

**LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
**FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING**

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

**ABSENT:** Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham

**I. ROLL CALL and WELCOME**

Chairman Forman called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Forman, Brignac, Bruno and Roberts. Absent were Commissioners Melara, Patterson and Windham. There was a quorum for the meeting.

By unanimous vote, the Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Board Meeting were adopted.

**II. SMG REPORT**

Doug Thornton took the lead for the SMG monthly report. He covered the following important topics: the Exit Conference with the Legislative Auditor including a clean audit report for this fiscal year; a strong hotel tax report; the 2020 college football playoff award to the Superdome; the soccer exhibition set for December 16<sup>th</sup>; the Zephyrs transition and new lease; the new video display system to be installed in the Superdome; security and anti-terrorism protections for sports venues and related information concerning the current security in place to prevent tragedies of the type occurring elsewhere. Commissioner Bruno added several recommendations of benefit to the discussion and thanked Mr. Thornton and SMG for their efforts.

Evan Holmes then provided his monthly report which included: additional details relative to the transition at Zephyr Stadium including personnel joining SMG's staff; projects in the works to improve tournament service at TPC-Louisiana; the Capital Outlay request process; and the need for supplemental allocations for infrastructure needs.

Alan Freeman then provided his report concerning event activity on the LSED campus including: Saints home games with attendance holding steady despite the team's record; Pelicans home games with attendance averaging above 12,000 per game; charity events such as Ochsner Moonlight and Miracles Gala and the Emeril Lagasse Foundation event, both coordinated by Jennifer Cooke's team; upcoming events including the Bayou Classic; Saints and Pelicans games; the Trans-Siberia Orchestra Christmas Show; the Women's soccer match; a Barry Manilow concert; a Maroon 5 concert; and the 2020 college playoff football game. The Superdome is also in contention for the 2019 Super Bowl and future Wrestle Mania events. The Louisiana High School Football Championships will be played in December. The I-10 Access Ramp Project is nearing completion. The new HD Control Room is up and running and of great help to the Saints and Pelicans games.

Jennifer Cooke reported on the Ochsner and Emeril Lagasse events, both of which were very successful. The Ochsner event was a seated dinner on the floor of the Superdome for approximately 1900 people. Champions Square hosted the Emeril Lagasse Foundation event with an overflow crowd.

### **III. FINANCE REPORT**

David Weidler provided the Financial Report including the hotel/motel tax and the one penny tax revenue streams; the Superdome is trending better than its budget by \$459,000. The Smoothie King Center is trending better than its budget by \$237,000. Champions Square is trending close to its budget. The audit process is nearly complete and the LSED expects a clean audit from the Legislative Auditor once again.

### **IV. CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

Pat Tobler then provided the Construction Report and update which included the following: the End Zone Scoreboard Project update; the Suite Mockup Project; the upgrades in the sound systems at the 100 and 300 Level; infrastructure projects for domestic water, electrical and chiller projects; the 450 Level Valley Access Project; the Siemens Energy Savings Contract; the one year roof inspection; the HD Control Room; the completion of the Smoothie King Center Video Board Project; the waterproofing in the lobby of the Smoothie King Center; completion of the Stand 102; the Lighting Retrofit Project at the Alario Center; the Sidewalk Design Retrofit at the Alario Center; TPC-Louisiana bids for surface area, cart path and parking; and future improvements needed at the Alario Center including restroom renovations.

### **V. LEGAL REPORT**

Larry Roedel then provided the Legal Report with eleven Resolutions for consideration by the LSED.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved a Capital Reserve Appropriation of \$289,929/97 to purchase equipment for the Superdome and Smoothie King Center. SMG will receive competitive proposals. The funding source is the LSED Capital Reserve Account. Sufficient funds exist to support the Resolution. The Resolution authorizes and ratifies the signatures of David Weidler, Alan Freeman, Doug Thornton and Ron Forman on the Purchase Requisition documents. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-109A** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel, on motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved a "Letter of No Objection" to be sent by the LSED to the City Planning Commission to assist Poydras Properties, LLC in developing a hotel and parking garage at 1200 Poydras inclusive of a Tree Remediation Plan that impacts a servitude running in favor of the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-110** passed.

Following discussion by the Legal Team, Commissioner Bruno and Doug Thornton, on motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by J.E. Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved an Agreement with Entronix to provide electrical power and monitoring within the Superdome inclusive of Service Corridor Lighting, Ground Level Storage Areas, forty breakers and meters at ten different locations, for a not to exceed fee of \$64,400. The funding source will be reimbursement from the Administrative Fee to be paid by Siemens Industry under the Energy Savings Contract. Sufficient funds exist to support the Resolution. The Resolution has the Staff Analysis support of The Tobler Company. Pat Tobler's signature on behalf of the LSED is authorized and approved. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-111** passed.

Following discussion by Mr. Roedel who recognized the efforts of Tom Vandeventer of ADG and Tony Ardillo of Siemens Industry for their technical support, the LSED on motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, approved the Energy Savings Performance Contract between the LSED and Siemens Industry and authorized Chairman Forman to sign that Contract for the LSED with the anticipated closing date of November 30<sup>th</sup> and the appearance at the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget (JLCB) on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-112** passed.

Following explanation and discussion by Jason Akers of Foley & Judell, on motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved the Resolution including the Financing Proposal from Siemens Financial Services, the Master Lease Agreement and Leasing Schedule, and the Escrow Agreement, thereby authorizing Chairman Forman and Secretary Melara to sign these documents on behalf of the LSED. The Resolution also retains a Municipal Advisor, Shawn Barney with CLB Porter who will provide financial advice and will work with Foley & Judell. These transactional documents will then be discussed and approved by the JLCB on November 20<sup>th</sup>, with a closing date set of November 30, 2015. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-113** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved ASR No. 1 as an Amendment to the Contract between the LSED and Trahan Architects for additional professional services on the End Zone Video Board Project at the Superdome. The additional fee is not to exceed \$25,000. The services include baseline schedules and monthly schedules to assure timely project completion. The funding source is the financial contribution from the New Orleans Saints Organization. The Resolution has the Staff Analysis support of The Tobler Company. Pat Tobler's signature on ASR No. 1 for the LSED is authorized and approved. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-114** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Smoothie King Center Video Board Project pursuant to the Contract between the LSED and Citadel Builders, L.L.C. The Certificate has been approved by Trahan Architects, by The Tobler Company and by Citadel Builders. Pat Tobler's signature

on the Certificate is hereby authorized and ratified and recordation has occurred in the public records of Orleans Parish. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-115** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Bruno, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved ASR No. 1 for \$1,275 for additional professional services by Trahan Architects on the Video Board Project at the Smoothie King Center. The Tobler Company has approved this Resolution. The funding source is SMG's prior financial contribution to the Project. Pat Tobler's signature on ASR No. 1 for the LSED is authorized and approved. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-116** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Brignac, the LSED authorized and approved a not to exceed sum of \$7,500 from Capital Outlay funding to conduct annual inspections of the paint coating at the Smoothie King Center. The Resolution has the Staff Analysis Support of The Tobler Company and there are sufficient funds available to support the Resolution. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-117** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED authorized and approved the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Scoreboard Replacement Project at the Alario Center pursuant to the Contract between the LSED and Daktronics, Inc. The Certificate has been approved by the LSED's Design Consultant, The Tobler Company and by Daktronics. Pat Tobler's signature on the Certificate is authorized and ratified and the Certificate has been recorded in the public records of Jefferson Parish. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-118** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved a Purchase Requisition of \$67,598 in favor of Olde Tyme Interiors which will remove existing tiles and replace new tiles at the Alario Center. The funding source is Capital Outlay and there are sufficient funds available to support the Resolution. Pat Tobler's signature for the LSED on the Purchase Requisition is authorized and approved. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno and Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Bill Windham. The **motion 15-119** passed.

**VI. BOARD REPORTS**

None.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the meeting of the LSED was adjourned