



MWPCOA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

March 6, 2026

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Pearl Community Center, Pearl, MS

President Jeff Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Minutes from the 2025 Annual Business Meeting

The minutes from the 2025 Annual Business Meeting were presented. A motion was made by Pat Peebles and seconded by Alan Barefield to accept the minutes as written and dispense with the reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

The financial report from the 2025 calendar year was presented. Barefield gave the financial report for the association. A motion was made by Anthony Hall and seconded by Roger Polkey to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed May Scholarship Award

Barefield reported that Javion Rucker (son of Jamon Rucker) was the recipient of the 2026 Ed May Scholarship. Jamon was present to receive the scholarship and thanked the association for providing him this opportunity.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the body.

Member Comments

Byrd opened the floor for member comments. These comments included:

- Bill Rutledge – thanks to Matt Reed with the City of Pearl for obtaining an outstanding venue for the 2026 Annual Conference.
- Steve Wittman – MWPCOA should make a point of reactivating the awards committees, particularly the Howard K. Williford Lifetime Achievement Committee and the Operator of the Year Awards Committee.
- Victor Smith – the Operators of the Year Committee should be reactivated. MWPCOA also needs to promote the water/wastewater operator profession to young people given the increasing average age of the operators in the profession.
- Matt Reed – MWPCOA should be a public voice for the operators in the state. Increasing regulations are becoming onerous and forcing operators to become pencil pushers.

Passing of the Presidency

Byrd announced Ricky Herndon as the 2026-2027 MWPCOA President and presented him with the association's gavel. Herndon presented a plaque of appreciation for his service as the 2025-2026 president.

Affirmation of President-Elect

Herndon presented Taylor Jaudon as the Board of Governor's choice for President-Elect for the 2026-2027 year. A motion was made by D.L. Gieger and seconded by Roger Polkey to affirm Jaudon as the President-Elect. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Herndon the decision by the Board of Governors to hold the 2027 Annual Conference in the mid-March to early April time frame at the Pearl Community Center. A motion was made by Roger Polkey to affirm this decision with a second by Anthony Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Herndon spoke about his desire to eliminate the one-year memberships for everyone except vendors and to provide one free membership to any certified operator when they pass the certification test. A motion to implement these actions was made by Jeff Byrd and seconded by Roger Polkey. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Profit and Loss

January 1-December 31, 2025

Distribution account	Amount
Income	
Education Classes Income	\$69,027.77
Total for Exhibit Registration (deleted)	\$500.00
Interest Income	\$2,166.47
Membership Dues	\$33,859.31
Total for Miscellaneous Income	\$1,950.00
Total for Registration Fees	\$1,500.00
Services	\$19,572.84
Total for Income	\$128,576.39
Expenses	
Accounting Fees	\$600.00
Administrator-Contract Payment	\$35,900.00
Bank Service Fee	\$1,814.66
Board of Governors Expenses	\$125.53
Computer Programing Services	\$100.00
Meeting Expenses	\$2,706.26
District Training Expense	\$9,354.87
Education Class Expenses	\$23,692.49
Equipment	\$931.22
Insurance	\$1,682.89
Marketing Expense	\$593.23
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$5,479.25
Waste Water Short Course Expense	\$11,618.95
Office Expense	\$1,381.47
Office Expense - Online Software	\$9,155.88
Postage Fees	\$637.50
QuickBooks Payments Fees	\$289.81
Reimbursement Expense	\$435.00
Scholarship Payments	\$1,000.00
Travel Expense	\$777.71
Total for Expenses	\$108,276.72
Net Income	\$20,299.67

MWPCOA Financial Report (FY2025)

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2025

Distribution account	Amount
Assets	
Regions CD	\$30,000.00
Regions Checking Account	\$50,640.54
Total Assets	\$80,640.54
Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Equity	\$80,640.54