

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

December 14, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) met on Wednesday December 14, 2022, at 9:02 AM in the Executive Boardroom. Special Counsel Ms. Yolanda Grinstead called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Director Tamika Duplessis, Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Carol Markowitz, Director Maurice Sholas, Director Lynes Sloss, Director Robin Barnes, Director Nichelle Taylor, Director Janet Howard, Director Alejandra Guzman, and Councilmember Freddie King.

The following member(s) were absent: Hon. Mayor LaToya Cantrell

Staff present were Mr. Ghassan Korban, Executive Director; Mr. Ron Spooner, Interim General Superintendent; Ms. Christy Harowski, Chief of Staff; Ms. Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel; Mr. Darryl Harrison, Deputy Special Counsel; Mr. Dexter Joseph, Budget Department; Mr. Rene Gonzalez, Chief Customer Service Officer; Cash Moses, Purchasing; Mr. Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management; Ms. Tanyell Allen, Board Relations.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis presented a motion to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2022, Board Meeting. Director Lynes Sloss moved for approval of the minutes. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis presented a motion to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2022, Special Board Meeting. Director Janet Howard moved for approval of the minutes. Director Lynes Sloss seconded. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Ghassan Korban presented a slide overview that focused on the following topics:

Power Complex Groundbreaking

Major milestone celebrated with representatives from all our partners: Board, Mayor's Office, City Council, Governor's Office, State and Federal delegations, Entergy

- Substation construction underway
- Quarterly progress reports in 2023

Finance Updates

- 2023 Budget: Board consideration today
- \$40 million dollar drainage bond closed last week
- Received \$7 million in reimbursements from FEMA this month, 2 million COVID related and \$5 million from Hurricane Ida.
- Monthly revenue continues to steadily rise as a result of collections efforts; average cash collections up to \$22.3M now (from \$19M in 2021)

Successful Partnerships

Citywide Amnesty Program

- Late Fee Forgiveness: customer engagement via 3,060 new payment arrangements and \$32,915 in fees forgiven

One Stop Shop Coordination

- Starting in January, plumbing permit functions moved to City's One Stop Shop to improve customer experience and transparency

Paving Repair Backlog

- SWBNO/DPW coordination to solicit additional contract to address pavement cut backlog; will cover 1200 repairs in 2023

Employee and Community Engagement

- Smart Metering Staff Kickoff Meetings
- District B Infrastructure Resource Summit
- New Orleans East Canal Tour
- WPC Construction Neighborhood Meeting

Smart Meter Launch

- Contract finalized and executed
- Alternative meter reading strategy underway as stop
 - Averaged 96% actual reads in first six weeks of implementation
 - Will provide progress report in February

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee Report

Director Janet Howard reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. The Finance Committee Report for the month of December was presented and recommended for approval.

Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to adopt the Finance reports as amended. Director Joseph Peychaud move to adopt Finance minutes as proposed. Director Maurice Sholas seconded. The motion carried.

Special Finance and Administration Committee Report

Director Lynes Sloss reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. The Finance Committee Report for the month of December was presented and recommended for approval.

Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to adopt the Finance reports as amended. Director Joseph Peychaud move to adopt Pension minutes as proposed. Director Maurice Sholas seconded. The motion carried.

Action Items

- Resolution (R-184-2022) 2023 SWBNO Board/Committee and Holiday Schedule
 - **Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to approve R-184-2022 as amended. Director Lynes Sloss moved to accept R-155-2022 as proposed. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-185-2022) Authorizing Application to the LA Dept of EQ Draft Resolution
 - **Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to approve R-185-2022 as amended. Director Lynes Sloss moved to accept R-185-2022 as proposed. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-186-2022) 2023 Budget Blanket Spending Resolution
 - **Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to approve R-186-2022 as amended. Director Maurice Sholas moved to accept R-186-2022 as proposed. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-182-2022) 2023 Operating Budget Resolution

- **Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to approve R-182-2022 as amended. Director Lynes Sloss moved to accept R-182-2022 as proposed. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-183-2022) 2023 Capital Budget Resolution
 - **Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to approve R-183-2022 as amended. Director Maurice Sholas moved to accept R-183-2022 as proposed. Director Robin Barnes seconded. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were discussed at the December 7, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting:

- Resolution (R-149-2022) Award of Approved List of Firms to Provide Professional Design and Related Services
 - **Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to Defer R-149-2022 as amended. Director Maurice Sholas moved to defer R-149-2022 as proposed. Director Carol Markowitz seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-157-2022) Award of Contract 30223 – Carrollton Basin Sewer Rehabilitation No. 4 between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hard Rock Construction, LLC
- Resolution (R-141-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 7 for Contract 3799 – Installation of Sludge Dryer at the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
- Resolution (R-142-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30108 – Procurement of Sludge Dryer at the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Komline-Sanderson.
- Resolution (R-145-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 2150 – 43” Water Main Replacement on Leonidas St (S. Claiborne Ave – Fig St) and Fig St (Leonidas St – College Ct) – TM006 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace. C. Drennan, Inc.
- Resolution (R-150-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 8 for Contract 1370A – 60Hz Transformers and Switchgear Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Walter J. Barnes Electric Co., Inc.
- Resolution (R-159-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 2156 – Transmission Main Replacement – Grape St/Eden St/South Dupre St – TM005 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC

- Resolution (R-163-2022) Ratification of Change Order No. 11 for Contract 1377 – Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Program- Claiborne Ave Pumping Station and Off-Site improvements Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M.R. Pittman group, LLC
- Resolution (R-143-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Black and Veatch Corporation for Design and Engineering Services for the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Dryer Project
- Resolution (R-144-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 10 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Arcadis U.S., Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-146-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 12 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and MWH Americas, Inc. (predecessor in interest to Stantec. Consulting Services, Inc.) for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-147-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Pure Technologies U.S., Inc DBA Wachs Water Services for On-Call Water Valve Operations Service
- Resolution (R-151-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 10 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Lindfield Hunter and Junius, Inc
- Resolution (R-158-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 8 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and G.E.C., Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-162-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Neel-Schaffer, Inc for Design and Engineering Services for Repairs to River Intake Fender Systems
- Resolution (R-164-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Backflow Preventions Services, Inc
- Resolution (R-165-2022) Authorization of Amendment No. 13 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for Program Management, Design and Engineering Services for the Retrofit Power Plant Hazard Mitigation Grant Project
- Resolution (R-148-2022) Reconciliation and Final Acceptance of Contract 30109 – Sewer Pumping Station “A” Structural Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Co., Inc.
- Resolution (R-161-2022) Reconciliation and Final Acceptance of Contract 1403 – Demolition of abandoned C-7 and C-8 Basins and Other Site Improvements Site Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Co., LLC.

Director Tamika Duplessis asked for a motion to approve Corresponding Resolutions in Globo. Director Maurice Sholas moved to accept Corresponding resolutions as proposed. Director Carol Markowitz seconded. The motion carried.

Director Tamika Duplessis presented a motion to enter executive session. Director Maurice Sholas moved. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

Director Tamika Duplessis presented a motion to exit executive session. Director Lynes Sloss moved. Director Robin Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

Director Tamika Duplessis presented a motion to approve Special Counsel Recommendations in executive session. Director Joseph Peychaud moved. Director Carol Markowitz seconded. The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- Preliminary Financial Results
- Report of the General Superintendent
- Report Human Resource
- Report Legal
- Safety Report
- Contracts Under \$1 Million or Less Report
- FEMA Project Worksheet Status
- DBE Participation on Contracts Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 AM.