



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

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

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The Finance and Administration Committee met on Monday, August 14, 2017 in the S&WB's Second Floor Board Room located at 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA. The meeting convened at approximately 2P.

## **Present**

Hon. Mitchell J. Landrieu  
Joseph Psychaud  
Tamika Duplessis, Ph.D.

## **Absent**

None

## **Other Board Members Present**

Alan Arnold

## **Opening Statement**

The Honorable Mitchell J. Landrieu opened the Finance & Administration Committee meeting by describing his administration's efforts to combat the challenges facing the Sewerage & Water Board's drainage system. Mayor Landrieu categorized the challenges into three distinct buckets: power generation, drainage pump proper functioning and manpower to operate the drainage equipment. The Mayor stated that his administration took the following steps to restore the City's drainage capacity to its highest capacity:

- 1) Retained contract labor to make emergency repairs to out of service turbines
- 2) Secured additional power generation equipment (generators, transformers, feeders, etc.) to ensure redundancy for the drainage pumps
- 3) Developing a plan to finance the cost to clear and repair catch basins in areas prone to flooding

## **Action Items**

1. **General Superintendent's Recommendations** – Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent, requested the Board's approval to execute contract #6259 which permits the installation of permanent generators at five underpass drainage pumping stations, contract #3795 which allows

modification to the East Bank Sewer Treatment Plant's return activated sludge pumping station and pipeline, and contract #6248 which permits the installation of two 60-Hz Feeders from the Carrollton Water Plant to Drainage Pumping Station #1. The Honorable President requested a motion to approve the General Superintendent's recommendations. Motion by Joseph Peychaud. Seconded by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

2. **Change Orders** – No Change orders to report this period.
3. **Non-Agenda Action Item:** the Honorable President requested the Board to consider a motion to discuss a Non-Agenda Action Item. Motion by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. Seconded by Joseph Peychaud. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
4. **Public Comments:** the Honorable President asked for public comments regarding the preceding motion. No member of the public came forth to offer comments on the motion.
5. **Add Additional General Superintendent's Recommendations to Public Agenda:** the Honorable President requested the Board to place additional recommendations by the General Superintendent on the public agenda. Motion by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. Seconded by Joseph Peychaud. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
6. **Additional General Superintendent's Recommendations:** Mr. Adams reported that the General Superintendent's Office must oversee additional repairs to pumping station equipment to ensure that the City's drainage system operates at full capacity. Consequently, the Honorable President requested the Board to authorize the Executive Director to use emergency procurement procedures to repair the equipment and to retain professional services listed below:

Drainage Pumping Station ID	Pump ID	Description
3	ALL	Identify & install Anti-Reverse Mechanism
3	ALL	Replace/replacement of butterfly gates
4	ALL	Identify & install Anti-Reverse Mechanism
5	ALL	Identify & install Anti-Reverse Mechanism
6	CD 1	Re-assemble Pump, shaft, and re-alignment
6	ALL	Identify & install Anti-Reverse Mechanism
7	ALL	Identify & install Anti-Reverse Mechanism
7	ALL	Investigate & assess replacement of discharge bells
11	ALL	Identify & install Anti-Reverse Mechanism
11	B	Pump seized
11	E	Re-assemble Pump, bearing, shaft, and re-alignment (field)
12	CD 1	Investigate & assess placement of CD1 - *Inactive for 30 years
12	D	Investigate & assess the addition of a flex expansion coupling system
13	ALL	Identify & install Anti-Reverse Mechanism

Underpass DPS	Description
Bay Street	Underpass Stations - Generators and generator foundations
Hospital	Underpass Stations - Generators and generator foundations
Ponchartrain	Underpass Stations - Generators and generator foundations

St. Bernard Ave	Underpass Stations - Generators and generator foundations
Old Carrollton	Underpass Stations - Generators and generator foundations
Old Carrollton	Electric rewind of motor, awaiting spare parts to arrive
CP 239	Expedite pending Contract #5239 for generators and generator foundations

Professional Services Contractor	Description
Veolia Contract	Resiliency & Assets Management Study
CH2M	PgM Emergency Operations & Maintenance in Support of S&WB-NO
6	25-cycle Diesel/natural gas EMD Generators

### **Presentation Items**

1. **Financial Results through 2017** – Robert K. Miller, Deputy Director/CFO, delivered a presentation that highlighted the S&WB’s financial condition for the first six months of 2017. The highlights of the presentation focused on the tactics the Board can use to finance the emergency repair work to its drainage and power generation capacity. As a follow up to Mr. Miller’s presentation, Mayor Landrieu asked the staff to clarify the actual figure for the anticipated rate increases.
2. **Entergy Agreement re: Florida Avenue** – Topic deferred by request of the Executive Director
3. **T-5 Briefing** – Topic deferred by request of the Executive Director.

### **Executive Session**

1. The Honorable President asked the committee for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The committee will consider Kerry A. West v. S&WB OWC No. 15-04156 and Reginald Morris, et. al v. S&WB, et. al., Civil District Court No. 2013-4907. Motion by Joseph Peychaud. Seconded by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. **Motion carried by unanimous consent.**
2. The Honorable President requested a motion for the committee to exit Executive Session. Motion by Joseph Peychaud. Seconded by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
3. The Honorable President requested a motion to accept the Special Counsel’s recommendations with respect to the aforementioned litigation while in Executive Session. Motion by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. Seconded by Joseph Peychaud. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

### **Adjournment**

The Honorable President requested a motion for the committee to adjourn. Motion by Dr. Tamika Duplessis. Seconded by Joseph Peychaud. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**