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# **Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS**

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## **TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS:**

A regular meeting of the **Executive Committee** of the Sewerage and Water Board was called to order on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Wm. Raymond Manning, Chair  
Kerri Kane  
Alan Arnold

**Also in Attendance:** Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Nolan Lambert, Legal Counsel; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Madeline Goddard, Deputy Superintendent; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations; Brenda Thornton, CommuniRep, Inc.; Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Harold Marchand, Legal Department; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Casey Crawford, Grady Crawford Construction; Jimmie Johnson, Grady Crawford Construction; Gray Sexton, Grady Crawford Construction; Derrick Goudeau, GEC, Inc.; Loretta Mince, Fishman Haygood Phelps Walmsley Willis & Swanson L.L.P.; Wally Drennan, Wallace C. Drennan, Inc.; Bart Peak, Wallace C. Drennan, Inc.; and Randy Smith, Royal Engineering.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. Approval of Previous Report**

Mrs. Kerri Kane moved to accept the previous report and Mr. Alan Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Arnold asked for clarification about proposed legislation for leak adjustments. Mr. Lambert briefly described the legislation that had been submitted for consideration. Mr. Arnold also asked about the schedule for the strategic planning meeting. Mr. Grant noted that it was scheduled to be held on April 18 at 9:00 AM.

#### **2. Recommendation for award of Design-Build for Contract 6249 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program retrofit Power Distribution Network: Bid Protest**

Mr. Arnold asked why this matter was not on the Finance Committee agenda. Mr. Lambert responded that the bid protest materials had arrived shortly before the Finance Committee meeting date and required additional preparation and consideration before bringing it before a committee, so it was deferred to the Executive Committee agenda.

Attorney Larry M. Roedel, an outside counsel to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, stated that he had reviewed the proposal documents and found substantial compliance with the specifications. He went on to describe the process for creating the administrative record for this review.

Attorney Loretta G. Mince, representing Wallace C. Drennan, Inc., stated that the proposal by Grady Crawford Construction Company was not in compliance with pavement restoration specifications; was not in compliance with insurance requirements; and included the use of a DBE subcontractor that was not qualified for asphalt work. She stated that the evaluation scoring of the proposals did not include individual scores by the evaluators and that the scoring tabulation was insufficient for such a large project. She also stated that the weaknesses identified by the evaluators about her client were erroneous. She submitted her PowerPoint presentation slides for the record.

Attorney Daniel Lund, III, representing Grady Crawford Construction Company, Inc., stated the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans proposal evaluators were correct in the determination that the proposal by Grady Crawford Construction Company to design and construct the referenced project was in compliance with the requisite requirements of the Board's request for proposals. He emphasized that his firm's proposal meets all requirements for pavement restoration; was in compliance for insurance requirements; and that the DBE subcontractor would not be performing any asphalt work. He emphasized that his firm had received perfect scores on the management portion of the evaluation.

Mr. Arnold indicated this is a complex matter that he would need time to review this matter prior to making a decision to forward this matter to the full Board. Mrs. Kane concurred. Following a discussion on the nature of the Design/Bid Proposal Evaluation Process, Mr. Manning recommended that the Executive Committee meet at 7:30 AM prior to the Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Mrs. Kerri Kane moved to reconvene at 7:30 AM, on April 15, 2015. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Manning also recommended the committee make a motion to postpone the evaluation of the bid protest until that time. Mr. Alan Arnold moved to postpone the pending resolution of the bid protest until the meeting reconvened. Mrs. Kane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

3. **Topics for Future Discussions** - None
4. **Response to Questions** - None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5. **Tracking Tool for Commitments to the City Council** - Received
6. **EEOC Activity Status Report Y.T.D.** - Received
7. **Any Other Matters** - Received

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wm. Raymond Manning  
Committee Chair