentation and recommends acceptance as noted above, total valued at \$104,444.92.

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

Item 9B 2024 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Reports (MWPPs)

i. MWPP Resolution Form for the Clifton C. Williams WWTP NPDES Permit ID AL0023086
As presented during the April 7, 2025 Board meeting by Mr. Barbour, staff requests approval of the 2024 MWPP Reports as indicated.

ii. MWPP Resolution Form for the Wright Smith Jr. WWTP NPDES Permit ID AL0023094
As also presented during the April 7, 2025 Board meeting by Mr. Barbour, staff requests approval of the 2024 MWPP Reports as indicated.

Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion to approve both MWPP resolutions then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

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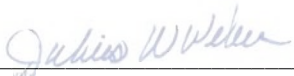
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Information Only Items:

- A. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 22018 – Safety Shoes
- B. Ext 1 Annual Contract – MAWSS 24009 – Fire Hydrants (Y2)
- C. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 23015 – Hurricane Equipment Rental (Y3)
- D. Installation of an Additional 2-Ton Split HVAC Unit for the Maintenance Shop
- E. Purchase of a Hach Streaming Current Meter for Stickney WTP
- F. Removal of Drying Bed at Myers WTP
- G. Replacement of Four (4) Parking Lot Light Poles at Park Forest
- H. Sole Source Repair of Twenty-two (22) ADS Flow Monitors
- I. Sole Source Gate Replacement for Fuel Gate at Park Forest
- J. Jacobs D3226100 CCW WWTP Dewatering and Other Improvements Project Change Order #3
- K. Jacobs D3424000 Nortons Lane SWAT / Lift Staftion Project Owners Allowance Allocation #2
- L. Jacobs D3424000 Nortons Lane SWAT / Lift Staftion Project Owners Allowance Allocation #3
- M. M5712-2650 Eslava Creek Force Main Replacement Sliplining Phase IV
- N. V1201846.002 CCW WWTP S1 Digester Repairs Owners Allowance Allocation #6
- O. Consultant Project Status Reports – March 2025

There being no further business to come before the Board at 1:55 p.m., Chair Drummond stated the Board will move into Executive Session.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **June 16, 2025** at 1:30 p.m.



Jay W. Weber, Secretary-Treasurer