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May 15, 2024

The Finance and Administration Committee met on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 9:02 a.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Director Lynes R. Sloss
Director Joseph Peychaud
Director Chadrick Kennedy
Director Alejandra Guzman

Absent:

Director Janet Howard

2. **CASH FLOW OVERVIEW**

Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the Preliminary March 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 March 2024 Water and Sewer cash levels (201 / 213-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.

April 2024 collections were \$21.3M (March 2024 - \$22.5M) and slightly below prior year monthly average. Total Past Due Accounts receivables as of March 31, 2024 (aged > 60 days) were \$57.2M (24,875 customers) an increase of 1% or \$353k from the prior month end with roughly 10k customers owing <\$500. New Promise Pay payment plans have been well received by customers with \$1.8M collected since go live of the new software on February 8th and over 8,200 customers enrolled in the flexible payment plans. All customers with arrearages are eligible to utilize the new payment plan software and repay without interest previously unpaid bills. The Billing Strike team has begun billing utilizing the smart meter data and there are



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currently 16,000 installed smart meters working towards the goal of roughly 70,000 by the end of FY24.

March billed revenues (\$20.6M) were below budget (\$23.9M) and trail YTD budget by \$5.8M based on lower billed consumption charges. Drainage Tax revenues were received in the amount of \$22M and are above budget by \$4.4M through Q1 after an initial delay in timing of receipt of tax revenues administered by the city.

March operating expenses (\$31.9M) were below budget for the month and above March 2023 (\$28.5M). The External year end audit is underway with completion planned by the end of June deadline.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

- Resolution (R-097-2024) Approval of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Modification of Preliminary Approval for Water Revenue Bonds
 - o **Director Kennedy moved to accept (R-097-2024). Director Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CONTRACT AWARDS/RENEWALS

- Resolution (R-079-2024) Third Extension of Contract Req – SA19-0001 – Furnishing Janitorial and Related Services to Multiple SWBNO Locations Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and ETI Janitorial
- Resolution (R-080-2024) First Renewal of Contract No. 2023-SWB-04 – Furnishing Brass Water Service Fittings Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and A.Y. McDonald
- Resolution (R-081-2024) First Renewal of Contract No. 2023-SWB-02 – Furnishing Limestone No. 610 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hamps Enterprises, LLC



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- Resolution (R-087-2024) Award of Contract 1452 – Sycamore Filter Gallery Structural and Filter Rehab Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc
- Resolution (R-089-2024) Award of Contract 30261 – Carrollton Basin No. 20 Sewer Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hard Rock Construction, LLC
 - o **Director Kennedy moved to accept Contract Awards/Renewals. Director Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER BY RATIFICATION

- Resolution (R-071-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 2151-St. Bernard Transmission Main, TM002, FEMA Project Worksheet 19846 Multiple Neighborhoods Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc
- Resolution (R-084-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30236 – Carrollton Basin No. 6 Sewer Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and BLD Services, LLC
- Resolution (R-088-2024) Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 30256 – Carrollton Basin No. 15 Sewer Rehabilitation Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hard Rock Construction, LLC
 - o **Director Peychaud moved to accept Contract Change Order by Ratification. Director Kennedy seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-072-2024) Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the City of New Orleans and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans for Carrollton Power Plant Static Frequency Changers 2 and 3 Capital Bond Funds
- Resolution (R-092-2024) Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and HDR Engineering, Inc for Internal and External Communications



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- Resolution (R-093-2024) Amendment No. 3 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between the City of New Orleans and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans for the West Power Complex
 - o **Director Peychaud moved to accept Contract Amendments. Director Kennedy seconded. The motion carried.**

FINAL ACCEPTANCE

- Resolution (R-070-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 2140 – Algiers Lock Forebay Waterline Replacement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Fleming Construction Company, LLC
- Resolution (R-085-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance of Contract 2151 – TM002 St. Bernard Transmission Main Project Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc
- Resolution (R-073-2024) Authorization of Final Acceptance Contract 3742 – Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains at Scattered Sites Within Orleans Parish Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Atakapa Services, LLC
 - o **Director Kennedy moved to accept Final Acceptance as amended. Director 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. Director Peychaud moved to adjourn. Director Kennedy seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.