

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Executive Director, Cedric S. Grant, called the roll and showed the following members present: **Ms. Suchitra Satpathi, 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 (Ten) and a quorum.

Absent: Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning (One).

**Ms. Suchitra Satpathi, Mayor's Representative

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc; Richard Rainey, Times Picayune; Derrick Francis, Mayor's Office; Sharmaine A. James, Condall Consulting; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Susan N. Nolan, Jeff Duplantis, MWH; Hayne Rainey, City of New Orleans; Reginald Crear, IMS Engineers; Renee Lapeyrolerie, CDM Smith; David Timol, Maurice Pitts, NRI; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineers; Paul T. West, Chester Engineers.

Staff present were: Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, Madeline Fong Goddard, General Superintendent's Office; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Brian Ferrara, Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Kathleen LaFrance, Executive Director's Office; Tiffany Carter, Alvin Porter, Veronica Johnson Christmas, EDBP Department; Jacqueline K. Shine, Revenue Administration Department; Rosita Thomas, Finance Administration Department; Dexter Joseph, Budget Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Bobby Nathan, EEOC, Equal Employment Opportunity Department; Raymond Gable, Irma Mahannuar, Internal Audit Department.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Ms. Kimberly Thomas moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 16, 2014. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HONORS AND AWARDS

ASCE – Centennial Award

The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant presented the General Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Becker with the prestigious American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) – Centennial Award of 2014 for the top engineering project in the state over the past 100 years for the city's drainage system.

The Board congratulated staff for their hard work and excellence.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant presented a slide overview on his 100 Day Integrated Management Plan of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. His presentation focused on six principles as follows:

- Organizational Change
- Infrastructure Management Integration
- Environmental Management Integration
- Financial Integration
- Business Process Integration
- Intergovernmental Integration

He also discussed plans for the Board and the City of New Orleans to host the upcoming Water Environmental Federation (WEF) Conference and is expecting nearly 18,000 attendees. It is the goal of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to be the leader of water management strategies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Mr. Marion Bracy reported on the summary and actions taken by the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee Report for the month of August was presented and recommended for approval.

Mrs. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Operations Committee Report and approval of the Operations Committee recommendations, therein. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Acting Temporary Chairperson, Mr. Scott Jacobs reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee Report for the month of August was presented and recommended for approval.

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved acceptance of the Finance Committee Report and approval of the Finance Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Mrs. Kerri Kane reported on the summary and actions taken by the Infrastructure Committee. The Infrastructure Committee Report for the month of August was presented and recommended for approval.

Mr. Mark M. Moody moved acceptance of the Infrastructure Committee Report and approval of the Infrastructure Committee recommendations, therein. Mrs. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PENSION COMMITTEE

The Mayor's representative, Ms. Suchitra Satpathi reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. The Pension Committee Report for the month of August was presented and recommended for approval.

Mr. Joseph Peychaud moved acceptance of the Pension Committee Report and approval of the Pension Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Scott Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Mayor's representative, Ms. Suchitra Satpathi reported on the summary and actions taken by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Report for the month of August was presented and recommended for approval.

Mr. Arnold suggested for the new Board Members to read the Annual reports from previous years including the Annual Report of 2013 and write down any questions they may have for the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the history of the Board.

Following a brief discussion, Ms. Suchitra Satpathi directed staff to provide the full Board with the last decade of all of the Sewerage and Water Board's Annual reports for their review.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Executive Committee Report and approval of the Executive Committee recommendations, therein. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant stated staff would provide this information to all of the Board Members and he encouraged them to read and review the material. Also, Staff would add an agenda item to future Board agendas titled: "Response to Questions".

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted:

R- 139-2014 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project-Central City Neighborhood

R-140-2014 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project-Rabouin International High School Green Infrastructure Lab

R-141-2014 – Contract 1378 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Boilers/Duct/Elevator at Main Water Purification Plant Power Complex

R-142-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Anhydrous Ammonia – Req. Nos. CM130028 & AL130035

R-143-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Fluorosilicic Acid – Req. No. CM130020

R-144-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Liquid Polyphosphate – Req. No. CM130019

R-145-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Sodium Hypochlorite – Req. No. CM130017

R-146-2014 – First and Final Renewal of Contract 30008 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer by Point Repair and CIPP Lining Sewer Mains at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-147-2014 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 1367 – Purchase of Gearbox for "G" Basin at the Carrollton Water Plant

R-148-2014 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 3657 – Sewer Main Replacement from Manhole to Manhole and Water Main Replacement Work

R-149-2014 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Emergency Repair for Reconstruction of the 54" Sewer Force Main on Florida Avenue (Spain St. to Music St.)

R-150-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-151-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with ECM Consultants, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-152-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Atkins North American, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-153-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Design Engineering, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-154-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-155-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-156-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-157-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with G.E.C., Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-158-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Hartman Engineering, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-159-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Lambert Engineers for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-160-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Arcadis for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-161-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-162-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Meyers Engineers, LTD for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-163-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with MWH Americas, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-164-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Neel Schaffer for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-165-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with NY Associates, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-166-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Rahman & Associates, Inc. for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-167-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-168-2014 – Amendment to Agreement with Royal Engineering for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-169-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 5 for Contract 6247 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Project – Retrofit of Generator #4

R-170-2014 – Change Order No. 3 for Contract 5222 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Canal Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-171-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 3698 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer Mains by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-172-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 7 for Contract 3661 – Modifications to East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Protection System

R-173-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 9 for Contract 1350 – Hurricane Related Repairs to Turbine 4 at the Carrollton Water Purification Plant – Power Complex

R-174-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 5 for Contract 1352 – Hurricane Related Replacement of the Pump Package at the Carrollton Water Purification Plant – Power Complex

R-175-2014 – Ratification of Change Order No. 6 for Contract 8139 – Hurricane Katrina Related Replacement of the Central Yard Annex Building

R-176-2014 – Change Order No. 4 for Contract 5221 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Pontchartrain Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-177-2014 – Change Order No. 4 for Contract 5226 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Franklin Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-178-2014 – Change Order No. 3 for Contract 5223 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to St. Bernard Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-179-2014 – Resolution Requesting State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development Authorization to Exercise, Options on Louisiana Avenue Canal – State Project No. H.011352, Orleans Parish

R-180-2014 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with Entergy New Orleans (ENO) for the Payment of Temporary Relocation and De-energizing of ENO's Electric Distribution Facilities Along and Adjacent to the Vicinity of the Napoleon Avenue Phase II SELA Project (Carondelet to Constance)

R-181-2014 – Revision to Septage Waste Program

R-182-2014 – Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Sewerage and the Water Board of New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish

R-183-2014 – Amendment of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

R-184-2014 – Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

R-185-2014 – Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans for the Coordination of All Repair, Maintenance, and Construction Projects with City Agencies

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- First and Final Renewal of Contract 2101 – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish (R-186-2014)

The General Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Becker provided background information on the subsequent contract which was approved on June 16, 2014 by the Board. However, the resolution for authorization of the first and final renewal of Contract 2101 was inadvertently omitted from the Finance Committee Agenda in August. Therefore, staff is requesting approval for the first and final renewal of the above contract.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved approval of the First and Final Renewal of Contract 2101 – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish, resolution therein (R-186-2014). Mr. Alan C. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- FEMA Status Report
- Report of the General Superintendent
- Report of the Special Counsel
- 2014 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule
- Financial Statements

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.