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The Finance and Administration Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans met on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 8:15 AM in the Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street to consider the following matters.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Scott Jacobs, Chair
Joseph Peychaud, Vice-Chair
Dr. Tamika Duplessis
Kerri Kane

Absent:

Kimberly Thomas

Others:

Alan Arnold
Wm. Raymond Manning, President Pro-Tem

Also in attendance were Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Deputy Special Counsel; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Administrator; Rosita Thomas, Finance Administrator; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Administrator; Melinda Nelson, Information Systems Administrator; Raymond Gable, Internal Audit Administrator; Shaval Stewart, Executive Office Analyst; Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1

General Superintendent's Recommendations

Mr. Wm. Manning moved to accept the General Superintendent's Recommendations for award of contracts for the items listed below. Mrs. Kane seconded and the motion carried.

- R-159-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract 8142 – Repaving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways, Sidewalks resulting from the Repair to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities to Fleming Construction Company, Inc. for the total amount of \$2, 471,050.00.
- R-160-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Brass Water Service Fittings – Req. No. YW140098 to A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. for the total amount of \$539,902.75.
- R-161-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing & Delivering Complete Fleet Tire Service to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans – Req. No. YG140003 to Twin Commercial Tire Service for the total amount of \$344,199.80.

Item 2 Change Orders

Mrs. Kane moved to accept the Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 8137 – Paving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways and Sidewalks from the Repair to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities, therein resolution (R-164-2015). Mr. Wm. Manning seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Peychaud moved to accept the Change Order No. 8 for Contract 5221 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Pontchartrain Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station, therein resolution (R-165-2015). Mrs. Kane seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Wm. Manning moved to accept the Change Order No. 6 for Contract 5222 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Canal Boulevard Drainage Underpass Pumping Station, therein resolution (R-166-2015). Dr. Duplessis seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. Kane moved to accept the Change Order No. 6 for Contract 5223 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to St. Bernard Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station, therein resolution (R-167-2015). Mr. Peychaud seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Duplessis moved to accept the Change Order No. 8 for Contract 5226 –Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Franklin Avenue Drainage Underpass Pumping Station, therein resolution (R-168-2015). Mr. Wm. Manning seconded and the motion carried.

Item 3 2015 Independent Financial Auditing Services (Postlethwaite & Netterville)

Mr. Miller recommended the third year renewal option of four (4) one (1) year renewal options for independent financial auditing services with Postlethwaite & Netterville and Bruno and Tervalon for a total amount of \$87,500.00

Mr. Wm. Manning moved to approve the 2015 Independent Financial Auditing Services Contract. Mrs. Kane seconded and the motion carried.

Item 4 Expansion of Cogsdale Software for Human Resources/Payroll Modules

Mr. Manning moved to approve the Expansion of Cogsdale Software Contract to include the Human Resources/Payroll Modules therein as described in resolution (R-163-2015). Mrs. Kane seconded and the motion carried.

Item 5 Executive Session

The Committee went into closed session to discuss the following matters under litigation:

- Rose Powell v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, et al, CDC No. 2012-03988, Div. “N”, Sec. 8
- Keisha Quinn Moore, et al v. Danial Smith, et al, CDC No. 2014-3581, Div. “M”

After returning from closed session, Mrs. Kane moved to approve staff’s recommendations regarding these litigation matters. Mr. Peychaud seconded and the motion carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

Item 6 Mr. Miller presented a summary of financial results through July 2015 including four components as follows: Prior Year Variances, Budget Variances, Days of Cash, and Projected Debt Service Coverage Times.

Item 7 Mr. Grant presented a plan for upcoming Finance and Administration Committee meetings and agendas including these topics:

- 2016 Operating Budget
- 2016 Capital Budget
- 2016 Financial Plan
- Long-Range Funding Requirements for Drainage System
- Series 2016 Bond Issues
- Establishment of Performance Metrics

INFORMATION ITEMS

Items 8 – 12 The Committee received all information items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Scott Jacobs, Chair