

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 16, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) met on Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM via Microsoft Teams. Hon. Mayor Latoya Cantrell, Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis Special Counsel, Ms. Yolanda Grinstead, called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Lynes Sloss, Director Ralph Johnson, Director Alejandra Guzman, Director Robin Barnes, Director Janet Howard and Councilmember Jay H. Banks.

The following member(s) were absent: Director Maurice Sholas

Staff present were: Mr. Ghassan Korban, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Turner, General Superintendent; Ms. Christy Harowski, Chief of Staff; Ms. Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel; Mr. Darryl Harrison, Deputy Special Counsel; Mr. Dexter Joseph, Budget Department; Mr. Robert Jackson, Customer Service; Ms. Patti Wallace, Purchasing; Ms. Irma Plummer, EDBP; Mr. Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management, SWBNO; Ms. Tanyell Allen, Board Relations.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2021, Board Meeting. Director Lynes Sloss moved for approval of the minutes. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Ghassan Korban presented a slide overview that focused on the following topics:

- Executive Director Korban started his report by presenting a Power Program Timeline showing what the power update looks like. The timeline focuses more on the T4 substation that suffered a mile setback. T4 lost one of the major electrical parts and GSO is pursuing a replacement which will take about 7 weeks. While waiting on the 7 weeks, GSO will be exploring another venue to get used parts to get T4 back in service.
- Turbine 5 is also experiencing a setback due to a nationwide supply shortage, T5 will be delayed for another two to three weeks.

- The Sewerage and Water Board has been approved for an Entergy Substation with support from Mayor Cantrell.
- Legislative Session Recap - Capital Outlay was City's top priority and critical to funding substation. \$20 million in priority 1 is available to SWBNO now and \$25 million in priority 5 is reserved to SWBNO and can be moved up to priority 1 next year.
- Mr. Korban stated the meter reading is improving and they are continuing to work towards giving accurate water bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee Report

Director Lynes Sloss reported on the summary and actions taken by the Finance and Administration Committee. The Finance and Administration Committee Report for the month of June was presented and recommended for approval.

Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to adopt the Finance and Administration reports as amended. Director Janet Howard move to adopt Finance minutes as proposed. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Action Items

Resolution (R-078-2021) Authorization to Resume Normal Collection Activities

- Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to approve R-078-2021. Director Lynes Sloss move to accept. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.

Resolution (R-076-2021) Declaration of Vacancy on the Board of Directors for Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, Council District D

- Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to approve R-076-2021. Director Janet Howard move to accept. Director Robin Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

Resolution (R-075-2021) Authorization for Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Mutual Aid Between Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

- Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to approve R-075-2021. Director Lynes Sloss move to accept. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.

Resolution (R-047-2021) Award of Contract 1417 between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Walter J. Barnes Electric Co., Inc. for the Static Frequency Converter Procurement Project

- Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to approve R-047-2021. Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis move to accept. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.

Resolution (R-057-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 4 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC. for Contract 30109 – Sewer Pumping Station “A” Structural Rehabilitation

- Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to approve R-057-2021. Director Ralph Johnson move to accept. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were discussed at the June 9, 2021 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting:

- Resolution (R-062-2021) Authorization for Execution of Account Documentation with Capital One, N.A.
- Resolution (R-077-2021) Preliminary Approval for Sewerage Service Revenue Bond (WIFIA Projects)
- Resolution (R-054-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC. for Contract 1403 – Demolition of Abandoned C-7 and C-8 Basins and Other Site Improvements at the Carrollton Water Plant
- Resolution (R-056-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 2 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M. R. Pittman Group, LLC. for Contract 1377 – Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Program Claiborne Ave Pumping Station and Off- Site Improvements
- Resolution (R-058-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Rahman and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to accept the Corresponding Resolutions in globo. Director Lynes Sloss moved. Director Janet Howard seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to enter executive session. Director Robin Barnes moved. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to exit executive session. Director Lynes Sloss moved. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to approve Special Counsel Recommendation. Director Joseph Peychaud moved. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- Preliminary Financial Results through April 1- 30, 2021
- Human Resources Report May 1-31, 2021
- Report of the General Superintendent
- FEMA May Project Worksheet Status
- DBE Participation on Contracts

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:01 PM.