

**BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 2, 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. Bud McCrory, Jr., Director
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Vice Chair	Mr. Bradley Dean, Attorney
Mr. John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer	Mr. Douglas L. Cote
Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Commissioner	Mr. Daryl Russell
Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Commissioner	Ms. Calressia Clark
Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Commissioner	Ms. Fatima Washington

ABSENT:

Ms. Barbara Drummond, Commissioner

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

There were no **Committee Reports**.

Visitors was next; **Mr. Kevin B. McElroy** of 3302 Riverside Drive, Mobile, Alabama was present; requesting an audience with the Board. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and stated that a catastrophic underground leak was discovered on his property approximately forty yards from his residence. There was no indication and by the time he was aware of the problem, 1.8 million gallons of water had been spilled. The leak began in November 2024 and he did not receive notification until March 2025. His account balance reached \$24,000 at one point, which has since been lowered through a MAWSS issued leak credit along with his ongoing payments. At this time, he would like to request complete reconciliation of his remaining account balance (*including all miscellaneous charges*), and a detailed explanation of the internal procedures that are normally followed when circumstances such as this occur.

Chair St. John acknowledged Mr. McElroy's request and assured that after his information has been reviewed, staff will contact him as needed.

Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MR. JOSEPH W. KNIGHT**, Engineering Technician II, on his retirement after 28 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 25-054 Annual Contract – No Lead Brass Plumbing Fittings
- B. Co-op Purchase of Access Control Equipment / Cameras for Myers WTP DWSRF PH I – Myers WTP SCADA Upgrades
- C. Jacobs Project No. D3521300 Myers SCADA Upgrades Change Order No. 2
- D. Purchase of Three (3) V xRail Computer Systems with Support Agreements

Mr. Cote addressed the Board with clarification in regards to *Consent Agenda Item 4D*. At the time the agenda was presented, the item was a request for the Board to grant authority to the Director to award three V xRail Computer Systems with maintenance agreements not to exceed \$300,000; an amount that was based on historical costs. On January 30th, late afternoon, actual pricing came in at \$502,244.46; which covers hardware, installation, and a five-year maintenance agreement for all three units.

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The five-year maintenance portion of the agreement for the units is \$215,030.76; which is the primary reason for the increase. This item is integral to the ongoing Myers SCADA Upgrades Project.

Staff was unaware that Dell recently sold the V xRail software and service to Broadcom; who in turn increased the maintenance agreement pricing. Mr. McGilberry (*Information Service Administrator*) expressed this path is still the most cost-effective, considering the organization already has some of the systems in place. The entire SCADA upgrade is centered on these computers. During the five-year maintenance period for the system hardware, staff will continue to research options as we move forward with the Master Plan. Funding will be through SRF for all three projects.

At this time, staff believes this request is the most feasible option monetarily. The item is from the State Bid Listing versus open market.

Commissioner Williams moved for approval of the **Consent Agenda** with changes to Item 4D as elucidated by Mr. Cote. Commissioner Zoghby seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

**Commissioner Bell joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m.*

Mr. McNeil approached the Board to introduce his **presentation** on the *Safety Department Status – Year End*. In addition to standard Risk / Claims Processes, safety management involves many other areas as listed below:

- ✦ 2025 Safety Incidents
 - ✦ Property Damages / Utility Line Breaks / Motor Vehicle Accidents / Injuries
- ✦ 2026 Goals / Leading Statistics
- ✦ New Programs and Procedures (SOP's)
 - ✦ Increase Efficiency
- ✦ General Safety Observations
 - ✦ Create Employee Incentive Programs / Employee Engagement

The **Minutes of January 5, 2026** were presented for approval. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Bid Openings were next; Mr. Cote confirmed that the scheduled bid has been postponed.

Legal was next and Attorney Dean stated there are two litigation matters and one confidential 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:

- i. Dunham Farms Phase I / *Sewer Facilities Only* in the amount of \$341,230

The subdivision is located on the west side of McDonald Road and lies at the intersection of McDonald Road and Theodore Dawes Road West; consisting of 63 residential lots. Mr. Russell confirmed that staff has reviewed the project and the close-out documentation and recommends acceptance of the facilities as noted above.

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

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Item 10 Information Only Items:

- A. IFB 25-024 Purchase / Installation of an Automatic Transfer Switch / Old Shell Rd Booster Station CO #1
- B. IFB 26-002 Purchase of a Replacement Godwin Skid Mount Pump for Cheshire LS035
- C. IFB 26-004 Breathing Air Equipment for C. C. Williams WWTP
- D. IFB 26-005 Purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Traverse Fleet Vehicle
- E. IFB 26-006 Purchase of a Submersible Pump for C. C. Williams WWTP
- F. Annual ArcGis Software Support Agreement
- G. Annual Renewal for Website Hosting
- H. Annual Service Agreement for Flow Monitoring Devices
- I. Flash Mixer Repair at C. C. Williams WWTP
- J. Purchase of Eleven (11) Honda 3” Trash Pumps
- K. Purchase of Eleven (11) Power Cutter Pipe Saws
- L. Purchase of Sewer Cleaning Nozzles
- M. Purchase of Twelve (12) Swing Check Valves
- N. Renewal of Diesel Fuel Tank Permits
- O. Sole Source Purchase of IDEXX Laboratory Testing Supplies
- P. Jacobs Project No. D3424000 Nortons Lane SWAT and Lift Station Project OAA #7
- Q. Jacobs Project No. D3521300 Myers SCADA Upgrades OAA #1
- R. Consultant Project Status Reports – *December 2025*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 1:55 p.m., Commissioner Zoghby motioned to move into **Executive Session**. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **March 2, 2026** at 1:30 p.m.



John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer