

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors of Sewerage and Water Board met on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street. The Executive Director, Cedric S. Grant, called the roll and showed the following members present: Ms. Suchitra Satpathi representing Mayor Landrieu, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning, Mrs. Robin Barnes, Mr. Marion Bracy, Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, (Seven) and a quorum.

The following members were absent: Mr. Alan Arnold, Mr. Scott Jacobs; Mr. Mark M. Moody, and Ms. Kimberly Thomas (Four).

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, CommuniRep, Inc.; Michael Ellis, AECOM; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Teri Dupre, Meyer 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; Harold Marchand, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Rosita Thomas, Finance Administration Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Kevin Garrison, Budget Department; Tiffany Carter, EDBP Department.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Ms. Suchitra Satpathi moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 21, 2015. Mrs. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HONORS AND AWARDS

None.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant presented a slide overview which focused on Engagements of 2015:

- I. Presentations and Public Meetings
 - Louisiana Chapter, Society of Military Engineers
 - SELA Public Meetings with Corps of Engineers on Florida Avenue Project
- II. Conference and Meeting Planning
 - WEF Great Water Cities Conference, July 2015
 - SELA Tri-Parish Congressional Visit, March 2015
- III. Green Infrastructure Engagements
 - NORA Pontilly Water Management Project
 - City Park Stormwater Management Project

He also invited the full Board to attend the Annual Sewerage and Water Board's Employee Award Ceremony to be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Poydras Hotel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kerri Kane reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee Report for the month of February was presented and recommended for approval. Mr. Grant noted a correction to the report for the name in the second to the last paragraph, under Item 16, that reads "engaging the New Orleans Center" should read "New Orleans Data Center". Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Finance Committee Report and approval of the Finance Committee recommendations, with the noted correction as amended, therein. Mrs. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning reported on the summary and actions taken by the Executive Committee, noting that the Executive Committee covered those topics that would have been handled at the Operations Committee, which had been cancelled. Mr. Grant noted a correction on where the meeting took place in February at the top of the first page of the report that reads "8800 S. Claiborne" should read "625 St. Joseph Street". Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Executive Committee Presentation and approval of the Executive Committee minutes with the noted correction, as amended therein. Dr. Tamika Duplessis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted in conjunction with approval of the Committee reports:

R-016-2015 – Furnishing Limestone – Req. No. YW150003

R-017-2015 – The Sale of Junked Automobiles, Pickups, Medium Duty Trucks, Tractor Trailers and other Equipment – Req. No. YG150075

R-018-2015 – Contract 3792 – Central Wetlands Unit Expansion at EBWWTP

R-019-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 2100 – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-020-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 3781 – Central Wetlands Unit Wetlands Assimilation Project – Phase Two

R-021-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 8128 – Re-Paving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways, Sidewalks Resulting from the Repair to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities

R-022-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 2105 – Replacement of CBD/FQ Water Lines Damaged by Hurricane Katrina

R-023-2015 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project – Florida Avenue Corridor Learning Trail to Sankofa Community Development Corporation

R-024-2015 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project – Hollygrove GreenLine – A Water Management and Community Education Initiative to Tulane City Center

R-025-2015 – Award of Contract to Provide Design and Engineering Services for the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Pump Station

R-026-2015 – Renewal of the Agreement for MS4 Stormwater Annual Report/Water Sampling Services with Veolia Water North America – South, LLC

R-027-2015 – Award of Contract to Provide Design and Engineering Services for HVAC System Improvements at the St. Joseph Street Building

R-028-2015 – Authorization to Amend Contract with CH2M Hill, Inc. for Program Management Services for Hurricane Related Water Restoration Projects to Assist the Board with Administrative Work on Public Assistance Subgrants

R-029-2015 – Amendment to Agreement with CH2M Hill, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Retrofit Power Plant Hazard Mitigation Grant Project

R-030-2015 – Approval for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to Submit a Proposal for the EPA Environmental Education Local Grants Program

R-031-2015 – Award of Contract to Provide Design and Engineering Services for Kansas Street and Jourdan Road Sewer Force Mains

R-032-2015 – Resolution to Approve Engineering Firms to Provide Forensic Engineering Services

R-033-2015 – 2014 Health Insurance Run-Out Claims

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Marion Bracy moved to go into Executive Session to enter into discussions re: Tommie Lee Jordan, et al v. Arthur M. Thomas, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, et al, Civil District Court No. 2009-11302, Div D, and course of action and update concerning security and investigative proceedings. Mr. Joseph Peychaud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kerri Kane moved to accept staff recommendations re: Tommie Lee Jordan, et al v. Arthur M. Thomas, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, et al, Civil District Court No. 2009-11302, Div. D. Mr. Marion Bracy 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
- 2015Committee/Board Meeting Schedule
- Financial Statements
- DBE Participation Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM.