



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

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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The Finance and Administration Committee met virtually on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, via Microsoft Teams. The meeting convened at approximately 9:11 A.M.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Absent:

Executive Director Ghassan Korban gave his opening remarks. Mr. Korban stated that the Sewerage & Water Board (S&WB) is keeping a close eye on the reopening of the city and state and has put together a task force to come up with logistics of reopening to the public. We are close to hiring an interim Chief Financial Officer, who will be on board until a national search for a permanent CFO is complete. The City Council approved the S&WB's \$10 million bond private placement, which allows our financial advisor, PFM, to request bank bids. The Board of Liquidation will decide whether they will accept or approve the bid.

2. **Cash Flow Overview**

Lisa Daniel, a financial advisor from PFM, presented an update on cash flow projections in light of COVID-19. Ms. Daniels presented a spreadsheet with updated financial information and informed the committee on assumptions used for the projection. S&WB will continue to update this model as the data changes.

3. ACTION ITEMS

General Superintendent's Report

a. Bid/Renewal

- Resolution (R-055-2020) Recommendation for Award of Contract 8164 – Furnishing Skilled and Unskilled Labor maintenance
 - o Special Counsel, Yolanda Grinstead stated this award was requested to go before the Louisiana Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics issued an advisory opinion, which concluded the code of ethics will not prohibit JEI from contracting with S&WB.
 - o **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-055-2020. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**

Change Orders

- Resolution (R-056-2020) Ratification of Change Order No. 4 for Contract 30102 – DPS 17/Station D Structural Repairs
 - o **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-056-2020. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-058-2020) Ratification of Change Order No. 3 for Contract 3799 – Installation of Sludge Dryer at the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - o **Director Janet Howard moved to accept R-058-2020. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-067-2020) Ratification of Change Order No. 9 for Contract 1368 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Oak Street Pumping Station
 - o **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-067-2020. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.**

Contract Amendments

- Resolution (R-057-2020) Ratification of Contract Amendment No. 3 for Professional Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Arcadis U.S Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
 - **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept R-057-2020. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-060-2020) Ratification of Contract Amendment No. 4 for Professional Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and ECM Consultants, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
 - **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-060-2020. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-063-2020) Ratification of Contract Amendment No. 4 for Professional Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Rahman and Associates, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
 - **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept R-063-2020. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-064-2020) Ratification of Contract Amendment No. 5 for Professional Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Stantee Consulting Services, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
 - **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-064-2020. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-065-2020) Ratification of Contract Amendment No. 4 for Professional Services Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Trigon Associates, LLC. for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
 - **Director Janet Howard moved to accept R-065-2020. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS** –

The information items were received.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –

- Mr. H. Minor Pipes, III, representing himself, expressed concerns about Contract 8164 to JEI Solutions, Inc.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynes Sloss, Chair