

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2015

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Michael A. Alvarez, Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Kari K. Steele, Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson, President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.*
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.*

Call Meeting to Order

President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez; Frank Avila; Timothy Bradford; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; Patrick D. Thompson; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Timothy Bradford, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:55 a.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Procurement Committee

Report

- 1 [15-0284](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 15-RFP-12, Professional Services for the Development of Hydraulic and Process Models for the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$250,000.00, Account 201-50000-601170, Requisition 1394680
Published and Filed
- 2 [15-0305](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 3, 2015
Published and Filed
- 3 [15-0319](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 10, 2015
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 4 [15-0321](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of March 5, 2015, regarding Authority to award Contract 15-696-11, Services of Tractor Mounted Paddle Aerators and Rotavators with Operators, to Bechstein-Klatt Loading and Shredding, in an amount not to exceed \$3,234,200.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 137914, Agenda Item No. 21, File No. 15-0281

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 5 [15-0288](#) Authority to advertise Contract 15-107-11 Furnish, Deliver and Install Two GC-2014 Capillary FIDs for Volatile Fatty Acids, estimated cost \$39,987.20, Account 101-16000-634970, Requisition 1390072
- 6 [15-0304](#) Authority to advertise Contract 15-906-21 Rehabilitation of One Rotating Assembly at the Racine Avenue Pumping Station, estimated cost \$245,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1390654

Approved

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 7 [15-0298](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., for professional engineering services for Contract 15-828-3C Updating and Executing Computer Models to Analyze TARP Performance Under Different Scenarios, in an amount not to exceed \$563,941.00, Account 401-50000-601410, Requisition 1395257

Approved

- 8 [15-0300](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with David Mason & Associates of Illinois, LTD for professional engineering services for Contract 14-110-5C Preliminary Engineering for a Flood Control Project at 61st Avenue and 36th Street in Cicero, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$175,334.00, Account 501-50000-601410, Requisition 1387540

Approved

- 9 [15-0301](#) Issue purchase order to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Government Crime Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$36,444.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1394104

Approved

- 10 [15-0302](#) Issue purchase order to Hewlett-Packard Company, to Furnish and Deliver new computer equipment, peripherals and related services, in an amount not to exceed \$525,000.00, Account 101-27000-623810, Requisition 1395271

Approved

- 11 [15-0315](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Rodney Hunt-Fontaine, Inc., to Inspect, Adjust, Service and Repair the 48 Inch Allis-Chalmers Rotovalve Discharge Valve of the Main Sewage Pump No. 8 at the Mainstream Pumping Station, in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1388813

Approved

- 12 [15-0323](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with SKM Systems Analysis, Inc., to Provide Electrical Power Systems Analysis Training, in an amount not to exceed \$40,300.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-601100 Requisition 1394677

Approved

Award Contract

- 13 [15-0311](#) Authority to award Contract 15-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Laboratory Supplies to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A, to Thomas Scientific Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$49,359.00, and Group B, to VWR International, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$9,630.62, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [15-028-11.pdf](#)

Approved

- 14 [15-0312](#) Authority to award Contract 15-697-11, Services of Tractors with Rotavators and Sludge Pumps with Operators, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,453,132.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1379120

Approved

- 15 [15-0320](#) Authority to award Contract 15-027-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Glass and Plastic Labware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Thomas Scientific, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$29,059.66, Group B to Fisher Scientific Company LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$24,745.32, and Group C to Crown Packaging International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$97,075.22, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [15-027-11.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [15-0322](#) Authority to award Contract 15-699-11, Services of Heavy Equipment with Operators, to K.L.F. Enterprises, Inc, in an amount not to exceed \$2,033,677.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1379144

Attachments: [08-AA.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 17 [15-0293](#) Authority to increase Contract 09-176-3P Sludge Thickening Facilities, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to McHugh Construction in an amount of \$80,772.18, from an amount of \$166,486,455.62, to an amount not to exceed \$166,567,227.80, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001115

Attachments: [CO 09-176-3P.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Abstain: 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

- 18 [15-0294](#) Authority to decrease Contract 04-131-2D Rehabilitation of the A/B and C/D Service Tunnels - Phase One, Stickney WRP, to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen in an amount of \$25,120.10, from an amount of \$13,745,410.79, to an amount not to exceed \$13,720,290.69, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 5001396

Attachments: [CO 04-131-2D.pdf](#)

Approved

- 19 [15-0295](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co. Inc., for Contract 07-857-2S Civil Consulting Support Services in an amount of \$139,168.46, from an amount of \$658,485.60, to an amount not to exceed \$519,317.14, Account 201-50000-601440, Purchase Order 3056556

Attachments: [CO 07-857-2S.pdf](#)

Approved

- 20 [15-0296](#) Authority to decrease Contract 11-193-3P Fine Screens Replacement, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc. in an amount of \$100,000.00, from an amount of \$3,259,350.94, to an amount not to exceed \$3,159,350.94, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001344

Attachments: [CO 11-193-3P.pdf](#)

Approved

- 21 [15-0303](#) Authority to increase Contract 13-847-11, Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant to Various Locations, to Si-Tech Industries, Inc., in an amount of \$36,000.00 from an amount of \$237,559.58 to an amount not to exceed \$273,559.58, Account 101-68000-612520, Purchase Order 5001399

Attachments: [13-847-11 030615.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 22 [15-0306](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of February 2015

Attachments: [Attachment 1.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Report

- 23 [15-0317](#) Report on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Miscellaneous Claims under \$10,000.00

Attachments: [Settlements 3.19.15.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 24 [15-0289](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Joseph Francis vs. MWRDGC, Case 12 WC 21932, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$23,740.88, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 25 [15-0290](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of James Sheehy vs. MWRDGC, Case 14 WC 018593, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$66,964.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 26 [15-0324](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of February 2015.

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Authorization

- 27 [15-0291](#) Approval of a Change in the Fixed Income Fund Offered by the Deferred Compensation Plan

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 28 [15-0307](#) Authority to issue a six (6) month permit extension to the City of Chicago on approximately 4.35 acres of District real estate located at 31st Street and Sacramento Avenue in Chicago, Illinois and known as Main Channel Parcels 42.01 and 42.15 for municipal purposes. Consideration shall be \$37,500.00

Attachments: [Map Parcels 42 01 and 42 15 Ltr 1.pdf](#)

Approved

- 29 [15-0308](#) Authority to issue a three (3) year permit extension to Ameropan Oil Company for the continued use of approximately 11.88 acres of District real estate located at 3301 South California Avenue in Chicago, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 42.03. Consideration shall be an annual fee of \$601,000.00

Attachments: [Map Parcel 42 03 3 19 15 Ameropan.pdf](#)

Approved

- 30 [15-0309](#) Authority to grant a 25-year, 20' x 90' non-exclusive easement to the City of Palos Heights on District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel and east of Southwest Highway in Palos Heights, Illinois, on a portion of Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 8.04 to continue to maintain, operate, repair and remove a 15-inch storm sewer. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Map Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 8 04.pdf](#)

Approved

- 31 [15-0310](#) Authority to execute a partial release of easement with the Catholic Bishop of Chicago at St. Michael's Reservoir in Schaumburg, Illinois in connection with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Project. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [Map.St. Michael's Reservoir.pdf](#)

Approved

- 32 [15-0314](#) Authority to issue a five (5) year permit to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates on approximately 0.575 acres of District real estate along the east and west sides of Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, Illinois, in connection with the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Project. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [Map.Paschen 3.19.15.pdf](#)

Approved

- 33 [15-0316](#) Authority to enter into a Tolling Agreement with Commonwealth Edison and Northern Illinois Gas Company in connection with the previous removal of manufactured gas plant related contaminants from Main Channel Parcel 14.03

Attachments: [Map.Parcel 14.03.pdf](#)

Approved

- 34 [15-0326](#) Authority to declare as surplus and not required for corporate purposes and to sell to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority approximately 4.184 acres of District real estate located south of the St. Michael's Reservoir and north of the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway between Meacham Road and Roselle Road in Schaumburg, Illinois. Consideration is \$425,000.00

Attachments: [Map.ISTHA 3.19.15.pdf](#)

Approved

Miscellaneous and New Business

Additional Agenda Items

- 35 [15-0327](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Stephanie Russell

Adopted

- 36 [15-0328](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Greek Independence Day

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

- 37 [15-0292](#) Authorization to Rescind an agreement with J. F. New & Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services for Contract 14-063-5C, Stormwater Master Plan for the Village of Harwood Heights, in an amount not to exceed \$689,692.47, Account 501-50000-601410, Requisition 1389234 *(As Revised)*

Approved

- 38 [15-0299](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Cardno, Inc. for professional engineering services for Contract 14-063-5C, Stormwater Master Plan for the Village of Harwood Heights, in an amount not to exceed \$689,692.47, Account 501-50000-601410, Requisition 1389234

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 17 and 36

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Debra Shore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Ambassador Johan Verbeke, Kingdom of Belgium, accepted the resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Belgian American Club of Chicago

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, voiced concerns (Re: Real Estate Item #29)

Timothy Wright, attorney for Gardner-Gibson, Inc., and Richard Carbonara, attorney for American Oil Corporation, addressed the Board regarding the bid process (Re: Real Estate Item #29)

[A15-002](#)

Attachments: [Letter Regarding Gardner-Gibson Inc](#)

Summary of Requests

David St. Pierre

1. *Kari K. Steele requested a list of available intern positions. Barbara J. McGowan requested a list of the schools that are informed of the intern positions. Frank Avila inquired about the possibility of increasing the number of interns to 3 or 4 times the current positions*

2. *Debra Shore and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, requested that a link to WBEZ 91.5 FM Chicago's radio series "What happens to 'Number 2' in the Second City," be available on the District's website*

Study Session

None

Announcements

*The District participated in a radio series with WBEZ 91.5 FM Chicago. "What happens to 'Number 2' in the Second City," is a part of WBEZ's "Curious City" program which answers questions about Chicago, the region and the people who live here. A curious five-year-old asked where poop goes. MWRD staff worked with WBEZ to develop interactive tools to answer the question.
<http://interactive.wbez.org/curiouscity/poop/>*

The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and the Clerk's Office Women's Advisory Committee presents the 2015 Women's History Month Celebration "A Salute to Outstanding Women Elected Officials". Among the honorees are President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore and Commissioner Kari K. Steele. The event is to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Chase Tower Auditorium, Ten South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois.

President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos will be hosting a Greek Independence Day Celebration in her office on March 25, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson mentioned that today is St. Joseph's Day

Commissioner Debra Shore mentioned that Sunday, March 22, 2015 is World Water Day

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2015, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: March 27, 2015

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 1, 2015

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this March 19, 2015, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Mariyana T. Spyropoulos
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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