

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

AUGUST 19, 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, August 19, 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, Mr. Alan Arnold, Mr. Marion Bracy, Mrs. Robin Barnes, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, and Mr. Scott Jacobs.

The following members were absent: Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Ms. Kimberly Thomas.

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, CommuniRep, Inc.; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Richard Rainey, Times Picayune; Amer Tufail, Greenpoint Engineering; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Stephen Stuart, BGR; Fannie Bennett, Sid Trouard, G.E.C., Inc.; Hayne Rainey, City of New Orleans; Ujjal Dasgupte, ECM; Steven Giang, DPW; Leslie Tabony, ILSI Engineering.

Staff present were: Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Legal Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Emanuel Lain, Budget Department; Shaval Stewart, Executive Director's Office.

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### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

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Mrs. Kerri Kane moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2015. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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### HONORS AND AWARDS

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Sewerage and Water of New Orleans received the Platinum Performance Award for five (5) consecutive years of 100% compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for 2015 for the West Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Board gave accolades to the employees of the Sewerage and Water Board and Veolia for their hard work and dedication to the Board.

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## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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The Executive Director, Mr. Cedric S. Grant provided a verbal report that focused on the following topic of discussion:

- Report on Boil Water Advisory Presented to the City Council Committees

Mr. Grant discussed the Report on the Boil Water Advisory that was presented at a special meeting of the City Council's Utilities and Public Works Committees last month. His report described the details of the event and staff acknowledged the period of time between when the system lost power and when the public was notified was too long. Staff has made changes to ensure the Board's capabilities would be improved as soon as possible. Staff has also collaborated with Entergy representatives to install monitoring equipment at their substations in our water plant. In addition, staff would follow up with testing of all systems to minimize these incidents going forward.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Mrs. Kerri Kane, reported on the summary and actions taken by the Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Marion Bracy 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. 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.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Manning, reported on the summary report on the actions taken by the Executive Committee Meeting. Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Executive Committee report and the Executive Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Alan Arnold 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 as follows:

R-122-2015 – Approval of Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer for the Hazard Mitigation Program (HMP) for Project Worksheet 18836V5 Water Hammer Project

R-139-2015 – Assignment of Agreement for Engineering and Design Services for the Water Line Replacement Program

R-140-2015 – Award of Contract to the DeRouen Law Firm to Represent the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in Automobile Accident Cases

R-141-2015 – Award of Contract to the Law Firm of Christovich & Kearney, LLP to Respresent the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in Automobile Accident Cases

R-142-2015 – Award of Contract to the Law Firm Boykin & Utley, APLC to Represent the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in Automobile Accident Cases

R-143-2015 – Furnishing River Sand, Mason Sand and Wash Gravel – Req. No. YW150010

R-144-2015 – Furnishing Aerosol, Janitorial and Industrial Chemicals – Req. No. YW150012

R-145-2015 – Furnishing Paper Products and Janitorial Supplies – Req. No. YW150014

R-146-2015 – Furnishing Iron Castings – Req. No. YW150036

R-147-2015 – The Sale of Junk Meters, Scrap Wires, Junk Metals and Junk Locomotives

R-148-2015 – Contract 1387 – Painting and Inspection of 4 Four Million Gallon Water Tanks at the MWPP

R-149-2015 – Furnishing Janitorial Services for the S&WB Main Office Building at 625 St. Joseph Street, 830 Julia Street Annex and 4021 Behrman Place, Suite M2 Annex – Req. No. YW150003

R-150-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Lime to the Algiers Water Plant – Req. No. AL140009

R-151-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 2101 – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-152-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 30008 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer by Point Repair and CIPP Lining Sewer Mains at various sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-153-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 8132 – Katrina Related Repairs to Garage #1 and the Generator Building at Central Yard

R-154-2015 – Change Order No. 1 for Contract 3792 – Central Wetlands Unit Expansion at the Eastbank Wastewater Treatment Plant

R-155-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 9 for Contract 1351 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to A & B Pumps and Auxiliaries at the Main Water Purification Plant Power Complex

R-156-2015 – Amendment of 2015 Capital Budget and Revision of 2015-2024 Capital Program

R-157-2015 – Servitude Granted to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans by the Algiers Development District

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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#### Amendment to the By-Laws of the Sewerage and Water Board

Mrs. Kerri Kane moved approval of the Amendment to the By-Laws of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, therein. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

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Mr. Grant discussed the possibility of adjusting the September 2015 committee schedule due to the holiday and how the calendar falls that month. Mr. Manning stated it was the Board's recommendation to talk about a two-day window for committee/board meetings to occur; particularly, on a Tuesday and Wednesday of the week; on a monthly basis.

Following a discussion, the Board asked if there was a need for each committee to meet on a monthly basis. Mr. Grant stated some committees could meet every other month; but, the Finance and Administration Committee would meet on a monthly basis.

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## **COMMUNICATION**

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Mr. Cedric S. Grant stated the Board now has the ability to fill four unclassified deputy positions. He also presented and discussed overtime issues that were identified within a recent Office of the Inspector General's Report.

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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 10:55 AM.