



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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The Finance and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Director Lynes Sloss
Director Alejandra Guzman
Director Joseph Peychaud

Absent:

Director Janet Howard
Director Carol Markowitz

2. CASH FLOW OVERVIEW

Mr. Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the April 2023 financial results and liquidity position, as it is critical that SWBNO maintain sufficient cash flow levels to continue operations, and meet bond covenant requirements. The April 2023 Water and Sewer cash levels (181 and 265 Days Cash on Hand, respectively) exceed the minimum and target thresholds based on month end cash and budgeted expenses and additionally Debt Service Coverage is within the budgeted forecast. May collections were \$24.65m (highest of the fiscal year) while April collections were lower at \$19.7m resulting in a 2% increase in aged customer receivables of 2% or 1.3m.

April billed revenues (\$23.5m) were lower than April 2022 (25.6m). April operating expenses (\$21.9m) were lower than budgeted for the month based on conservatively budgeted FY23 amounts and lower than a year ago (\$25.9m) primarily due to timing of vendor invoices, management will continue to monitor. The FY22 yearend fiscal external audit is wrapping up and on track to be completed in June with the filing of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

The F&A committee also received an update on Customer Service Statistics - disputed accounts were approximately flat at 3,571 (<3% total Accounts) at the end of April. Average days to close a customer investigation decreased to 72 days from 79 days last month. Consistent collections practices continue to be a primary focus with the collection ratio over last twelve months ended April 2023 improving relative to the last twelve months ended April 2022.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

- Resolution (R-082-2023) Sewerage and Water Board Of New Orleans Preliminary Approval for Sewerage System Bonds
 - o **Director Alejandra Guzman moved to accept R-082-2023 as amended. Director Joseph Psychaud seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-065-2023) Authorization for Amendment No. 4 to The Maintenance And Support Agreement Between The Sewerage And Water Board Of New Orleans And Cogsdale Corporation
 - o **Director Joseph Psychaud moved to accept R-065-2023. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CONTRACT AWARDS/RENEWALS

- Resolution (R-059-2023) Award of Contract 2165 Transmission Main Replacement Program South Claiborne Avenue (Louisiana Avenue -Third Street), TM011 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC
 - o **Director Joseph Psychaud moved to accept Contract Awards/Renewals. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS

- Resolution (R-058-2023) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 2159 – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Boh Bros Construction Co., LLC
- Resolution (R-066-2023) Authorization of Change Order No. 3 for Contract 1376 – Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Program – Panola and High Lift Pumping Stations

Improvements Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M.R. Pittman Group, LLC

- Resolution (R-067-2023) Ratification of Change Order No. 14 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-069-2023) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 CN 2155 Transmission Main Replacement - S. Claiborne (Versailles – Upperline) per FEMA JIRR Project Worksheet (PW) 21031 & PW21032 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC
- Resolution (R-072-2023) Authorization of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 8168 – Repaving Open Cuts in Driveways and Sidewalks Resulting from Underground Utility Repairs Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and CMG Pipelines, Inc
 - **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept Contract Change Orders. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-046-2023) Authorization of Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement to Provide Assessments, Design, Construction and Program Management Services for the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Program Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BCG Engineering and Consulting, Inc.
- Resolution (R-070-2023) Authorization of Amendment No. 12 to the Professional Services engineering and design services for the Water Line Replacement Program for the Leonidas, Marlyville-Fountainbleau, East Carrollton and Black Pearl neighborhoods Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc.
- Resolution (R-073-2023) Authorization of Amendment No. 7 to the Professional Services engineering and design services for the Water Line Replacement Program for the Read Blvd East, Read Blvd West, Village de L'est neighborhoods Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and ECM Consultants, Inc.
 - **Director Alejandra Guzman moved to accept Contract Amendments. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT FINAL ACCEPTANCE

- Resolution (R-068-2023) Final Acceptance of Contract 1377 – Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Program – Claiborne Ave Pumping Station and Off-Site Improvements

- **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept Final Acceptance. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS** –

The information items were received.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynes Sloss, Chair