

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board met on Wednesday, November 18, 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. Alan Arnold, Mr. Marion Bracy, Mrs. Robin Barnes, Mr. Scott Jacobs, Mrs. Kerri Kane, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, and Ms. Kimberly Thomas.

The following members were absent: Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning.

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Richard Briscot, Gulf South Engineers; Fannie Bennett, GEC, Inc.; Renee' Lapeyrolerie, CDM Smith.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Mr. Scott Jacobs moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 21, 2015. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HONORS AND AWARDS

None.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cedric S. Grant described the upcoming AMWA Executive Management Conference at which he will deliver a presentation on Planning and Resilience with industry leaders from the National Water Commission of Mexico and the East Bay Municipal Utility District of Oakland, California. He discussed the positive stakeholder outreach efforts in regard to the ongoing SELA construction projects along the Magazine Street and Jefferson Avenue corridors. He also provided an update on the water and sewer system bond sale status in which a rating review is underway by Standard & Poor's and Fitch, and the Board anticipates a bond sale date on December 2 with a closing date on December 17, 2015. Lastly, he highlighted key agenda topics brought up for discussion at the November Pension, Governance and Finance & Administration Committee meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PENSION COMMITTEE

Ms. Suchitra Satpathi reported on the 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. Alan Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairperson, Mrs. Kerri Kane reported on actions taken by the Governance Committee. Mr. Scott Jacobs moved acceptance of the Governance Committee Report and approval of the Governance Committee recommendations, therein. Mr. Alan Arnold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairperson, Mr. Scott Jacobs reported on the summary report on the actions taken by the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting.

Mr. Miller presented an abbreviated version of the Black & Veatch 2014 Report on Operations which was previously presented by Ms. Anna White of the Black & Veatch Corporation at the Finance & Administration Committee.

Mr. Alan Arnold moved acceptance of the Finance & Administration Committee report and the Finance & Administration Committee recommendations, therein. Ms. Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

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

R-200-2015 – Acceptance of the Report on Operations for 2014

R-202-2015 – Emergency Bids for 2015 Inspection of Steam Turbine #3 at the Carrollton Water Plant

R-203-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Rubber P.V.C. Hip Boots – Req. No. YW150001

R-204-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 3668 – Hurricane Related 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the Replacement of Victoria Sewerage Pumping Station

R-205-2015 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 8137 – Paving Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways and Sidewalks from the Repair of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Underground Utilities

R-206-2015 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project – S&WB Downtown Administrative Building Stormwater Green Roof to Hanging Gardens, LLC

R-207-2015 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project – Aurora Raingardens to GAEA Engineering Consultants, LLC

R-208-2015 – Award of Green Infrastructure Project – Coliseum Street Bioswale to GAEA Engineering Consultants, LLC

R-209-2015 – Assignment of Contract 1378 from Plant-N-Power, LLC to Plant-N-Power, Inc.

R-210-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 3 for Contract 3788 – 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Burke Sewerage Pumping Station

R-211-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 3 for Contract 2105 – Replacement CBD/FQ Water Lines Damaged By Hurricane Katrina

R-212-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 1 for Contract 30006 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sanitary Sewer Main Damaged by Hurricane for ESSA II Related Work

R-213-2015 – Ratification of Change Order No. 8 for Contract 6247 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Project for Retrofit of Generator #4

R-214-2015 – Addendum to Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Entergy New Orleans Inc. for High Pressure Gas Service

R-215-2015 – Healthcare Plan Consultant Renewal

R-216-2015 – 2016 Health Insurance Administration Renewal

R-217-2015 – 2016 Health Insurance Employee/Retiree Contribution/Deduction

R-218-2015 – Approval for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to Appropriate Funds to NORA for the Purchase of a Climate Adaptation Support Tool

R-219-2015 – Approval of Agreement between the City of New Orleans, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, Deltares USA and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans for Green Infrastructure Projects

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Ms. Suchitra Satpathi wished the staff and the Board a Happy Thanksgiving and she reminded everyone to remember to support the small businesses in our community and to participate in the Small Business Saturday Promotion on November 28, 2015.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- FEMA Status Report
- Report of the General Superintendent
- Report of the Special Counsel
- Financial Statements

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:35AM.