

LOUISIANA STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015 MEETING

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

ABSENT: Bill Windham

I. ROLL CALL and WELCOME

Chairman Forman called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Brignac, Bruno, Melara, Patterson, Roberts and Forman. Absent was Commissioner Windham. 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 Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, the Minutes of the January 23, 2015 Board Meeting were adopted. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Windham.

II. SMG REPORT

The SMG Report was led by Evan Holmes as Doug Thornton was out of town on business. Mr. Holmes covered the following topics for SMG: an update on the hotel/motel tax; future capital projects including a video display system at the Superdome and HD Production Room upgrades; capital projects at TPC-Louisiana; the strategic plan elements at Zephyr Stadium; and the sports lighting work at the Alario Center.

Alan Freeman then provided an Operations/Event Report including: Pelicans home games; Tulane vs. Memphis basketball; festivals at Champions Square; the Monster Jam at the Superdome; the Endymion Extravaganza for Mardi Gras; the Harlem Globetrotters; concerts including Chris Brown, Journey, Charlie Wilson; upcoming shows such as the World of Wheels; the Boat Show; the Home and Garden Show; and future events such as the UFC Championships. Mr. Freeman also provided a report on the road access and traffic re-routing process. Work is underway to respond to the RFP for the College Football Championship Series. The Superdome has received a Grade A for its compliance with the NFL Best Practices.

III. FINANCE REPORT

David Weidler then provided the Financial Report including specifics as to the hotel/motel tax year to date. LSED expenses are tracking on budget and the Superdome revenue is about \$1M better than budget. The Smoothie King Center is also performing above budget with lower expenses and higher revenues. Champions Square is improving. Mr. Weidler and Mr. Holmes will attend a March 17th Budget Hearing before the House Committee on Appropriations.

IV. CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Pat Tobler provided the Construction Report which included updates on the following: the possible HD Production Room upgrades; smaller projects in the Sun Belt conference office and Sugar Bowl office; punch list work at Smoothie King Center to close out Phase II; the scoreboard and lighting packages at the Alario Center; TPC-Louisiana projects ahead of the Zurich Classic; Zephyr Field modifications and upgrades and the possibility of LED lighting modifications in the Superdome.

Mr. Tobler and Commissioner Bruno then discussed the possibility of an energy conservation contract at the Superdome that would lead to the replacement of LED lighting. Legal Counsel is working on that process and will report back to the Commission at the March 25th meeting.

V. LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Roedel then covered the Legal Report including six Resolutions that required action at this meeting. The Resolution under Tab 9 on the Agenda was deferred to a later meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Melara, the LSED authorized and approved a Capital Reserve Account appropriation of \$125,000 to fund the purchase and implementation of a new payroll system for the Superdome and Smoothie King Center. The Resolution has the SMG Staff Analysis support with the source of funding being the LSED Capital Reserve Account. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Windham. The **motion 15-07** passed.

Following a lengthy discussion concerning the confirmation of available funding, the LSED gave conditional approval to three Agreements/Contracts with Trahan Architects as follows:

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the following amendment was added to all three Resolutions:

“The LSED’s Construction Consultant, Pat Tobler, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement/Contract on behalf of the LSED, subject to confirmation of available funding.”

With that amendment in place, the LSED authorized and approved the Resolution under Tab 6 for an Agreement/Contract with Trahan Architects for the Design and Construction Administration Services of the Superdome HD Control Room and Video Production System. The Resolution has Staff Analysis support with available funding to be confirmed from the New Orleans Saints organization. The not to exceed, lump sum fee to Trahan Architects is \$465,087, as set by the State approved Fee Curve Schedule. As the LSED’s Construction Consultant, Pat Tobler is authorized to sign the Agreement/Contract for the LSED. On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Melara, voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Windham. The **motion 15-08** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED then authorized and approved the second Agreement/Contract for Trahan Architects for the Design and Construction Administration Services for the HD Control Room build out at the Superdome. The Resolution has Staff Analysis support with funding to be confirmed from the New Orleans Saints organization. Trahan Architects will be paid a not to exceed, lump sum fee of \$44,299 as set by the State approved Fee Curve Schedule. Pat Tobler is authorized to sign the Agreement/Contract for the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Windham. The **motion 15-09** passed.

Following a discussion concerning costs and fees, on motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Bruno, the LSED authorized and approved the third Agreement/Contract with Trahan Architects for a feasibility study, followed by the Design and Construction Administration and installation of a new Center Hung Video Board at the Smoothie King Center. The Resolution has Staff Analysis support with the funding source being monetary contributions by SMG, following the signing of the Seventh Amendment to the SMG Management Agreement. The not to exceed, lump sum fee paid to Trahan Architects will be \$512,882, again set by the State approved Fee Curve Schedule. Pat Tobler is authorized to sign the Agreement/Contract for the LSED. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Windham. The **motion 15-10** passed.

Following questions by the Commissioners, Mr. Roedel confirmed that the Agreement/Contracts with Trahan Architects will not be signed on behalf of the LSED until confirmation of funding has been made.

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the LSED accepted the public bids received on January 29, 2015 for the Sports Lighting Project at the Alario Center, thereby recognizing the lowest responsive bid from Hi-Tech Electric. On the recommendation of the Architect and Construction Consultant, the Base Bid plus Alternate No. 1 was accepted for \$271,900, thus authorizing a Contract to Hi-Tech Electric for this Project. Chairman Forman is authorized to sign the Contract for the LSED, to be followed by recordation in the public records of Jefferson Parish. Voting in Favor: Ron Forman, J.E. Brignac, Robert Bruno, Julio Melara, Gregg Patterson, Dave Roberts. Voting Against: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Robert Windham. The **motion 15-11** passed.

On motion of Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Melara, the LSED authorized and approved a \$28,795 Purchase Requisition for landscape maintenance work at TPC-Louisiana by THRIVE Landscape Maintenance Company. The funding source is the TPC-Louisiana Capital Outlay Account. The Resolution has Staff Analysis support and Pat Tobler's signature on the Purchase Requisition is authorized and approved.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

None.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

There were no additional speakers from the general public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This concluded the business at the LSED Public Meeting. On motion of Commissioner Brignac, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the public meeting was then adjourned.