

# SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 9:00 AM

[October 2020 Finance Attendee Link](#)  
Call In #: +1 504-224-8698 United States, New Orleans (Toll)  
Conference ID: 799 012 485#

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL TO  
[BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG](mailto:BOARDRELATIONS@SWBNO.ORG). ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO  
9:30 AM ON October 14, 2020. COMMENTS WILL BE READ VERBATIM INTO THE  
RECORD.

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### FINAL AGENDA

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#### 1. ROLL CALL

#### 2. DISCUSSION ITEM

- Monthly Financial Update

#### 3. ACTION ITEMS

- Resolution (R-114-2020) Contract Award for Information Systems Management to Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC

#### General Superintendent's Report

- BIDS & RENEWALS

- Resolution (R-106-2020) Contract 2145 - Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish

- CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-107-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Neel-Schaffer, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-116-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Richard C. Lambert Consultants, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-117-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program

- Resolution (R-118-2020) Authorization of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Volkert, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Demolition of the Two Abandoned Carrollton Water Plant Clarifiers

#### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2), the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Finance and Administration Committee will meet in Executive Session to discuss: Lowenburg, et al. v. SWBNO, CDC No. 16-62 consolidated with American Ins. Co. v. USACOE, et al., CDC No. 16-316 and M. Langenstein & Sons, Inc., et al. v. SWBNO, CDC No. 15-11971 consolidated with K&B Louisiana Corporation v. SWBNO, CDC No. 15-11394

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Public comments received until 30 minutes after the presentation of the Agenda will be read into the record**

#### **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- FEMA September Project Worksheet Status
- Executive Director's Approval of Contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or Less
- DBE Participation on Contracts
  - DBE Bid Analysis
  - Construction Review Committee – Goals Setting
  - Staff Contract Review Committee - Goals Setting
  - Final Acceptance of Construction Contracts with DBE Participation

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

*This teleconference meeting is being held pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30, extended by Proclamation 110 JBE 2020, pursuant to Section 3 of Act 302 of 2020.*

**CERTIFICATION TO HOLD TELECONFERENCE  
BOARD MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists throughout the state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans, a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, declared by official proclamations issued by both the Mayor of New Orleans (Proclamation 2020-02449) and the Governor of the State of Louisiana (Proclamations Nos. 25 JBE 2020, JBE 2020-30, 33 JBE 2020 and extended through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic by Emergency Proclamation 110 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards August 26, 2020) ; and

**WHEREAS**, this public health emergency and best practice require most individuals to maintain personal distance from one another; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the public health emergency recognized by the declarations of both the Mayor and the Governor, and as contemplated specially by Section 4 of Proclamation No. JBE 2020-30 carried forward by subsequent proclamations and acknowledged by Section 3 of Act 302 of 2020, the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (Board) is unable to meet in compliance with the quorum requirements of state law and the bylaws of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Proclamation No. JBE 2020-30 requires, “all state agencies, boards and commissions, and local political subdivisions of the state to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference and such attendance shall be allowed during pendency of this emergency. All efforts shall be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. Before any meeting conducted pursuant to this section, the state agency, board or commission or local political subdivision shall first provide a written certification that it will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I hereby certify that because of and pursuant to Executive Order and Emergency Proclamations Numbers 25 JBE 2020, JBE 2020-30 and 33 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards, and extended by Emergency Proclamation 110 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards August 26, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board is unable to operate in accordance with the quorum requirement of La.R.S.42:19 (La. R.S. 42:17.1); and, furthermore, Louisiana Legislature's passage of Act 302 of 2020 provides for public meetings via telephone and video conference in the event of an emergency proclamation by the Governor, including those pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 2020-30; and, accordingly, the Finance and Administration Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will meet by teleconference/video conference on October 14, 2020 at 9:00 am, without a physical quorum present, to undertake the business of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans as described in the attached Agenda, that under the existing emergency conditions, the Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements, and has taken all reasonable efforts to allow for observation and input by members of the public.

**WITNESS BY MY HAND THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.**

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GHASSAN KORBAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS