

November 4, 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 November 4, 2014 at 8:00 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, October 7, 2014 was received. Upon a motion of Ms. Kane and second by Ms. Barnes the report was approved.

Item 2 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

**R-237-2014 – FURNISHING LIQUID FERRIC SULFATE REQ.
NOSALW140037 & CM140018**

Mr. Becker recommended item 1 to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. to furnish and deliver 200,000 pounds of Liquid Sulfate to the Algiers Water Plant in the amount of \$135,400.00 and item 2 to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. to furnish and deliver 2,000,000 pounds of Liquid Sulfate to the Carrollton Water Plant in the amount \$1,354,000.00.

R-238-2014 – FURNISHING FIRE HYDRANT ANTI-TAMPERING DEVICES – REQ. NO. YW140064

Mr. Becker recommended McGard, LLC. in the amount of \$369,200.00.

R-239-2014 – FURNISHING 4” AND 5” FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS SWB DRAWING NUMBERS 11824-W-62 & 11825-W-62 – REQ. NO. YW140065

Mr. Becker recommended Precision Seals & Mfg. in the amount of \$784,525.00.

R-240-2014 – FURNISHING BRASS WATER SERVICE FITTINGS – REQ. NO. YW140098

Mr. Becker recommended sections I, II, III, IV, and VI to A. Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. in the amount of \$539,902.75 and V to La. Utilities Supply Company in the amount of \$39,722.50.

R-241-2014 – FURNISHING METER BOXES AND METER BOX PARTS – REQ.NO. YW140099

Mr. Becker recommended A. Y. McDonald Mfg. in the amount of \$686,634.50.

R-242-2014 – LEAK DETECTION SERVICES – REQ. NO. CN140033

Mr. Becker recommended Echologics, LLC. in the amount of \$954,000.00.

R-243-2014 – CONTRACT 8129 – KATRINA RELATED REPAIRS TO GARAGE #2 AT CENTRAL YARD

Mr. Becker recommended that this contract be rejected and rebid.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kane and seconded by Ms. Barnes, the above bids 1- 6 were approved and bid 7 was rejected.

CONTRACT RENEWAL

R-244-2014 – FIRST AND FINAL RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING SOLID WALL (PVC) PIPE SDR 26 & 35 POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) C-900 PIPE FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM – REQ. NO. YW140001

Mr. Becker recommended the Board approve this first and only renewal to Cimsco, Inc. in the amount of \$248,364.50.

R-245-2014 – FIRST AND FINAL RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING FULL CIRCLE STAINLESS STEEL REPAIR AND TAP CLAMPS, BRONZE SERVICE SADDLES AND TRANSITIONAL COUPLINGS FOR CAST IRON, DUCTILE IRON AND TRANSITE PIPE – REQ. NO. YW130099

Mr. Becker recommended the Board approve this first and only renewal to La. Utilities Supply Company in the amount of \$329,278.10 and to H. D. Supply Waterworks, LTD in the amount of \$23,110.00.

R-246-2014 – FIRST AND FINAL RENEWAL OF CONTRACT 3696 – CLEANING AND CCTV INSPECTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AT SCATTERED SITES WITHIN ORLEANS PARISH

MR. Becker recommended the Board approve this first and only renewal to Blue Flash in the amount of \$741,625.00.

Upon a motion by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Jacobs the above renewals were approved.

REPORT OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE

R-247-2014 – CONTRACT 3698 – RESTORATION OF EXISTING GRAVITY SEWER MAINS BY EXCAVATION & REPLACEMENT FROM MANHOLE TO MANHOLE AT VARIOUS SITES THROUGHOUT ORLEANS PARISH

Mr. Becker recommended the Board accept the above contract.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Barnes the above contract was accepted.

Item 3

CHANGE ORDERS

R-249-2014 – RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR CONTRACT 4188 – EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE FLORIDA CANAL

Mr. Becker recommended the ratification of change order no. 3 for contract 4188 – Emergency Repairs to the Florida Canal in the amount of \$211,093.00. This brings the total for change orders to \$211,093.00 or 9.5% of the original contract.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Barnes the ratification was approved.

R-250-2014 – RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER #9 FOR CONTRACT 3661 – MODIFICATIONS TO EAST BANK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FLOOD PROTECTION SYSTEM

Mr. Becker recommended the ratification of change order no. 9 for contract 3661 - Modifications to East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Protection System in the amount of \$34,006.00. This brings the total for change orders to \$3,328,672.15 or 13.6% of the original contract.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Barnes the ratification was approved.

Item 4 R-233-2014 –AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MWH AMERICAS, INC. FOR THE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Goddard recommended amendment to the agreement with MWH Americas, Inc., for the Water Line Replacement Program to identify FEMA eligible ADA curb ramps as related to the construction of FEMA eligible water line replacements contained in the 53 separate FEMA PW's issued to the Board not to exceed the amount of \$459,442.80.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kane and seconded by Ms. Barnes the amendment was approved.

Item 5 R-235-2014 – AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SCHEDULER FOR CAPITAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Ms. Goddard recommended award of contract to Integrated Logistical Support, Inc. to provide a scheduler for the Capital Program Management at a rate of \$105 per hour.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Kane the award was approved.

Item 6 R-236-2014 –AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STRUCTURAL REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DPS 17 STATION D

Ms. Goddard recommended award of contract to Stantec to provide design and engineering services for structured repairs and improvements to Drainage Pump Station 17/Sewer Pump Station D at an amount not to exceed \$194,758.

PRESENTATION

Item 7 FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Mr. Miller stated that there was a strong third quarter in sales. He anticipates more capital draw downs in October. There is approximately 94 million left in the bond proceeds. By the year end we are expected to spend no less than 10 million. The Days of Cash is ahead of schedule. We have 480 days for water, 523 for sewer and 257 for drainage. The debt service coverage thru the third quarter is 2.35 for water and 2.98 for sewer. This strong third quarter has brought us to where we hoped we would be at this time.

Item 8 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Grant discussed the subsequent changes and responsibilities of the Finance Committee.

Item 9 2015 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Miller discussed the 2015 Operating Budget components and processes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 10 EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS

Communication to employees on a change in the Health Insurance Provider.

Item 11 CHANGE ORDER ANALYSIS

The committee received the report.

Item 12 FEMA PROJECT WORKSHEET STATUS

The committee received the report.

Item 13 TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None

Item 14 2014 COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The committee received the report.

Item 15 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

None

Item 16 ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

Item 17 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:10 am

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

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Ms. Kerri Kane
Mr. Scott Jacobs
Ms. Robin Barnes
Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning

Absent

Mr. Mark Moody

Also in attendance were Cedric S. Grant, Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Executive Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Madeline Goddard, Deputy Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Rosita Thomas, Interim Finance Administrator; Dexter Joseph, Budget Director; Robert Jackson, Utility Sr. Services Manager; Tiffany Carter, Utility Services Manager; Raymond Gable, Irma Mahannuar, Internal Audit; Kathleen LaFrance, Executive Director Analyst; Jason Higginbotham, Utility Sr. Services Manager; and Randy Smith, Royal Engineers.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Scott Jacobs, Temporary Chair