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

**ABSENT:**

Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Commissioner

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

**Committee Reports** were next;

Mr. McCrory summarized the *Ad Hoc Supplier Diversity Committee Meeting* that was held on February 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. The committee discussed the current DBE policies and considered suggestions as the organization moves forward. Staff will present further recommendations to the Board as they develop.

Commissioner Zoghby followed and briefly updated those present on topics that were discussed this morning at the 10:30 a.m. *Finance / Risk Management Committee Meeting*. Staff reviewed the organizations historical 10-year Financial Trends / 2025 Financials, an update was provided on the current Workers Compensation costs, safety program efforts, self-insured claims were discussed and an updated IT Strategic Plan was presented.

There were no **Visitors** present requesting an audience with the Board.

Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MRS. SHELIA D. MIMS**, Custodian Worker II, on her retirement after 25 years of service to the Board and **MS. MARY ANN STALLWORTH**, Information Clerk, on her retirement after 21 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 26-008 Installation of a Flow Meter for Wright Smith WWTP
- B. IFB 26-009 Purchase of Four (4) Oxygen Sensors for C. C. Williams WWTP
- C. Professional Service – Hach Instrumentation Services
- D. Sole Source Annual Contract for Sensus Water Meters
- E. Jacobs Project No. D3521300 Myers SCADA Upgrades Change Order No. 3

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

Mr. Lomax approached the Board to introduce his **presentation** on the *Annual Contracts*. Annuals that are managed by the Construction Management Department include Wastewater Contracts, Water Contracts, and Nonexclusive Contracts.

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- Wastewater:
  - CIPP Small Diameter (8" – 15") (\$1,500,000)
  - CIPP Large Diameter (16" – 54") (\$1,500,000)
  - CIPP Public Side Sanitary Sewer Laterals (\$500,000)
  - Manhole Rehabilitation (\$500,000)
  - Manhole Frame and Cover Replacement (\$280,000)
  - Sewer Line Repairs (\$250,000)
  - Low-Pressure Sewer Check Valve Assembly Installation (\$200,000)
  - Clean and Video Inspection Small Diameter (8" – 15")
  - Clean and Video Inspection Large Diameter (16" – 54")
  - Replacement of Private Sanitary Sewer Laterals (\$30,000)
- Water:
  - Waterline Repairs (\$400,000)
  - Water Line Looping (\$500,000)
  - Replacement of HDPE Water Services (\$300,000)
- Nonexclusive:
  - Access Roads Construction and Sewer Easement Maintenance (O&M Budget)
  - Street and Sidewalk Repairs (O&M Budget \$3,800,000 / construction only)
  - Roadway Bores (O&M Budget \$110,000)

The intent for annual contracts is to utilize them for scheduled repairs, installations, and preventive maintenance. However, oftentimes, the annuals are needed for unforeseen emergencies.

- Halls Mill Sewer Main Break – (Emergency)
- Dauphin Street – (Non-Scheduled)
- Saint Louis Street – (Scheduled) / Cost Saving Measure (City of Mobile collab)\*
  - Budget was increased to \$4.2 million\* Sewer was not included in the Saint Louis Street Project. Savings will result from when the annual contracts are used as needed versus a one-time hire.
  - Also, when MAWSS Projects are completed in conjunction with a City of Mobile Project, there are savings due to MAWSS not having to tackle the costs associated with street re-paving.

Mr. Lomax continued with the Distribution System which includes critical valve operation, fireflows, and the special projects program.

- Replacement Decision Tree:
  - Municipal Projects (ALDOT / City & County)
  - MAWSS Standalone Projects (Critical transmission lines / Regulatory / Consequence of failure)
  - Data Driven Approach

In conclusion, he directed attention to a heat map which detailed the downtown water mains that have been replaced within the last 60 years. A plan will need to be developed for the continual upgrades necessary to rehab the antiquated system in the downtown area.

The **Minutes of February 2, 2026** were presented for approval. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Williams 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 HDR Project No. 10391316 Stickney Filter Upgrades and SCADA**

The engineers estimate for this project is \$24,310,000; there was one bidder. The apparent low bidder is Taylor Corporation, in the amount of \$32,890,000.

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**Item 6B            Kimley – Horn Project No. 107642006 Perch Creek Lift Stations**

The engineers estimate for this project is \$15,830,777.24; there were four bidders. The apparent low bidder is Harris Contracting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$11,908,040.

**Legal** was next and Attorney Dean stated there is one property matter and two litigation 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            Master Plan Phase II 2026 / 2027 SRF Loan Closings:**

- i.    Approve closing PHII 2026 CWSRF and DWSRF Loans April 6<sup>th</sup>  
CWSRF - \$23,500,000                      DWSRF - \$28,000,000

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

- ii.    Approve Mr. Cote authority to represent MAWSS for SRF loans  
Commissioner Williams moved for approval. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

- iii.    Approve accelerated closing PHII 2027 CWSRF and DWSRF Loans  
CWSRF - \$13,500,000                      DWSRF - \$18,500,000

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

- iv.    Approve Mr. Cote authority to represent MAWSS for SRF loans that will close in the *fall of 2026*  
Commissioner Bell moved for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

**Item 9B            United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Agreement between the Department of the Army and MAWSS for the Design and Construction Assistance for the Alabama Environmental Infrastructure Improvements Project (S. Palmer Gaillard Pumping Station). MAWSS' share of the construction costs will be \$3,485,000.**

Mr. Cote continued, requesting approval of the agreement as noted above, with the caveat that the estimated costs of the project are likely to change due to engineering consultants revealing structural issues with the facility. Staff is in the process of reviewing alternate methods to take care of those concerns.

Once the results are received, the scope may indicate an increase in MAWSS' portion, but there is currently \$10,000,000 in the SRF program (Drinking Water SRF) that can be used towards the project if additional funds are required.

- i.    Approve agreement as referenced

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

- ii.    Grant signing authority of agreement as referenced to Mr. Cote

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 9C            Approve suspension of MAWSS DBE Policies as follows:**

- i.        Supplier Diversity Policy **16-01**
- ii.       Supplier Diversity Policy **17-01**
- iii.      Supplier Diversity Policy **18-01**

Mr. McCrory stated, after committee discussion, approval is requested to table all three items as referenced above.

Commissioner Bell moved for approval. Commissioner Drummond seconded and the motion to *table Item 9C* then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

**Item 10            Information Only Items:**

- A. IFB 25-049 Smith Treatment Facility Sidewalk Improvements
- B. IFB 26-003 Purchase & Installation of an Evaporator & Condensing Unit for the Lift Station Bldg.
- C. IFB 26-012 Annual Contract – Tapping Sleeves
- D. IFB 26-013 Annual Contract – Water Quality Reports
- E. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 23007 – Laboratory Testing Services
- F. Annual Service Agreement for Microsoft Enterprise Select (**Y3**)
- G. Annual Subscription for Sentinel One Complete
- H. Co-op Purchase of a Generator / Automatic Transfer Switch for Airport Blvd / Snow Rd. Booster Station
- I. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25005 – One Gallon Grease Cont. w/Lids (**Y2**)
- J. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25007 – Corrosion Control (**Y2**)
- K. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 25009 – HVAC Maintenance Service (**Y2**)
- L. Gas Compressor Pump Repair at C. C. Williams WWTP
- M. Microsoft Select Azure Usage Charges
- N. Professional Service – Purchase / Install of Security Cameras for Fox Landing
- O. Purchase of Clarifier Bull Gear Parts for C. C. Williams WWTP
- P. Purchase of Plug Valves for Wright Smith WWTP
- Q. Purchase of Two (2) B&G Base Mounted Pumps for C. C. Williams WWTP
- R. Sole Source Flygt Parts for Pump #5 at Wright Smith WWTP
- S. Stantec Project No. 175578363 Converse Reservoir Toe Berm Modifications OAA#3
- T. Disclosure of Information on Purchase of Real Property / Key No. 1001971 / Key No. 1001999
- U. Consultant Project Status Reports – *January 2026*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Drummond motioned to move into **Executive Session**. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

The Board reconvened at 2:50 p.m. Commissioner Drummond motioned to settle the *Fauver Matter* in accordance with and manner as recommended by Attorney Dean. Commissioner Bell seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **April 6, 2026** at 1:30 p.m.



John C. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer