

BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
August 7, 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
Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer
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:

Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Vice Chair

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

Committee Reports were next; Chair Zoghby provided a summary on the **Finance/Risk Management Committee Meeting** held on July 24, 2023. The committee reviewed the following topics: OPEB Actuarially Update and Determined Contribution, OPEB Trust Year-End Review, 2023 Quarterly Budget Update, 2023 Preliminary Financial Model Review, and proposed updates to the MAWSS Purchasing Card Policy.

There were no **Visitors**. Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MR. ELIJAH PETERS**, Equipment Operator II, on his retirement after 21 years of service and **MR. LEE PHILLIPS, JR.**, Engineering Technician I, on his retirement after 28 years of service.

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

Item 4 Consent Agenda

Bids and Purchasing

- A. IFB 23-038 Installation of Flow Meters at East Reservoir
- B. Budget Increase Request #2 for Annual Contract MAWSS 22023 for (PAC)
- C. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 22027 for Sodium Chlorite
- D. Co-op Purchase of Two (2) 2023 Ford Super Duty F-250 Service Body Trucks
- E. Volkert Project No. 1025625 Mobile Street Lift Station 051 Force Main Upgrade

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

In regards to the recent *Emergency Repair to the concrete sewer line at USA Hospital*, Ms. Clark approached the Board with a slide **presentation** apprising them of the status of the repair. The repair project will be completed soon and came in well under budget.

Mr. Shepard presented a detailed updated **presentation** of the *2022 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)*. The booklet is an informative, easy to understand document covering financial information, rate structure, debt ratio, capital expenditures and more. The booklet is available on www.mawss.com; hard copies are available for distribution.

He concluded with a brief 2023 Quarterly Update.

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Mr. Cote approached the Board to **present** the financial status of the *SRF Program, Master Plan Phase 2 Projects* expenditures. The program was submitted to ADEM so that funds would be earmarked for a five-year period and 2% interest rate. ADEM is advancing at a faster rate than was initially anticipated in regards to funding obligation for projects.

At the September 11, 2023 Board meeting, staff will be seeking approval from the Board, of a combination of the 2023 funds (*as displayed on the screen*) and 2024 funds in the amount of \$23,936,000.

In 2025-2027, staff is projecting to move some Master Plan Phase 3 projects relating to pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe forward.

The **Minutes of July 10, 2023** were presented for approval. Commissioner Gonzalez moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Bid Openings was next, Mr. Cote read the bid tabs as follows:

Item 6A **Isaiah Engineering Inc. Project No. IEMAWSS – 0104 Airport Boulevard / Walter Smith Road Force Main**

The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,134,612; there were two bidders and the apparent low bidder was W.R. Mitchell Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$1,406,261.

Item 6B **Volkert Project No. 1025625 Mobile Street Lift Station 051 Force Main Upgrade / REBID**

The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,200,000; there were three bidders and the apparent low bidder was Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$1,054,770.

Legal was next and Attorney Dean stated there are two matters 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 **USGS Joint Funding Agreement October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024**

Each year MAWSS enters into a joint funding agreement with USGS to maintain and publish water resource/stream gauging information. The data is used primarily during hurricanes to determine relief rates. Staff requests approval of MAWSS's portion in the amount of \$36,900.

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

Item 9B **Facilities for Acceptance - Valor Ridge (Phase I) / Sewer Facilities Only**

Staff requests acceptance of this item. The subdivision is located on the west-side of Schillinger Road; north of Three Notch Road and contains 9 lots. Staff has reviewed all documentation and recommend acceptance. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval; Commissioner St. John seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 9C **Pure Technologies, Inc. / Xylem Proposal for Halls Mill Creek and Eslava Creek PCCP Force Main Evaluations (Sizes 36" and 48") Contract**

Mr. Cote asked the Board to approve this contract in the amount of \$791,573.21. This will be for the inspection of approximately 7.3 miles of pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe from the Halls Mill Lift Station to the Williams Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is in direct response to the failure at Neshota Lane and if approved today, a report

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will be submitted by the end of 2023. Staff used this technology in 2012 and 2013 during the construction of the parallel line between Eslava Creek and Williams Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Item 9D Proposed Revisions to Purchasing Card Program Policy / Procedures HR 08-03

Staff requests approval of the proposed revisions as discussed during the Finance / Risk Management Committee meeting on July 24, 2023. Commissioner Gonzalez moved for approval and Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 9E Sanitary Sewer Service Purchase Contract(s) for Wholesale Service to South Alabama Utilities (SAU) – Jeff Hamilton Road & Dykes Road

As presented and approved during the July 10, 2023 Board meeting, staff requests approval to enter into a contract to sell wholesale sewer service to South Alabama Utilities. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 10 Information Only Items:

- A. IFB 23-037 Annual Contract – Hymax Couplings
- B. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22022 – Submersible Pumps & Motor Repairs
- C. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22023 – Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) YEAR 2
- D. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22025 – Soil Materials Supply & Disposal Schedule A & B YEAR 2
- E. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22026 – Chlorine YEAR 2
- F. Blanket Approval for Purchasing of Copper Tubing up to \$64,000
- G. Change Order 1 for enQuesta Cloud and enQuesta V6 Upgrade Project
- H. Professional Service – GIS Basemap Update
- I. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2727 Tennessee Street Water Relocation
- J. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2755 USA Hospital Emergency Concrete Sewer Repair
- K. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2650 Eslava Creek Force Main Replacement Phase I
- L. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2723 Myers WTP Chlorine Scrubber Repair
- M. Volkert Project No. 1025627 CC Williams P1 Digester Dome Repair Change Order No. 1
- N. Volkert Project No. 1025627 CC Williams P1 Digester Dome Repair Owner's Allowance Allocation #2
- O. Consultant Project Status Reports – June 2023

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:20 p.m., Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn and enter into **Executive Session**. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present. **Commissioner Bell entered the meeting at 2:20 p.m.*

Regular meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m. Commissioner Bell moved to accept, as discussed during Executive Session, the remittitur judgement as ordered by the court and not appeal the prejudgment interest. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.



Maria Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer