

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

July 14, 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 July 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM via Microsoft Teams. Special Counsel Ms. Yolanda Grinstead, called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Hon. Mayor Latoya Cantrell, Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Director Joseph Peychaud, Director Lynes Sloss, Director Ralph Johnson, Director Alejandra Guzman, Director Robin Barnes, Director Janet Howard, Director Maurice Sholas and Councilmember Jay H. Banks.

The following member(s) were absent:

Staff present were: Mr. Ghassan Korban, Executive Director; Mr. Ron Spooner, Interim 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; , Purchasing; Ms. Irma Plummer, EDBP; Mr. Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management, SWBNO; Ms. Tanyell Allen, Board Relations.

Prior to beginning the meeting, Mayor Cantrell gave her opening remarks. Mayor Cantrell thanked the Board for their commitment and continued dedication to the utility in helping advance it. Mayor Cantrell wanted to acknowledge she had the opportunity to meet with our new FEMA administrator and appreciated her time. Also, the Mayor expressed concern about the Delta variant in the city of New Orleans. We are seeing signs in our state and through out the country. She stated that, it's not time to let up, but time to push even harder for our population to get vaccinated. The virus is rapidly spreading and the hospitalizations we see are aligned with those who are not vaccinated.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2021, Board Meeting. Director Ralph Johnson moved for approval of the minutes. Director Lynes Sloss 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 thanking the Mayor and Board for their continue

leadership and engagement with the utility.

- Turbine 4 is back online and operating in good standing. T4 is now SWBNO primary source. T5 have a final testing underway and working around rain events. SWBNO is expecting full commissioning soon.
- The EMDs is the secondary power source but not abandoning commitment to mitigate noise. They are working on all 5 machines at once, 6-8-week timetable once parts are received. The new Substation has been approved by Entergy and the City Council. The first ever tabletop with Entergy is later this month and will help increase coordination between both agencies.
- Sewerage and Water Board will be resuming shutoffs. Only customers who receive a notice are eligible for water shutoff. SWBNO is maintaining flexibility and assessing customer accounts on a case-by-case basis.
- Mr. Korban stated they are reading approximately 71% of our meters. The weekly numbers vary based on weather and other factors. 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 July was presented and recommended for approval.

Mayor Cantrell asked for a motion to adopt the Finance and Administration reports as amended. Director Alejandra Guzman move to adopt Finance minutes as proposed. Director Maurice Sholas seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were discussed at the July 7, 2021 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting:

- Resolution (R-091-2021) Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement
- Resolution (R-092-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 2 to The Support and Maintenance Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cogsdale Corporation for Enhanced Services Including System Integrations, Upgrades for Great Plains Human Resources and Cogsdale CSM Billing System

and Related Systems

- Resolution (R-065-2021) Award of Contract #30237 – Restoration of Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewer Mains by Point Repair at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish to Wallace C. Drennan, LLC
- Resolution (R-055-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 3 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Walter J. Barnes Electric Co. for Contract 1370A – 60HZ Transformers and Switchgear
- Resolution (R-079-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 3 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-066-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 3 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-067-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 5 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Industrial and Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for Contract 3799 – Installation of Sludge Dryer at the East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Resolution (R-068-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement 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
- Resolution (R-069-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Black and Veatch Corporation for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-070-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Hartman Engineering Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-071-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc., for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-072-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 9 to the Professional Service Agreement Between Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and MWH Americas, Inc. (predecessor in interest to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.) for Design and Engineering Services for the Water Line Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-073-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Power Frequency Converter at Carrollton Water Plant

- Resolution (R-074-2021) Authorization of Amendment No 7. To the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Neel-Schaffer for Design and Engineering Services for Water Line Replacement Program

Mayor Cantrell presented a motion to accept the Corresponding Resolutions in globo. Director Janet Howard moved. Councilmen Jay H. Banks seconded. The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:58 AM.