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**August 4, 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. John C. Williams, Commissioner

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

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

**Committee Reports** were next; Mr. McCrory addressed the Board with a brief recap of the *Finance / Risk Management Committee Meeting* held on July 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Staff presented documentation to the committee in regards to the *OPEB Actuarially Update and Determined Contribution, OPEB Trust and Investment Review, 2025 Quarterly Budget Update, and 2025 Preliminary Financial Model Review*.

Lastly, as requested by the Board, statistics displaying *MAWSS Customer Payment Costs* were also presented for the committee's review.

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

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

**Item 4                      Consent Agenda**

Bids and Purchasing

- A. State Contract MA220000002796 – Furniture Purchase for the I.T. Department Renovation
- B. McCrory & Williams M5712-2765 2024 Annual Contract for Sewer Line Repairs
- C. McCrory & Williams M5712-2781 2024 Annual Contract for Street and Sidewalk Repairs

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Commissioner Zoghby questioned *Item 4A*; Mr. Russell responded and clarified that the costs associated with Item 4A include office furniture and the construction of office spaces within the I.T. Department. Currently, the employees function within an open area separated by partitions, allowing for ongoing distractions. Further details of this upgrade will be reviewed during an upcoming Board Workshop in which the I. T. Department Master Plan will be finalized.

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

Ms. Washington approached the Board with a video **presentation** encompassing the departments within her supervision:

- Human Resources
  - Payroll
  - Employee Relations / Benefits / Training
- Customer Service
  - Call Center
  - Billing Department
  - Meter Reading / Cross Connections / Dispatch, etc.
- Public Relations
- Supplier Diversity

Having such a diverse group of departments means being able to understand and relate to both employee and customer concerns. This video offers a brief glimpse of the day to day operations of our organization, highlighting various aspects of the business beyond just the daily routines.

Ms. Washington concluded her presentation and stated that she, along with Ms. Allen, will endeavor to continue this trend and incorporate other departments within the organization with the intent to garner employee engagement and recruitment. These videos will be posted on our website for customers to view as well.

The **Minutes of July 7, 2025** were presented for approval. Commissioner Bell moved for approval and Commissioner Williams 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            McCrory & Williams M5712-2766 Transite Water Line Replacement Phase II; Crestview Subdivision North of Crestview Drive**

The engineers estimate is \$2,250,000; there were four bidders. The apparent low bidder is Parten Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$1,486,603. 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            USGS Joint Funding Agreement FY2026 October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026**

Mr. Cote addressed the Board and stated each year MAWSS enters into a joint funding agreement with USGS to maintain and publish water resource/stream gauging information upstream of Converse Reservoir. The data is used primarily during hurricanes to determine relief rates. Staff requests approval of MAWSS's portion for the referenced term in the amount of \$38,400.

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

**Item 10 Information Only Items:**

- A. IFB 25-023 Replacement of Wood Flooring at the CCW WWTP
- B. IFB 25-033 Installation of Agitator Valves & Actuators at Myers WTP
- C. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 22034 – Polymer for CCW WWTP
- D. Co-op Annual Uniform Lease Agreement
- E. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 23018 – Hymax Couplings (Y3)
- F. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 23019 – Easement Vegetation Maintenance
- G. Change Order 1 – Professional Service Agreement – Implementation of Cash Mgmt Module
- H. Professional Service – Purchase & Installation of Security Cameras for the Kiosk Area
- I. Purchase of Fifteen (15) Desktop Computers
- J. Purchase of Four (4) 36” Ductile Iron Pipe for the Stickney Reservoir Project
- K. Purchase of a Noblift Forklift for the Warehouse
- L. Security Modifications to the Big Creek Lake Pumping Station
- M. Sole Source In-Person Training for Hazardous Waste Ops and Emer Response (HAZWOPER)
- N. M5712-2808 2025 AC for C / V of 15” – 54” Various Sanitary Sewer Segments CO #1
- O. M5712-2813 Smith WWTP Entrance Road Improvements CO #1
- P. Consultant Project Status Reports – *June 2025*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 1:45 p.m., Commissioner Bell motioned to move into Executive Session; Commissioner Gonzalez seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **September 8, 2025** at 1:30 p.m.

  
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Jay W. Weber, Secretary-Treasurer