

March 11, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

The Finance Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans met on Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street to consider the following matters.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

The report of the Regular Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, February 4, 2013 was received. Upon a motion of Mr. Manning and second by Ms. Kane, the report was approved.

Item 2 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

**R-042-2014 – CONTRACT 8132 – KATRINA RELATED REPAIRS
GARAGE NO. 1 AND THE GENERATOR BUILDING AT CENTRAL
YARD IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LA**

Mr. Becker recommended the second lowest bid of Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the total amount of \$1,204,500.00.

**R-043-2014 – FURNISHING JANITORIAL SERVICES AT CENTRAL YARD
2900 PEOPLES AVENUE AND 2901 EADS STREET BUILDINGS AND
TRAILER – REQ. NO. Y0130018**

Mr. Becker recommended the second lowest bid of ARC Enterprises in the amount of \$48,841.50.

Upon a motion of Mr. Manning and second by Ms. Kane, the above bids were approved.

EMERGENCY REPAIR

**R-044-2014 – EMERGENCY BIDS FOR 2014 RENTAL REWINDING
FREQUENCY CHANGER NO. 1 AT STATION "C"**

Mr. Becker recommended the only bid of Bollinger Quick Repair, L. L. C. in the amount of \$1,300,000.00.

Upon a motion by Mr. Manning and second by Ms. Kane, the motion was approved.

REPORT OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE

R-045-2014 – CONTRACT 1337 – SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE BULK STORAGE/FEED FACILITY AT THE CWPP

R-047-2014 – CONTRACT 8140 – HURRICANE KATRINA RELATED REPAIRS AT THE CARROLLTON WATER PLANT AND WATER INTAKE #1

Mr. Becker recommended the above contracts be accepted.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kane and seconded by Mr. Manning, the motion was approved.

Item 3

CHANGE ORDERS

R-046-2014 – RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR CONTRACT 3661 – MODIFICATIONS TO EAST BANK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FLOOD PROTECTION SYSTEM

Mr. Becker recommended the ratification of change order #4 for contract 3661 for Modifications to the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Protection System in the amount of \$1,675,147.75. This brings the total change order amount to \$2,196,146.15 or 9.0% of the original bid amount.

Upon a motion by Mr. Manning and seconded by Ms. Kane, the motion was approved.

Item 4

R-050-2014 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH CHESTER ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR HURRICANE RELATED DRAINAGE RESTORATION PROJECTS

Mr. Becker recommended authorization to amend contract with Chester Engineers, Inc. for Program Management Services for hurricane related drainage restoration projects for the amount of \$1,806,119.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kane and seconded by Mr. Manning, the motion was approved.

Item 5

R-041-2014 – RATIFICATION FOR EXECUTION OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE REGARDING ALGIERS CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER LOCATION

Mr. Miller recommended ratification for execution of third amendment to lease regarding the Algiers Customer Service Center location.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kane and second by Mr. Manning, the motion was approved.

Item 6 **R-049-2014 – AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR TWO ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS ON AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT CASES**

Mr. Marchand recommended authorization to issue Request for Proposal for two attorneys to represent the Board on automobile accident cases.

Upon a motion by Mr. Manning and seconded by Ms. Kane, the motion was approved.

Item 7 **R-051-2014 – RATIFICATION OF THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH AARON & GIANNI PLC TO REPRESENT SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS IN CASANDRA JONES v. SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS USDC 2:13 cv-06288**

Mr. Lambert recommended ratification of the execution of agreement with Aaron & Gianna, PLC to represent Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in Cassandra Jones v Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, USDC 2:13-cv-06288.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kane and seconded by Mr. Manning, the motion was approved.

Item 8 **EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION MATTERS**

It was moved by Mr. Manning and seconded by Ms. Kane to move to Executive Session to discuss matters under litigation. The motion carried and the Committee went into closed session at 9:30 am.

The Committee returned from closed session at 9:55 am. It was motioned by Mr. Manning and seconded by Ms. Kane to move back to regular session. The motion carried.

Regarding the matter of Christina Johnson, et al v. Demetrius Jones, et al, CDC No. 2011-2506, Div. "E", Sec. 7.

Regarding the matter of Pamela Mercadel v. City of New Orleans, et al, CDC No.

2012-3170, Div. "N"

Regarding the matter of Terrill Johnson v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, et al, CDC No. 2012-1625, Div. "L", Sec. 6

Upon a motion by Mr. Manning and seconded by Ms. Kane, it was moved to accept the recommendations of the legal staff.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 9 FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH JANUARY 2014

Mr. Miller stated there are no significant or unexpected results in the financial statements for January 2014. He also stated that we are still on track to complete the 2013 Audit as scheduled. He briefly went over the long term financial plan status and stated that it was moving forward as planned. He did a brief overview of the anticipated bond sale with an estimate of when it will be completed.

Item 10 CHANGE ORDER ANALYSIS

The committee received the report.

Item 11 FEMA PROJECT WORKSHEET

The committee received the report.

Item 12 COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The committee received the report.

Item 13 ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

Item 14 REFERENCE MATERIAL (IN BINDERS)

- A. Sewerage & Water Board By-Laws
- B. 2014 Operating & Capital Budgets
- C. Strategic Plan
- D. Tracking Tool for Commitments to the City Council
- E. Bond Rating

Item 15 ADJOURNMENTS

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mr. Charles F. Webb
Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning
Ms. Kerri Kane

Absent

Ms. Loyce Wright

Also in attendance were Robert Miller, Interim Executive Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Madeline Goddard, Deputy Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Deputy Special Counsel; Ethel Williams, Finance Admin.; Dexter Joseph, Budget Director; Emanuel Lain, Michele Holley, Budget Analyst; Jacqueline Shine, Utility Services Admin.; Alvin Porter, EDB Management Supervisor I; Jason Higginbotham, Utilities Senior Services Mgr.; Kathleen LaFrance, Executive Director Analyst; Carol Rocque, Damon Rocque, Rocque Securities Corp.; Joe Sensebe, Arcadis; Max Nassar, PSI.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Charles F. Webb, CPA, Chair