



**"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"**

# **Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS**

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December 14, 2015

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans met on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 1:45 PM in the Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street to consider the following matters.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Present:**

Scott Jacobs, Chair  
Dr. Tamika Duplessis  
Kimberly Thomas

### **Absent:**

Joseph Peychaud, Vice-Chair  
Kerri Kane

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Item 1      General Superintendent's Recommendations**

#### **Bids:**

- R-222-2015 – Furnishing Polyelectrolyte for the total amount of \$495,000.00.
- R-223-2015 – Furnishing Lime for the total amount of \$596,925.00.
- R-224-2015 – Furnishing Anhydrous Ammonia – *It is recommended that this bid be rejected.*
- R-225-2015 – Furnishing Reclaimed Asphaltic Pavement (RAP) for the total amount of \$311,250.00.
- R-226-2015 – Contract 1345 – Replacement of Filter Backwash Equipment at the Main Water Purification Plant for the total amount of \$1,373,000.00.

#### **Contract Renewal:**

- R-227-2015 – First and Final Renewal of Contract for Furnishing Fire Hydrant Anti-Tampering Devices for the total amount of \$369,200.00.

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve the General Superintendent's Recommendations for award of contracts and one contract renewal as listed above. Dr. Duplessis seconded and the motion carried.

**Item 2            Change Orders**

There were no change orders submitted for the month of December.

**Item 3 & 4    2016 Operating Budget and 2016 Operating Budget Blanket Appropriations**

**2016 Operation and Maintenance Budget**

**2016 Capital Budget and 2016-2025 Capital Programs**

Mr. Miller presented the recommended 2016 Operating Budget, 2016 Capital Budget, and 2016-2025 Capital Improvement Program and Financing Plans. He identified the assumptions used to develop these documents, reviewed the related elements from the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan that will be addressed, and provided details related to the budgets.

Mr. Miller recommended the adoption of the 2016 Operating Budget and 2016 Operating Budget Blanket Appropriations, 2016 Operation and Maintenance Budget, and 2016 Capital Budget and 2016-2025 Capital Programs for the water, sewerage and drainage systems.

Ms. Thomas moved to approve the adoption of the 2016 Operating Budget and 2016 Capital Budget Blanket Appropriations, as described in resolution, R-220-2015. Dr. Duplessis seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. Thomas moved to approve the 2016 Operation and Maintenance Budget and the 2016 Capital Budget and 2016-2025 Capital Programs, as described in resolutions, R-231-2015 and R-230-2015. Dr. Duplessis seconded and the motion carried.

**Item 5            Renewal of Commercial Flood Insurance Policy for Facilities**

Mr. Miller recommended adoption of the Sewerage and Water Board's Commercial Flood Insurance renewal policy for its facilities for the period January 12, 2016 through January 12, 2017 for the total amount of \$499,179,000.

Ms. Thomas moved to approve the Commercial Flood Insurance Policy for Facilities as described in resolution, (R-221-2015). Dr. Duplessis seconded and the motion carried.

**Item 6            Award of Contract to Roedel Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff & McCollister**

Mr. Lambert provided the background information on the litigation matter re: Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Mr. Marchand recommended that the Board retain the firm of Roedel Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff & McCollister to represent the Board in the above litigation matter.

Ms. Thomas moved to approve the Award of Contract to Roedel Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff & McCollister to represent the Board in Construction Litigation Matter entitled Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, CDC No. 2015-11017 as described in resolution, (R-232-2015). Dr. Duplessis seconded and the motion carried.

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **Item 7        Series 2015 Bond Issue Results**

Mr. Miller reported the results from the bond sale that occurred on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 for the water and sewer systems to fund its capital improvement program for 2016 and a portion of 2017. He noted that the sale was achieved at favorable interest rates over the next thirty years.

### **Item 8        Financial Results through October 2015**

Mr. Miller briefly presented an overview of the financial results for the water, sewer, and drainage systems through October 2015.

### **Item 9-11     The presentation items were received by the committee.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Also in attendance were Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent; Kimberly Johnson, Deputy Director of Continuous Improvement; Ronald Doucette, Deputy Director of Security; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Counsel; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Administrator; Rosita Thomas, Finance Administrator; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Administrator; Steve Kleipeis, Risk Management Administrator; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Administrator; Dexter Joseph, Budget Administrator; Douglas Evans, BKI; Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Scott Jacobs, Chair