



**"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 Wednesday, March 10, 2021, via Microsoft Teams. The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 A.M.

## **1. ROLL CALL**

### **Present:**

Director Lynes Sloss  
Director Janet Howard  
Director Ralph Johnson  
Director Alejandra Guzman  
Director Joseph Peychaud

### **Absent:**

## **2. Cash Flow Overview**

Mr. Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the cash flow situation at the SWB, as it is critical that the SWB maintain sufficient cash flow levels to continue operations, and meet our bond requirements. Our 2021 water and sewer cash flow levels are comparable to our 2020 levels at the end of January, however there are no rate increases in 2021 in both categories as well as increased delinquent accounts attributable to the COVID situation. Management continues to strive to reduce expenses and manage cash to meet our financial requirements. Currently, we are on track to meet Days Cash on Hand and the Debt Service Coverage Requirements. Debt service for 2021 was reduced through the 2021 Bond Refunding which closed March 3 and provided savings for key capital initiatives based on the release of debt service reserves.

## **3. Action Items**

- Resolution (R-043-2021) Louisiana System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire
  - o **Director Janet Howard moved to Ratify R-043-2021. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

## **General Superintendent's Report**

### **a. Bid/Renewals**

- Resolution (R-017-2021) Renewal of Contract MH 19004 – Purchase of Positive Displacement Type Cold Water Meters
- Resolution (R-028-2021) Award of Contract 2152 – Gert Town Waterline Replacement Program – Dupre Street, TM 004, FEMA PW 21031
  - **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept Bid/Renewals. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

### **b. Change Order/Final Acceptance**

- Resolution (R-027-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 11 and Final Acceptance of Contract 1368 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Oak Street Pumping Station
  - **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-027-2021. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.**

### **c. Contract Amendments**

- Resolution (R-026-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement with Black and Veatch Corporation for Design and Engineering Services for the EBWWTP Sludge Dryer Project
- Resolution (R-030-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-031-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Trigon Associates, LLC for Engineering and Design Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
  - **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept Contract Amendments. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS –**

The information items were received.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lynes Sloss, Chair