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September 14, 2026

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. Linda St. John, Chair
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Vice Chair
Mr. John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer
Ms. Barbara Drummond, Commissioner
Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Commissioner
Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Commissioner
Mr. Vincent Robinson, Commissioner
Mr. Bud McCrory, Jr., Director
Mr. Bradley Dean, Attorney
Mr. Douglas L. Cote
Ms. Calressia Clark
Mr. Daryl Russell
Ms. Fatima Washington

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

Committee Reports were next; Commissioner Zoghby stated that the primary purpose of the *Finance / Risk Management Committee* meeting held this morning at 11:00 a.m., was for staff to present the proposed 2027 Operating / Capital Budget for committee review. This item will be discussed in detail with the full board during the upcoming workshop, prior to the request for advertisement and approval.

Visitors were next; Travis Lemco, *Laboratory Director of RespirTek: Environmental Testing Solutions* stepped forward to address the Board. RespirTek is a testing laboratory located on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Lemco stated they would like to formally request the Board's assistance in obtaining anaerobic organism sludge samples in a limited, but ongoing process from MAWSS's wastewater treatment operations in order to conduct anaerobic and biodegradable research. RespirTek is an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited laboratory for a host of environmental testing services related to consumer product biodegradability certifications, wastewater treatment and toxicity assessments or optimized bioremediation and/or natural attenuation strategies. RespirTek maintains relationships with several wastewater treatment facilities within the immediate service area.

In conclusion, Mr. Lemco requests consideration to allow MAWSS to supply quantities of anaerobic sludge or sludge cake on an as needed basis for laboratory testing. Chair St. John thanked Mr. Lemco for his request and ensured that staff will contact him with a response.

Retirees were next; Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MR. JAMES BIVENS**, Vehicular / Equipment Mechanic II, on his retirement after 14 years of service to the Board.

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

Item 4 Consent Agenda

Bids and Purchasing

A. IFB 26-031 Purchase of an Emergency Bypass Header / Gaillard Pump Station
B. IFB 26-043 Purchase of Four (4) 39' Semi-Trailers / Dewatered Sludge Hauling
C. Co-op Purchase of Three (3) New International LT625 Day Cab Tractors / Dewatered Sludge Hauling
D. Jacobs Project No. D3521300 Myers SCADA Upgrades Change Order No. 7 / Addt'l 14 days
E. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2743 Annual Waterline Repairs additional funding request
F. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2780 Access Roads / Annual Contract 2024 Construction and Sewer Easement Maintenance additional funding request

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

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Mr. Russell approached the Board with a **presentation** of the **Planning and Engineering Department** (*Databridge Pro: Bridging the Gap Between Systems*). The IT Strategic Master Plan Initiatives were completed in 2025. Staff has been assiduously working towards the improvement of the six focus areas as identified for a successful IT plan. Integration between the organizations software platforms has always been a major issue in regards to usage and linking them all together in a cohesive manner. In the past, this task was done in a laborious manual manner.

Ms. Cheese (*Asset Management Software*) continued with an introduction to the following steps ensuring a timely and efficient flow of data:

- Automated tools
- Accurate data collection
- Better approach to completing tasks
- Leads to better customer experience

Databridge Pro evolves separate systems in one coordinated operating ecosystem, routing information to destinations correctly and at the right time.

- Real – Time Updates between GIS and EAM
- Unified GIS / EAM / Field / Office
- Mobile Workforce
- Work Order Automation
- Cloud Security

Mr. Sanders (*GIS Manager*) and Mr. Zheng (*GIS Analyst II*) came forward detailing how the integration of the new systems enable customer transparency with MAWSS. The GIS began in the early 2000s, the system remained onsite until 2026 when it was migrated to the *cloud*. This step gave MAWSS lessened redundancy and greatly improved reliability.

One of the main achievements thus far, has been the creation of an Outage Map. This tool allows MAWSS to update in real time. The live, interactive web tool displays service disruptions, 'boil water timelines', areas affected, status tracking (*estimated restoration times*), and outage causes.

In conclusion, Mr. Russell confirmed that the new system gives MAWSS the capability to notify all customers of any perceived threat, including line breaks. Update frequencies range from every 5 to 15 minutes during normal operations, and more frequently during major storms.

The **Minutes of August 3, 2026** were presented for approval. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Bell seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Bid Openings were next; Mr. Cote read the bid tabs as follows:

Item 6A Garver, LLC. Contract No. W10-2402007 CCW Headworks Rehabilitation and Odor Control

The engineers estimate for this project is $8,976,900; there were three bidders. The apparent low bidder is Schmidt Environmental Construction Inc., in the amount of $8,306,900.

Item 6B McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2850 Alta Vista Drive 18" Sewer and Water Replacement

The engineers estimate for this project is $2,100,000; there were three bidders. The apparent low bidder is Hughes Companies Inc., in the amount of $1,357,506.74. Staff requests authorization of a Directors Award after review has been completed by the engineer and SDP.

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

Legal was next; Attorney Dean stated there are two legal 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 **Facilities for Acceptance:**

i. Penny Lakes (3rd Addition) / Sewer Facilities Only / $143,633.22

The facilities are located south of Howells Ferry Road and west of Schillingers Road containing 25 residential lots. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

ii. Walshwood Glen Subdivision / Sewer Facilities Only / $20,000

The facilities are located north of Howells Ferry Road and west of Schillingers Road containing 16 residential lots. Commissioner Bell moved for approval; Commissioner Drummond seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

iii. Williams Willow Subdivision / Water Facilities / $9,464 and Sewer Facilities / $39,386

The facilities are located east of Schillingers Road and south of Hall Road containing 7 residential lots. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval; Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item 9B **Proposed Updates / Amendments to HR 08-01 Code of Conduct Policy** *(HR Policies HR 92-04, HR 93-03 and HR 94-03 will be rescinded as they will now be included in HR 08-01)*

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

Item 9C **USGS Joint Funding Agreement FY2027 Oct 1, 2026 – Sept 30, 2027**
MAWSS' portion/share equals $38,400

Commissioner Zoghby moved for approval; Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

Item 10 **Information Only Items**:

A. IFB 26-040 Purchase of a 30" Backwash Valve and Actuator for Myers WTP
B. IFB 26-041 Purchase of an 8" Agitator Valve and Actuator for Myers WTP
C. IFB 26-044 Purchase of a Liquid Tanker for Dewatered Sludge Hauling
D. IFB 26-046 Water Booster Stations Louver Replacement Project
E. IFB 26-047 Purchase of Eighteen (18) Combo Air Release Valves
F. IFB 26-048 Purchase of Two (2) Grit Snail Replacement Belts / CCW WWTP
G. Co-op Purchase of Eight (8) Touch-Free Time Clocks
H. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25023 – Valve, Category 1-4 (**Y2**)
I. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25024 – Cast Iron Valve Boxes & Risers (**Y2**)
J. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25025 – Sodium Chlorite (**Y2**)
K. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 24013 – Heavy Equipment Rental (**Y3**)

L. Fire Extinguisher Replacements and Repairs for Various MAWSS Facilities
M. Professional Services Agreement – Financial Consulting
N. Purchase of an ABB Variable Frequency Drive for C. C. Williams WWTP
O. Sole Source Purchase of Two (2) CUES Push Cameras
P. Sole Source Purchase of Two (2) Replacement KSB Impellers for Eslava LS156
Q. Sole Source Purchase of a Troxler Electric Density Gauge
R. Sole Source Purchase of a Wilo Pump for Abilene LS103
S. Draft Permit NPDES Permit No. AL0023094 Memo
T. GMC AMOB240078 MAWSS Wright Smith Maintenance Building OAA#3
U. GMC AMOB240078 MAWSS Wright Smith Maintenance Building OAA#4
V. GMC AMOB240078 MAWSS Wright Smith Maintenance Building OAA#5
W. GMC AMOB240078 MAWSS Wright Smith Maintenance Building OAA#6
X. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2650 PHIV(S) Eslava Creek Force Main Replacement Sliplining of Existing 48" Force Main PHIV(S) Final Summary Change Order No. 1
Y. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2766 PHI Transite Pipe Replacement – PHI Final Summary Change Order No. 1
Z. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2806 2025 Low Pressure Sewer Check Valve Assembly Installation (**Y3**)
AA. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2808 2025 Annual Contract for Cleaning & Video Inspection of Various Sanitary Sewer Segments 15" through 54" (Large Diameter) (**Y3**)
BB. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2809 2025 Annual Contract for Cured-In-Place Pipe Sewer Rehabilitation (**Y3**)
CC. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2810 2025 Annual Contract for Waterline Repairs (**Y3**)
DD. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2811 2025 Sewer Replacement at Various Locations (**Y3**)
EE. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2815 2025 Annual Contract for Replacement of HDPE Water Services (**Y3**)
FF. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2818 2025 Annual Contract for Bypass Pumping (**Y3**)
GG. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2840 2026 Annual Contract for Roadway Bores (**Y2**)
HH. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2841 2026 Annual Contract for Cured-In-Place Pipe Rehabilitation of the Public Portion of Sanitary Sewer Laterals (**Y2**)
II. Consultant Project Status Reports – *July 2026*

Commissioner Drummond stated she will speak with Mr. Cote and Ms. Clark in regards to the *sole source* items in Information Only.

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:18 p.m., Commissioner Zoghby motioned to move into **Executive Session**. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **October 5, 2026** at 1:30 p.m.

John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer