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April 10, 2024

The Finance and Administration Committee met on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Director Lynes R. Sloss
Director Janet Howard
Director Chadrick Kennedy
Director Alejandra Guzman

Absent:

Director Joseph Peychaud

2. **CASH FLOW OVERVIEW**

Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the Preliminary February 2024 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 February 2024 Water and Sewer cash levels (210 / 220-Days cash on hand, respectively) exceed the minimum and target thresholds based on year end cash and budgeted expenses and additionally debt service coverage is within the budgeted forecast.

March 2024 collections were \$22.5M (February 2024 - \$22.4M; March 2023 - \$23.8M) which show improvement relative to the FY23 average. Total Past due accounts receivables as of February 29, 2024 (aged > 60 days) were \$56.9M (25,235 customers) an increase of 3% or \$1.4M from the prior month end. New Promise Pay payment plans have been well received by customers with \$1.2M collected since go live February 8th and over 6,000 customers enrolled in the flexible payment plans. Additional discussions were held relative to legal options when signing up customers such that delinquencies could be tied to the property owner if that differs



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from the applicant for water. Additional options were requested by the Committee for Special Counsel to research and report back to the Committee.

February billed revenues (\$24M) were just above budget (\$23.9M) and trail YTD budget by \$2.2M. Drainage Tax revenues are delayed based on the timing of CNO property tax bills but started being received in March. February operating expenses (\$20.2M) were below budget for the month and lower than February 2023 (\$25.5M). The external year end audit is underway with completion planned by the end of June deadline.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CONTRACT AWARDS/RENEWALS

- Resolution (R-050-2024) Award of Contract 1420 – WPC Phase 1 Installation and Commissioning Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Frischhertz Barnes, A Joint Venture
- Resolution (R-057-2024) Third Renewal of Contract 8164 – Skilled and Unskilled Labor for Maintenance Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and JEI Solutions
- Resolution (R-059-2024) First Renewal of Contract 2164 – Water Main Line Replacements and Extensions at Scattered Locations Throughout Orleans Parish Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc
- Resolution (R-067-2024) Second and Final Renewal of Contract 8166 –Repaving Open Cuts in Sidewalks and Driveways Resulting from the Repair of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc
- Resolution (R-068-2024) First Renewal of Contract 30246 – Restoration of Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewer Mains by Point Repair at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc
 - **Director Guzman moved to accept Contract Awards/Renewals. Director Kennedy seconded. The motion carried.**



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CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER BY RATIFICATION

- Resolution (R-056-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 12 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-063-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 4 for Contract 1415 – West Power Complex Foundations and Underground Package Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M.R. Pittman Group, LLC
 - o **Director Howard moved to accept Contract Change Order by Ratification. Director Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-060-2024) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services for Managing the Preparation, Selection and Implementation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure Solution Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc
- Resolution (R-062-2024) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services for SWB-2021-07 On-Call Water Valve Operation Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Pure Technologies U.S. Inc. dba Wachs Water Services.
 - o **Director Howard moved to accept Contract Amendments. Director Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

FINAL ACCEPTANCE

- Resolution (R-058-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 2158 – 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 Wallace C. Drennan, LLC
- Resolution (R-061-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 2021 – 60-Inch Sewer Force Main Repair on Florida Ave Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Boh Bros Construction, LLC



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- **Director Kennedy moved to accept Final Acceptance as amended. Director Howard 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, Director Kennedy moved to adjourn. Director Guzman seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 a.m.