

**LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**FROM THE MEETING OF September 24, 2014 MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara

**ABSENT:** Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham

**I. ROLL CALL and WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Forman and there was a quorum for the meeting.

Chairman Forman advised the public of its right to speak between each agenda item and at the end of the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Melara, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the Minutes of the August 20, 2014 Board Meeting were adopted. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham.

**II. SMG REPORT**

Doug Thornton took the lead for SMG by reporting on the following projects and events: the near completion of construction at Smoothie King Center to reopen with the Katy Perry Concert; the completion of the "Opening Act" space as part of Champions Square (with further explanations from Alan Freeman and Jennifer Cooke concerning project details and the advantages of the new space); the increased concert activity at Champions Square; and Centerplate contract improvements.

Evan Holmes then provided an update concerning finalization of the Centerplate contract, quality control methodology and evaluations. The evaluations have been good so far with an improvement in food and beverage operations. Both Alan Freeman and Doug Thornton commented on improvements and upgrades with Centerplate operations to the satisfaction of the Saints and the Pelicans.

Evan Holmes then provided discussion concerning the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for Capital Outlay strategic planning so that the LSED will be ready to make its requests for Capital Projects in the range of approximately \$6M to move from Priority 5 up to Priority 1.

Doug Thornton then provided some historical context relative to the cost of maintaining the Superdome and LSED facilities in general given the age of our buildings. The LSED should maintain and increase its Capital Reserve Account balances to maintain the useful life of its buildings.

Evan Holmes then introduced Steve Johns who spoke on behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers ("ASCE"). The ASCE Organization is recognizing the most important civil engineering projects in the history of the State of Louisiana. In the category of building structure, the Superdome was selected as the winner. Mr. Johns presented an award to the LSED, which was accepted by Chairman Forman and Doug Thornton on behalf of the LSED, the Governor and the State.

Alan Freeman then provided a detailed report on recent and upcoming event activity including: Justin Timberlake concert; Katy Perry concert; Paul McCartney concert; Pelicans pre-season games; Saints home games; Champions Square concert series with Jake Owens and Darius Rucker; and special events such as Gleason Gras; Emeril Lagasse Foundation and Boudin, Bourbon & Beer Festival.

Jennifer Cooke provided additional details concerning the special events and Champions Square activity. Longer range future events include: Joel Osteen of Lakewood Church; Trans-Siberian Orchestra; and an Usher concert.

Mr. Freeman also reported on a Memorandum of Understanding between SMG and the City of New Orleans regarding police secondary employment. SMG is finalizing its presentation plans for November 2014 to host future NCAA Final Fours for both men and women. Commissioner Bruno then discussed opportunities to host major soccer events that lead up to the 2015 World Cup. Our building is interested in possibly hosting a “knock out round” game if possible. Mr. Thornton then provided context concerning the model for hosting soccer events leading up to the World Cup including the cost to install natural turf, plus operating and promotional expenses.

### **III. FINANCE REPORT**

David Weidler provided the Financial Report as follows: the consolidated cash flow for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 shows a surplus of approximately \$4.5M above the previous fiscal year. Of that number, \$2M was for working capital and \$2.5M was placed in the Capital Reserve Account. The hotel/motel tax remains strong and is up \$961,000 for the first three months of this year. The Superdome is performing above budget primarily due to the Beyonce Concert. The Smoothie King Center is at break even. Champions Square is a bit below budget but event activity is picking up.

### **IV. CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

Pat Tobler then provided the Construction Report including the following: the near completion of the Superdome roof undercoating to restore its white finish; the carpet replacement project in the Club areas of the Superdome; completion of the UPS system and, most importantly, the push to complete the Smoothie King Center by October 8<sup>th</sup>. The color of the Smoothie King Center has been changed to enhance its look as well.

At Zephyr Stadium the roof work continues as does the first phase of design services for a strategic plan to create dugout suites, concession renovations and sun shade protection at the stadium.

At the Alario Center, we are in the middle of the waterproofing project and in the design phase of replacing the scoreboards within the building. Also, increased light level is required at the Alario Center to support television production.

### **V. FINANCE REPORT**

Steve Romig reported on the audit process which should be completed in the next two months or so. Commissioner Brignac provided his Executive Summary.

### **VI. LEGAL REPORT**

Larry Roedel then moved through the Legal Report including the following Resolutions that required LSED action at this meeting:

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved the participation in the Department of Revenue’s Tax Amnesty Program, continuing year to year, under the Louisiana Tax Delinquency Act of 2013. This Resolution was a supplement to an earlier Resolution No. 13-88. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-60** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel, on motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Melara, the LSED authorized and approved a Resolution that confirmed the scope of authority for its Construction Consultant (Pat Tobler of The Tobler Company, L.L.C.) to make day to day decisions, attend meetings, participate in conference calls, enter into preliminary negotiations with contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, sign Change Orders and Lien Waivers, all of which must be on approved LSED projects and subject to final approval by the full LSED Board. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-61** passed.

Following information provided by Doug Thornton, on motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved a \$100,000 Capital Reserve Account appropriation to be used for the study and design of a newly upgraded sound system to replace the current sound system which is of 1990s vintage. The Capital Reserve Account is the source of funding and there are sufficient funds in place to support this Resolution. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-62** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved a Contract Amendment between the LSED and Eskew+Dumez+Ripple for its Phase II Lobby Project at the Smoothie King Center. By ASR No. 005, an additional \$38,000 fee increase is approved, consistent with the State of Louisiana Fee Schedule, and Chairman Forman and/or Pat Tobler are authorized to sign the Contract Amendment. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-63** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Melara, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved an Amendment to the Agreement between the LSED and Eskew+Dumez+Ripple for the Re-roofing Project at the Alario Center to cover additional services on an hourly rate basis. The Contract Amendment will include the Eskew+Dumez+Ripple Hourly Rate Schedule with funding available from Capital Outlay. The work to be done is a Code Analysis and Repair Plan for the Exterior Façade of the building. Chairman Forman and/or Pat Tobler will be authorized to sign the Contract Amendment. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-64** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved Change Orders Nos. 1 and 2 under the Contract between the LSED and CM Combs Construction for Hall "A" work at the Alario Center. Change Order No. 1 is for \$49,668 to replace the wall padding. Change Order No. 2 is for \$7,745 to install an epoxy based floor sealer. Pat Tobler's signature is authorized and ratified as to each Change Order and the Change Orders will then be recorded in the public records of Jefferson Parish. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 14-65** passed.

Resolutions under Tabs 11, 12 and 13 were taken together as they all pertain to the same Project and same Contract, the Marquee Replacement Project at the Alario Center, pursuant to the Contract between the LSED and TBB Holdings, d/b/a SignKo. These Resolutions approve Change Orders 1, 2, 3 and 4 each of which are credits/deductions to the overall price.

Change Order No. 1 is a credit of \$2,500 to delete the graphics package. Change Order No. 2 is a credit for \$11,400 for a liquidated damage amount; Change Order No. 3 is a credit of \$200 to delete a punch list item; Change Order No. 4 is a credit for \$9,233 to delete an alternate from the original contract scope. Pat Tobler's signature is authorized and approved for each Change Order. Pat Tobler's signature is also approved on the Certificate of Substantial Completion which is now ready for this Project. These documents will then be recorded in the public records of Jefferson Parish. On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved all 3 Resolutions. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Dave Roberts, Julio Melara. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. **Motions 14-66, 14-67 and 14-68** passed.

## **VII. BOARD REPORTS**

None.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no need for an Executive Session today. The Louisiana Sports and Entertainment District meeting was cancelled.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Brignac, was unanimously adopted and the meeting was adjourned.