



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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Board of Directors Special Meeting

2nd Floor Boardroom

Thursday, August 10, 2017

9A

Minutes

I. Call to Order – the Honorable Board President

II. Roll Call – Quorum Established

- The Honorable Mitchell J. Landrieu – Present
- Scott Jacobs – Not Present
- Alan Arnold – Not Present
- Robin Barnes – Not Present
- Eric C. Blue – Not Present
- Marion Bracy – Present
- Dr. Tamika Duplessis – Present
- Ralph Johnson – Present
- Kerri Kane – Present
- Joseph Peychaud – Present

III. August 5th Flooding Event Presentation

- The Executive Director delivered a presentation that described the conditions of the Board's capacity to drain the city after a deluge of rainfall on August 5, 2017. Highlights from the Executive Director's presentation are listed below:
 - On August 5th at 2 p.m., the City experienced a rainstorm that dropped over nine inches of rainfall within a three hour period.
 - The water volume exceeded S&WB's canals and pumps capacity to remove stormwater quickly.
 - As a result, stormwater backed up onto streets resulting in significant localized flooding damaging cars, homes and businesses.
 - Because of the volume of rain in such a short period, it took the S&WB approximately 14 hours to completely drain the city.
 - City was not completely drained until early Sunday morning on August 6th.
- The Executive Director requested the Board grant him authorization to use emergency procurement procedures to secure repairs to the following equipment:

- DPS# 1 – Drainage Pump #2 and Constant Duty Pump #1
 - DPS# 5 – Constant Duty Pumps #2L and #2R
 - DPS# 6 – Drainage Pump I
 - DPS# 11 – Drainage Pump D
 - DPS# 15 – Drainage Pump #3
 - DPS# 20 – Drainage Pump #1
 - DPS Grant – Constant Duty Pumps #2 and #4
- Additionally, the Executive Director requested authorization to use the emergency procurement procedures to retain an independent third party to perform an evaluation of the August 5, 2017 flooding event and to further provide interim management services for the transitional operational management of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.
- IV. Non-Agenda Action Item:** the Honorable Board President requested the Board to consider a motion to discuss a Non-Agenda Action Item. Motion by Marion Bracy. Seconded by Ralph W. Johnson. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
- V. Public Comments:** the Honorable Board President asked for public comments regarding the preceding motion. No member of the public came forth to offer comments on the motion.
- VI. Action Item:** the Honorable Board President asked for a motion to authorize the Executive Director to use emergency procurement procedures to retain an independent third party to perform an evaluation of the August 5, 2017, flooding event and to further provide interim management of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and to repair the following equipment:
- DPS# 1 – Drainage Pump #2 and Constant Duty Pump #1
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 - DPS# 15 – Drainage Pump #3
 - DPS# 20 – Drainage Pump #1
 - DPS Grant – Constant Duty Pumps #2 and #4
- Motion by Ralph W. Johnson. Seconded by Marion Bracy. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
- VII. Executive Session: Personnel Matters** – the Honorable Board President cancelled the Executive Session because the Executive Director announced that he accepted the resignation of Lisa Martin effective September 1, 2017 and the retirement application of Joseph Becker effective September 30, 2017.
- VIII. Adjournment** – the Honorable Board President requested a motion to adjourn. Motion by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. Seconded by Kerri Kane. **The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**