

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MARCH 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, March 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. Scott Jacobs, Mr. Mark M. Moody, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, Ms. Kimberly Thomas and a quorum.

The following members were absent: Mr. Alan Arnold.

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.; Richard Rainey, Times Picayune; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Teri Dupre, Meyer Engineers; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Richard Briscot, Gulf South; Rob Delaune, Digital Engineering.

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; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Dexter Joseph, Kevin Garrison, Budget Department; Dani Galloway, City of New Orleans.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Mr. Mark M. Moody moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18, 2015. Ms. Kimberly Thomas 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 the following topics:

- City of New Orleans Roadwork.nola.gov website
 - Allows constituents to track the progress of road and infrastructure projects going on throughout the city; helps citizens plan their travel routes, to and from destinations, in an effort to minimize delays
 - Demonstrates the ongoing coordination between the Department of Public Works (DPW), Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, Regional Transit Authority (RTA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) State projects to minimize construction impacts to the citizens while making much needed infrastructure improvements
- Businesses Sending Communications to Sewerage & Water Board Customers
 - There have been recent occasions when companies have contacted the S&WB customers with offers for water-related services and repairs such as, Service Line Insurance; Bill Alert and Payment services
 - The Board does not have contracts with these agencies inclusive of Mint Bills
- Board Planning Meeting
 - Staff will contact Board Members to schedule a planning meeting session to review and discuss staffing issues.

Mr. Marion Bracy asked staff how the public would be made aware of the website re: Roadwork.nola.gov. Mr. Grant stated by the end of the summer, there will be extensive media coverage about this new website. Mr. Bracy expressed concerned that the information being sent by various companies is causing confusion with customers in particular, including the elderly population. Mr. Grant explained the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans would notify independent companies to include a disclaimer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Marion Bracy reported on the summary and actions taken by the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee Report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval. Mr. Joseph Peychaud moved acceptance of the Operations Committee Report and approval of the Operation Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Scott Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Mark M. Moody reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee Report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval. Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Finance Committee Report and approval of the Finance Committee recommendations, therein. Mrs. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mrs. Kerri Kane reported on the summary and actions taken by the Infrastructure Committee. The Infrastructure Committee Report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval. Mr. Becker clarified a statement made by Mrs. Kane regarding action is being deferred re: capital projects. Instead, Mr. Becker stated the Board is moving forward on projects; and action is not being deferred. The Special Counsel, Mr. Nolan Lambert suggested for the Board to accept the minutes with noted correction and recommendations. Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Infrastructure Committee Minutes with the noted correction, and recommendations, therein as amended. Mr. Mark M. Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PENSION COMMITTEE

The Acting Chair, Mr. Joseph Peychaud reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. Mr. Peychaud moved acceptance of the Pension Committee Report and approval of the Pension Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Manning requested for staff to have the Actuary review the Board's Pension Fund within the next cycle of meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Acting Chair, Mr. Marion Bracy reported on the summary and actions taken by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Report for the month of March was presented and recommended for approval. 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.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

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

R-034-2015 – Authorization for the Second Renewal to an Agreement with Black & Veatch Consultants for Preparation of the Report on Operations for 2014

R-035-2015 – January 1, 2015 Cost of Living Adjustment for Board Pensioners

R-036-2015 – Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

R-037-2015 – Operating and Capital Cash Management Investments Policy

R-038-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 7 for Contract 1351 – Hurricane Related Repairs to A & B Pumps and Auxiliaries at the Main Water Purification Plant Power Complex

R-039-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 6 for Contract ME 11-0017 – Emergency Repairs to Panola Street Station at Main Water Purification Plant – Power Complex

R-040-2015 – Change Order No. 6 for Contract 5221 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Pontchartrain Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-041-2015 – Change Order No. 5 for Contract 5222 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Canal Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-042-2015 – Change Order No. 6 for Contract 5226 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Franklin Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station

R-043-2015 – Contract 6251 – Purchase of Replacement Transformers T2 and T3 at the Carrollton Water Plant

R-044-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 3691 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer by Point Repair and CIPP Lining Sewer Mains at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

NEW BUSINESS

Energy Relocation Agreement for Florida Avenue Phase III SELA Project (R-045-2015)

Mr. Joseph Becker provided background information on the relocation of the power lines re: Florida Avenue Phase III SELA Project. Staff is requesting the Board's approval for the Board to enter into an agreement with Entergy in the amount of \$ 158,527.39 and to meet the deadline by April 1, 2015. Mr. Scott Jacobs moved approval of the Energy Relocation Agreement for Florida Avenue Phase III SELA Project, resolution (R-045-2015). Mrs. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Joseph Peychaud moved to go into Executive Session to enter into discussions re: Deanna Ladd v. Joseph Ward and S&WB, CDC No. 2013-03920, Div. L, Section 6, and Personnel issues re: Disability Matters. Mr. Mark M. Moody 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: Deanna Ladd v. Joseph Ward and S&WB, CDC No. 2013-03920, Div. L, Section 6, and Personnel issues re: Disability Matters. Mr. Mark M. Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Grant asked the Board to receive the information items. He stated in the next couple of months, staff would bring more information on the FEMA Status Report.

Mr. Wm. Manning asked staff about the email transmittal that was sent to the Board re: their availability to attend the upcoming meeting session; when does staff need this information. Mr. Grant stated staff needs the information by end of this week.

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- FEMA Status Report
- Report of the General Superintendent
- Report of the Special Counsel
- 2015 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule
- Financial Statements
- DBE Participation Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.