

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

APRIL 15, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

## SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

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### ROLL CALL

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The Board of Directors of Sewerage and Water Board met on Wednesday, April 15, 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: Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning, Mr. Alan Arnold, Mrs. Robin Barnes, Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Mr. Mark M. Moody, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, Ms. Kimberly Thomas (Eight) and a quorum.

The following members were absent: Ms. Suchitra Satpathi representing Mayor Landrieu, Mr. Marion Bracy and Mr. Scott Jacobs (Three).

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Richard Briscot, Gulf South; Loretta Mince, Fishman, Haygood, Phelps Walmsley, Willis, & Swanson L.L.P.; Gray Sexton, Daniel Lund III, Todd Hebert, Grady Crawford Construction; Larry Roedel, Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blache Balhoff & McCollister.

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, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Raymond Gable, Irma Mahannuar, Courtney Penthrope, Internal Audit Department; Tiffany Carter, EDBP Department.

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### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

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Mrs. Robin Barnes moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 18, 2015. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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### HONORS AND AWARDS

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None.

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## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant updated the Board on events that took place during the month of March 2015:

- Annual SELA Congressional Visit – Washington D.C.
  - Mr. Grant, Mr. Joseph Becker and Mr. Nolan Lambert attended a trip to Washington D.C. along with neighboring parishes of Jefferson and St. Tammany re: SELA Projects.
- Chamber of Commerce Visit to S&WB’s Carrollton Water Treatment Plant
  - Staff of the Sewerage and Water Board has invited the Chamber of Commerce on April 23, 2015 to tour the Carrollton Water Treatment Plant’s operations and facilities.

Mr. Grant extended an invitation to the full Board to attend the Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled to be held on (Saturday) April 18, 2015, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the City Park Administration Building on #1 Palm Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana; breakfast and lunch will be served.

Mr. Manning requested staff to send a map and directions re: the meeting location.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### 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. 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 Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Manning reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. The Pension Committee Report for the month of April was presented and recommended for approval. Mr. Alan Arnold noted an error on page 2; first paragraph within the wording of the report, where it reads, Board’s Large Cap Enhanced Core Index; rather, should read: Board’s Global Fixed Income Core Index; it is not a Large Cap manager. Mr. Mark M. Moody moved acceptance of the Pension Committee Report and approval of the Pension Committee recommendations as amended, therein. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Tamika Duplessis reported on the summary and actions taken by the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee Report for the month of April was presented and recommended for approval. Dr. Tamika Duplessis moved acceptance of the Operations Committee Report and approval of the Executive Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Joseph Peychaud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Acting Chair, Mrs. Robin Barnes reported on the summary of actions taken at the Finance Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee Report for the month of April was presented and recommended for approval. Mrs. Robin Barnes moved acceptance of the Finance Committee Report and approval of the Finance Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Mark M. Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Manning reported on the summary of actions taken at the Executive Committee Meeting. The Executive Committee Report for the month of April was presented and recommended for approval.

The Special Counsel, Mr. Nolan Lambert stated as a point of order of the agenda; it would be appropriate to address the item re: Bid Protest under New Business on the agenda. Mr. Mark M. Moody moved acceptance of the Executive Committee Report as stated and approval of the Executive Committee recommendations, therein. Mrs. Robin Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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**CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS**

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

R-046-2015 – Renewal of Government Crime Policy

R-047-2015 – Fleet Physical Damage Insurance

R-048-2015 – Property Insurance Renewal for 2015-2016

R-049-2015 – Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Royal Engineers & Consultants, LLC for Hurricane Katrina Related Water Restoration Projects

R-050-2015 – Resolution to Approve Two Attorneys to Provide Professional Legal Services for Administrative Hearings

R-051-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 7 for Contract ME 11-0017- Emergency Repairs to Panola Street Station at Main Water Purification Plant – Power Complex

R-052-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 11 for Contract 1350 – Hurricane Related Repairs to Turbine 4 at the Carrollton Water Purification Plant – Power Complex

R-053-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 8 for Contract 1351 – Hurricane Related Repairs to A & B Pumps and Auxiliaries at the Main Water Purification Plant Power Complex

R-054-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 7 for Contract 1352 – Hurricane Related Replacement of the Pump Package at the Carrollton Water Purification Plant – Power Complex

R-055-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 7 for Contract 6247 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Project – Retrofit of Generator #4

R-056-2015 – Amendment to Agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Project

R-057-2015 – Furnishing and Delivering Automotive Batteries – Req. No. YG150060

R-058-2015 – Furnishing Janitorial Services for the Carrollton Water Plant Complex – Req. No. ME150001

R-059-2015 – Furnishing Janitorial Services at the Central Yard Complex – Req. No. SA150001

R-060-2015 – Rebuilding & Installing Automatic Transmissions in Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks – Req. No. YG150070

R-061-2015 – Contract 1379 – Painting and Inspection of a Four Million Gallon Water Tanks at the MWPP

R-062-2015 – Contract 2106 – Installation of New Water, Sewer and Drain Service Connections at Various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-063-2015 – Contract 2110 – Water Main Line Replacements and Extensions at scattered locations throughout Orleans Parish

R-064-2015 – Contract 2111 – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-065-2015 – First Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Air Conditioning and Heating Maintenance – Req. No. PM140018

R-066-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Fire Extinguishers Service for Sewerage and Water Board – Req. No. YW140004

R-067-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Flashlights and Batteries – Req. No. YW140005

R-068-2015 – First Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Positive Displacement Type Cold Water Meters for the Meter Shop at the Main Water Plant – Req. No. MH130008

R-069-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 1353 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Replace Boiler Pre-Heaters at the Main Water Purification Plant – Power Complex

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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- Recommendation for Award of Design-Build Agreement for Contract 6249 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Retrofit Power Distribution Network

The President Pro Tem, Mr. Wm. Manning invited anyone with a comment card to come forward and address the Board regarding this matter.

SPEAKER CARD

Lori Mince, Attorney representing Drennan Construction Company spoke in opposition of the bid protest re: Executive Committee Meeting.

SPEAKER CARD

Daniel Lund III, Attorney representing Grady Crawford Construction Company spoke in support of the bid protest re: Executive Committee Meeting.

Mr. Lambert maintained for the completeness of the record; my legal staff has provided additional copies and documents for your review. The legal counsel from Grady Crawford Construction Company and Drennan Construction Company have also provided copies for the board to review this morning; including their positions re: bid protest.

- Mr. Larry Roedel, the Sewerage and Water Board's outside counsel responded to comments made by both sides. The evaluation team has completed their review in completion and proper review has been taken by this Board. If either party feels aggrieved after this proves, their remedy will ultimately be to go before the court system. It is the recommendation of this counsel to award Design-Build Agreement for Contract 6249 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Retrofit Power Distribution Network to Grady Crawford Construction Company.
- Mrs. Kerri Kane moved approval of the legal counsel and staff recommendations from the Executive Committee to award Contract 6249 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Retrofit Power Distribution Network to Grady Crawford Construction Company for the Design-Build Agreement/Contract. Mr. Mark M. Moody seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

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The President Pro Tem, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning reminded the Board of the Annual Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled to be held on (Saturday) April 18, 2015, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the City Park Administration Building on #1 Palm Drive in New Orleans.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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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
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.