

BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING

JUNE 18, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Interim Executive Director, Robert Miller, called the roll and showed the following members present: **Ms. Suchitra Satpathi, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning, Mr. Marion Bracy, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Mr. Alan C. Arnold, Ms. Kimberly Thomas, Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Mr. Scott Jacobs, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, Mrs. Robin Barnes, Mr. Mark M. Moody (Eleven) and a quorum.

**Ms. Suchitra Satpathi, Mayor’s Representative

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc; Richard Rainey, Times Picayune; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineers; Sharmaine A. James, Condall Consulting; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Raoul Chauvin, Infinity Engineers; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Derrick Holmes, Qualified Transportation; Jamie Parker, BGR; Renee’ Lapeyrolerie, CDM Smith.

Staff present were: Robert Miller, Executive Director’s Office; Joseph Becker, Madeline Fong Goddard, General Superintendent’s Office; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Brian Ferrara, Harold Marchand, Legal Department; Kathleen LaFrance, Executive Director’s Office; Tiffany Carter, Veronica Johnson Christmas, Alvin Porter, EDBP Department; Jacqueline K. Shine, Revenue Administration Department; Rosita Thomas, Finance Administration Department; Dexter Joseph, Budget Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Bobby Nathan, EEOC, Equal Employment Opportunity Department; Julia Thomas, Paula Arceneaux, Employee Incentive Committee (EIC); Timothy Hood, Donald Johnson, John Alexander, Eric Mancuso, Bobby Brouillette, Rick Ranko, Harry Deimel, Richard Childress, Irl Harman, Electric Shop; Gabe Signorelli, Facility Maintenance.

Welcome and Introduction of the New Board

The President Pro Tem and staff welcomed the new Board members and asked them to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Mr. Marion Bracy moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 21, 2014. Mr. Mark M. Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HONORS AND AWARDS

(R-120-2014) – The Board honored employees, Mr. John Alexander, Mr. Bobby Brouillette, Mr. Eric Mancuso, Mr. Rick Ranko, Mr. Harry Diemel, Mr. Timothy Hood, Mr. Richard Childress, Mr. Irl Harman, and Mr. Donald Johnson of the Electric Shop for being selected Employee Group of the Month for June 2014. On May 22, 2014 a car struck a Sewerage and Water Board utility pole on N. Broad Street. The pole supported an aerial feeder (18) that supplies power to Drainage Pumping Stations No. 2 & 3 pumping operations. The weather forecast predicted bad weather for the New Orleans Parish and this was a crucial situation for the drainage operations in this area.

The damaged pole had a 10 foot section missing and all traffic was blocked north and south bound due to the down power lines. As a result, the Sewerage and Water Board’s electrical maintenance crew responded immediately and removed the damaged pole, and installed a new pole in a timely manner. Because of quick action taken by the above electrical crew, the pumps were available for operation and traffic flow resumed to normal on Broad Street.

These employees’ were honored for their actions above and beyond routine duties. The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Interim Executive Director stated that the Deputy Superintendent would give a presentation on the Green Infrastructure Plan of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Ms. Madeline Fong Goddard presented a slide overview on the following topic re: Green Infrastructure Plan and Projects along with the goals and objectives that embody the principles of living with water.

Mr. Mark M. Moody requested for staff to make the presentation available to the public and to place the information on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PENSION COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. The Pension Committee Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.
Mrs. Kerri Kane moved acceptance of the Pension Committee Report and approval of the Pension Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Manning reported on the summary and actions taken by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Executive Committee Report and approval of the Executive Committee recommendations inclusive of the Operations and Finance Committee recommendations, therein. Mrs. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

- The following resolutions were adopted:
- R-097-2014 – Change Order No. 2 for Contract 5223 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to St. Bernard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station
 - R-098-2014 – Change Order No. 3 for Contract 5226 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Franklin Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station
 - R-099-2014 – Change Order No. 3 for Contract 5221 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Pontchartrain Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station
 - R-100-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 8 for Contract 1350 – Hurricane Related Repairs to Turbine 4 at the Carrollton Water Purification Plant – Power Complex
 - R-101-2014 – Approval of Participation in Conrad Park Green Infrastructure Project

- R-102-2014 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project-Green Keepers to Parkway Partners Program
- R-103-2014 – Award of Green Infrastructure Education Program to Louisiana Urban Storm Water Coalition Regional New Orleans Chapter
- R-104-2014 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project-The Ripple Effects Project
- R-105-2014 – Furnishing Annual Service Awards – Req. No. ED140010
- R-106-2014 – Furnishing EIC Award Program Banquet Accomodations – Req. No. ED140009
- R-107-2014 – Furnishing River Sand, Mason Sand and Washed Gravel – Req. No. YW140010
- R-108-2014 – Furnishing Rough Pine and Oak Hardwood Lumber – Req. No. YW140009
- R-109-2014 – Furnishing Lime to the Algiers Water Plant – Req. No. AL140009
- R-110-2014 – Furnishing and Delivering Complete Fleet Tire Service – Req. No. YG140061
- R-111-2014 – Furnishing Contract 3669 – Hurricane Katrina Related 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Replacement of Sewerage Lift Station #6
- R-112-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Lime – Req. No. CM130006
- R-113-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Polyelectrolyte – Req. No. CM130007
- R-114-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Paper Products and Janitorial Supplies – Req. No. YW130014
- R-115-2014 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project-The Web to Land Trust for Louisiana
- R-116-2014 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project-Lower 9 Earth Lab to Groundwork New Orleans
- R-117-2014 – Approval to Issue Letter of Support for Biosolids to Energy Demonstration Project
- R-118-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with CH2M Hill, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Retrofit Power Plant Hazard Mitigation Grant Project
- R-119-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 6 for Contract 3661 – Modifications to East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Protection System

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

• **Bond Sales Results**

The Interim Executive Director, Mr. Robert Miller provided background information and an update on the Sewerage and Water Board’s bond sales results. He asked Mr. Shawn Barney to speak to the Board on this matter.

Mr. Shawn Barney of CLB Porter, a co-financial advisor stated S&WB sold \$158,990,000 sewerage service revenue and refunding bonds during 2014 and \$103,525,000 water revenue and refunding bonds. This transaction resulted in a one-time savings of \$2.47 million dollars on the water bonds resulting in an interest rate on the transaction of 4.46 percent. It also resulted in a one time savings on the sewer bonds of \$9.07 million dollars and an interest rate of 3.9 percent.

Interim Executive Director

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Joseph Peychaud asked how the Board can get this information to the public. Mr. Manning stated these meetings are televised. Also, staff is working on a press release and this information will be available on the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans website.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of President Pro Tem

The Special Counsel, Mr. Nolan Lambert explained the process of electing the President Pro Tem re: the Board's By Laws.

- Ms. Suchitra Satpathi moved to nominate Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning to serve as the President Pro Tem of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion.

Mr. Lambert requested a Board Member to act as temporary chair of this meeting during this voting process. Ms. Satpathi accepted the request to serve as temporary chair.

- Mr. Marion Bracy moved to re-elect Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning to serve as the President Pro Tem of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Manning thanked the Board and staff and said he looks forward to serving and working for the Sewerage and Water Board and the citizens of New Orleans.

Determination of Staggered Terms of Members of the Board

Mr. Lambert stated pursuant to the amended legislation re: new Board the terms of members of the Board would be staggered; these terms can be determined by lots. Each Board Member would select a blue doubloon and on the back, find a number of 1 through 4. He noted that (2) are marked with 1, or 1 year; (4) are marked with 4, or 4 years; (2) are marked with 3, or 3 years; and (1) is marked with 2, or 2 years.

The following Board Members Terms:

Mr. Scott Jacobs – received two (2) years

Mrs. Kerri Kane – received three (3) years

Mr. Marion Bracy – received four (4) years

Mr. Alan C. Arnold – received four (4) years

Mrs. Robin Barnes – received two (2) years

Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning – received four (4) years

Mr. Joseph Peychaud – received three (3) years

Dr. Tamika Duplessis – received one (1) year

Ms. Kimberly Thomas – received four (4) years

Mr. Mark M. Moody – received one (1) year

Mr. Manning requested for staff to read aloud the terms of the new Board Members. In turn, Mr. Joseph Becker read the names and term limits of each.

- Mr. Scott Jacobs moved acceptance of the lot drawing re: Staggered Terms of the Members of the Board. Ms. Suchitra Satpathi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The President Pro Tem requested Ms. Satpathi to outline the names and appointments of the committees of the Sewerage and Water Board. Ms. Satpathi stated that a copy of the assigned appointments would be provided to staff.

Mr. Manning requested for staff to provide a status update re: new Executive Director and there is no need to go into Executive Session at this time.

Status Update on Executive Director

Mr. Lambert updated the Board relative to Mr. Cedric Grant and he provided background information regarding Mr. Grant to serve as its Executive Director. He explained the Board’s process and position. As a result, it was determined by staff to bring those concerns before the Ethic’s Board for further evaluation. The Ethic’s Board voted unfavorably and next a bill was sent before the Louisiana Legislature for review; the bill passed. Currently, HB 303 is awaiting approval by the Governor. Staff expects to hear news shortly and any information would be provided to the full Board.

Ms. Suchitra Satpathi stated the deadline for the Governor’s signature is Sunday, June 22, 2014 re: legislation of the new Executive Director.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The President Pro Tem requested for staff to explain each information item specifically to update the new Board members.

- FEMA Status Report – Mr. Joseph Becker, the General Superintendent explained the FEMA reimbursement process.
- Report of the General Superintendent – Mr. Becker explained the report.
- Report of the Special Counsel – The Special Counsel, Mr. Nolan Lambert explained the Legal Department’s process and procedures of this report.
- 2014 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule – Mr. Manning referred the Board to mark their calendars regarding upcoming tentative dates of the Board’s Committee/Board meetings.
- Financial Statements – The Interim Executive Director Mr. Robert Miller noted the various key elements of this report.

Mr. Manning referred the Board to the Reference Material in the binders under tab 12 is for informational purposes only and can be received as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.