

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MAY 20, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors of Sewerage and Water Board met on Wednesday, May 20, 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, Mr. Marion Bracy, Mr. Scott Jacobs, Mr. Mark M. Moody, Mr. Joseph Peychaud (Six).

The following members were absent: Ms. Suchitra Satpathi representing Mayor Landrieu, Mrs. Robin Barnes, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Dr. Tamika Duplessis, and Ms. Kimberly Thomas (Five).

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Terry Dupre, Meyer Engineers; Kurt M. Evans, Digital Engineering; John Holtgreve, Design Engineering, Inc.; Janell Kalifey, Janell Kalifey, LCSW, LLC; Amer Tufail, Greenpoint Engineering.

Staff present were: Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Madeline Fong Goddard, Deputy Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Anthony Stewart, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Tiffany Carter, EDBP Department; Paula Arceneaux, Julia Thomas, Hazel Bell, Employee Incentive Committee (EIC); Jerrell Andrews, Terry Blue, Christopher Collier, Donnie Daniel, Louie Dawson, Jarred Diggs, Myron Ester, Jerome Fox, Eldridge Garner, Lyndon Guidry, Gregory Howard, Brian E. Kelley, Eugene Mallet, Sean Mason, Henry Norman, Wayne Points, and Jesse Williams, Grounds Maintenance Crew of the Division of Support Services.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Mr. Joseph Peychaud moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 15, 2015. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HONORS AND AWARDS

(R-098-2015) – The Board recognized the Ground Maintenance Crew of the Division of Support Services Group for outstanding services. Mr. Jerrell Andrews, Mr. Terry Blue, Mr. Christopher Collier, Mr. Donnie Daniel, Mr. Louie Dawson, Mr. Jarred Diggs, Mr. Myron Ester, Mr. Jerome Fox, Mr. Eldridge Garner, Mr. Lyndon Guidry, Mr. Gregory Howard, Mr. Brian E. Kelley, Mr. Eugene Mallet, Mr. Sean Mason, Mr. Henry Norman, Mr. Wayne Points, and Mr. Jesse Williams went beyond and above their duties on April 1st and April 2nd to cut grass and trees in an area they were not responsible for cutting to assist the New Orleans Police Department in locating a weapon used in a murder investigation. The resolution was adopted by acclamation.

Board Member Honored

The President Pro Tem, Mr. Wm. Manning, recognized and thanked Mr. Mark M. Moody for his years of service, expertise and dedication to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. The Executive Director presented Mr. Moody with a plaque on behalf of Mayor Mitchell Landrieu in appreciation for his year of service on the Sewerage and Water Board.

Announcement of Resignation of Madeline Goddard, the Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Cedric S. Grant announced the resignation of Ms. Madeline Goddard, the Deputy Superintendent of the Sewerage and Water Board. Ms. Goddard has accepted a position with the Seattle Public Utilities. She has been vital in helping the Board initiate green infrastructure projects and the staff wishes her well in her future endeavors.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant updated the Board on the following topics:

- Board Retreat Next Steps
- SELA Customer Claims Process
- Overtime Usage
- Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 23 Stormwater Management
- Community Outreach Efforts

He discussed the Board's Retreat and the next steps re: governance and By Laws Changes. Those changes would be discussed at the June cycle of meetings.

SPEAKER CARDS

- Kay Charbonnet – Owner of Kay's on 5419 Magazine Street stated the business owners and residents of the upper Magazine community are upset with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans regarding the daily interruptions; traffic stalls; debris; trash and overall disregard associated with

SPEAKER CARDS CONTINUE:

the SELA project long underway at Jefferson and Magazine Streets. She asked the Board to address these issues and to control the contractors and develop a plan that protects the residents and business owners.

- Zohrah Khaleghi – Owner of the Flaming Torch Restaurant on Magazine Street addressed the Board with concerns with SELA construction issues. She expressed concerns with the contractors turning off water with little or no notice, causing a disruption in her business.
- Bernard Charbonnet – spoke in support of his relative, Ms. Kay Charbonnet, regarding SELA construction issues at Jefferson and Magazine Streets.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was recommended by the Board for staff to take a proactive role in coordinating communication and discussions with the Corps of Engineers about the SELA construction projects to ensure that the business owners, residents and others affected by these construction projects can address their concerns in a public meeting forum. Also, staff was directed to have a representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Cajun Contractors Company come to the June 2015 meetings to address these concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Marion Bracy, reported on the summary and actions taken by the Operations Committee. Mr. Bracy moved acceptance of the Operations Committee Report and approval of the Operations Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Joseph Peychaud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Mark M. Moody, reported on the summary of actions taken at the Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Scott Jacobs moved acceptance of the Finance Committee Report and approval of the Finance Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Joseph Peychaud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PENSION COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Manning, reported on the summary and actions taken by the Pension Committee. Mr. Joseph 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.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

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

R- 071-2015 – Commercial Insurance Policy for Automobile Fleet Liability

R-073-2015 – Amendment to the Agreement with Black and Veatch Corporation for Design and Engineering Services for the EBWWTP Sludge Dryer Project

R-074-2015 – Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Assessments, Design, Construction and Program Management Services for SELA and Drainage System

R-075-2015 – Authorization to Amend Contract with CH2M Hill, Inc. for Program Management Services for Hurricane Related Water Restoration Projects to Assist the Board

R-076-2015 – Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Waldemar S. Nelson and Company for Hurricane Katrina Related Water Restoration Projects

R-078-2015 – Award of Contract to Provide Design and Engineering Services for the Sewer Pump Stations Catch-All Project

R-079-2015 – Award of Contract to Provide Design and Engineering Services for Broad Street Drainage Underpass Station

R-080-2015 – Award of Contract to Provide Arc Flash Analysis, Assessment of Storage Tank Mixing and Launder Trough Replacement

R-081-2015 – Award of Contract to Provide Design and Engineering Services for the South Carrollton Bulk Chemical Storage and Feed Facility

R-082-2015 – Approval of Agreement between the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans for Green Infrastructure Projects

R-083-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 11 for Contract 3661 – Modifications to East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant Flood Protection System

R-084-2015 – Award of Contract to the Law Firm of Phelps Dunbar to Represent the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in Construction Litigation Matter

R-085-2015 – The Sewerage and Water Board's 2015 Contribution to the Employees' Retirement System of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

R-086-2015 – Collection Enforcement Services of Delinquent Accounts – Req. No. CD150004

R-087-2015 – Contract 1369 – HMGP Emergency Fuel Storage Retrofit Power Plant Main Water Purification Plant Power Complex

R-088-2015 – Contract 1382 – Replacement of Media of Filters 1A, 1B, 5A, and 5B at the Claiborne Filter Gallery at the Main Water Purification Plant

R-089-2015 – Emergency Letter Bids for 2015 Rewind of the Sewerage Pump Motor and Cleaning of the Drainage Pump Motor at Drainage Pumping Station D

R-090-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Complete Fleet Tire Service - Req. No. YG140061

R-091-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing River Sand, Mason Sand and Washed Gravel – Req. No. YW140010

R-092-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Rough Pine and Oak Hardwood Lumber – Req. No. YW140009

R-093-2015 – Second of Three One-Year Renewals of Contract for Furnishing Solid Waste Disposal Services – Req. No. PM130010

R-094-2015 – Third and Final Renewal of Contract 8138 – Furnishing Skilled and Unskilled Labor for Maintenance Services

R-095-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 30000 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer Mains Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining from Manhole to Manhole and Point Repairs at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-096-2015 – Amendment No. 6 to Existing Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

R-097-2015 – Amendment No. 2 to Existing Contract with Black & Veatch

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

➤ Terminate Contract with TKTMJ for Contract 3667 – Plum Orchard Station

The Special Counsel, Mr. Nolan Lambert, and Mr. John Landis, an attorney representing the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, stated there were construction flaws and issues with cooperation from the construction contractor. Therefore, staff is requesting the Board to give Mr. Joseph Becker, General Superintendent, the authority to terminate Contract 3667 – Plum Orchard Station with the contractor TKTMJ.

SPEAKER CARD

- Michael Tubre – Vice President of TKTMJ and contractor hired re: Contract 3667 spoke in opposition to the termination of the above contract.
- Shay Kulkarni – Attorney representing TKTMJ spoke in opposition to the termination of the above contract.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved approval of authorizing the General Superintendent to Terminate Contract, if needed, with TKTMJ for Contract 3667- Plum Orchard Station. Mr. Scott Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session to discuss the necessary legal action to be taken in regard to the following litigation:

- 2015-04417 Wallace Drennan, Inc. v. Cedric S. Grant and SWBNO
- 2015-04418 Wallace Drennan, Inc. v. Cedric S. Grant and SWBNO

Mr. Marion Bracy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Mr. Scott Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After proper motion and second, the Board returned from Executive Session after taking no action.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.