

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2017

10:30 AM

Board Room

### Board of Commissioners

*Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Commissioner Martin J. Durkan, Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Kari K. Steele, Commissioner David J. Walsh, 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 10:30 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Frank Avila; Martin J. Durkan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; David J. Walsh; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos  
**Absent:** 2 - Timothy Bradford; and Barbara J. McGowan

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Kari K. Steele 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

## Public Comments

*George Blakemore and Karen Roothaan, concerned citizens, voiced concerns (Re: Procurement Item #36)*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Debra Shore, 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 12:20 p.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1 [17-0255](#) Report on the Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District for the 2016 Budget and Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District, the MWRD Retirement Fund, and to the MWRD Retiree Health Care Trust for the Fiscal Year 2015

**Published and Filed**

- 2 [17-0288](#) Report on investments purchased during December 2016

**Attachments:** [Inv Purch 2016-12 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 3 [17-0289](#) Report on investments purchased during January 2017  
**Attachments:** [Inv Purch 2017-01 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 4 [17-0290](#) Report on the investment interest income during December 2016  
**Attachments:** [Inv Int Inc 2016-12 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 5 [17-0291](#) Report on the investment interest income during January 2017  
**Attachments:** [Inv Int Inc 2017-01 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 6 [17-0292](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2016  
**Attachments:** [Inv Stat 2016 Q4 Inv.pdf](#)  
[Inv Stat 2016 Q4 Fin Mkt.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 7 [17-0299](#) Report on Cash Disbursement for the Month of January 2017, in the amount of \$46,305,063.99  
**Attachments:** [January 2017 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)  
**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 8 [17-0278](#) Authority to Approve Travel for the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director, in the estimated amount of \$5,850.00, for travel to Springfield, Illinois, to promote the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's 2017 Legislative Agenda, Accounts 101-15000-612330/612490  
**Approved**
- 9 [17-0279](#) Authority to Approve Travel for David St. Pierre, Executive Director, in the estimated amount of \$1,900.00, for travel to Washington D.C., to attend the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, (NACWA) National Water Policy Conference, attend meetings with federal legislative representatives and visit federal offices, including the USEPA, Accounts 101-15000-612010/612030  
**Approved**

- 10 [17-0302](#) Authority to Approve Travel for the Board of Commissioners in the estimated amount of \$550.00, for travel to Washington D.C., to meet with Illinois Delegation and Federal Agencies for the purpose of discussing District initiatives, federal funding, and water quality issues, Accounts 101-11000-612010 and 101-11000-612030

**Approved**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 11 [17-0283](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 28, 2017
- Published and Filed**
- 12 [17-0284](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 7, 2017
- Published and Filed**
- 13 [17-0294](#) Report on rejection of proposals for 16-RFP-09, Design, Build, Operate and Maintain a Native Plant and Tree Nursery at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, Fischer Farm, estimated cost \$2,500,000.00
- Published and Filed**
- 14 [17-0313](#) Report on the amendment to the agreement for Request for Proposal 14-RFP-18 Supply of Electricity, with Dynegy Energy Services LLC, for a One (1) Year Extension, starting January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 15 [17-0271](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of January 5, 2017, regarding Authority to advertise Contract 17-605-21 Cofferdam Construction and Removal at the Lockport Controlling Works, Estimated cost \$375,000.00, Account 201-50000-645720, Requisition 1439609, Agenda Item No. 19, File No. 17-0014
- Approved**
- 16 [17-0282](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of December 15, 2016, regarding issue purchase orders and enter into agreements for Contract 16-RFP-27 (REBID) Pre-employment Physical Examination and Drug-Alcohol Testing Services with Ingalls Memorial Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 and with Mobile Health and Testing Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1432072, Agenda Item No. 8, File No. 16-1306

**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 17 [17-0265](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 17-RFP-13 Retiree Health Care Trust Investment Consulting Services, estimated cost \$300,000.00  
Account P802-11000-798200  
**Published and Filed**
- 18 [17-0260](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-771-11 Aquatic Weed Removal at Various Locations, estimated cost \$97,500.00, Accounts 101-66000/67000-612420, Requisitions 1457213 and 1451372  
**Approved**
- 19 [17-0261](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-627-11, Repairs to Air Compressors and Air Dryers at Various Locations, estimated cost \$94,800.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/612650, Requisitions 1459485, 1459489, and 1459500  
**Approved**
- 20 [17-0262](#) Authority to advertise Contract 16-803-21, Furnish, Deliver, and Install HVAC Systems at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$180,000.00, Account 201-50000-645680, Requisition 1459683  
**Approved**
- 21 [17-0263](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-674-11 Furnish and Deliver Repair Parts and Services for Trucks and Trailers at Various Locations, estimated cost \$366,504.00, Accounts 101-66000/67000/68000/69000-612860/623250, Requisitions 1459150, 1459151, 1459152 and 1459153  
**Approved**
- 22 [17-0268](#) Authority to advertise Contract 16-077-3E Devon IAS Switchgear Replacement and Wilmette PS Conduit Replacement, North Service Area, estimated cost \$1,000,000.00, Account 401-50000-645720, Requisition 1459453  
**Attachments:** [16-077-3E Project Fact Data Backup.pdf](#)  
**Approved**
- 23 [17-0272](#) Authority to advertise Contract 16-704-21 Furnish, Deliver and Install an Upgraded Coarse Screen Conveyor System at the North Branch Pumping Station, estimated cost \$150,000.00, Account 201-50000-645600, Requisition 1448471  
**Approved**

- 24 [17-0310](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-360-12 (REBID) for public tender of bids a 10-year lease on 5.95 acres of District real estate located at 3154 S. California Avenue in Chicago, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 42.05 and 42.16. The minimum initial annual rental bid shall be established at \$117,000.00

**Attachments:** [3-16-17 aerial of MCP 42.05 and 42.16 Connelly.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### Issue Purchase Order

- 25 [17-0256](#) Issue purchase order to Detection Instruments Corporation, to furnish and deliver odalogs, peripherals, and a data plan in an amount not to exceed \$31,862.31, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1456486

**Approved**

- 26 [17-0269](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., for professional engineering services for Contract 17-838-3C, Updating and Executing Computer Models to Analyze Alternate Flood Control Measures, in an amount not to exceed \$520,483.00, Account 401-50000-612430, Requisition 1459511 (*As Revised*)

**Approved**

- 27 [17-0274](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Optimatics, LLC for a Platinum Utility software subscription (Contract 17-840-5C), in an amount not to exceed \$435,000.00, Account 501-50000-612820, Requisition 1459686

**Approved**

- 28 [17-0285](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 17-609-11, Furnishing and Delivering Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Grade Fuel Oil to Fulton County, Illinois to Sunrise FS, in an amount not to exceed \$66,694.00, Account 101-66000-623820, Requisition 1434677

**Approved**

- 29 [17-0293](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 17-101-11, Furnish and Deliver Work Uniforms for the Environmental Specialists, Patrol Boat Operators and Pollution Control Technicians, to V.C.G. Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$28,251.00, Account 101-16000-623700, Requisition 1438585

**Approved**

- 30 [17-0315](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Donohue and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services for Contract 14-253-3F Final Design for a Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$1,815,130.00, Account 401-50000-612450, Requisition 1460173

**Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 31 [17-0286](#) Authority to award Contract 16-618-13 (Re-Bid), Inspecting, Repairing, Recharging and Pressure Testing of Fire Suppression Systems at Various Locations, to Sure Fire Protection, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$181,725.00, Account 101-69000-612780, Requisition 1422518

**Approved**

- 32 [17-0287](#) Authority to award Contract 17-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Laboratory Supplies to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$48,206.00, and Group B to Thomas Scientific, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$14,991.55, Account 101-20000-623570

**Attachments:** [Contract 17-028-11 Item Descriptions Groups A and B.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 33 [17-0295](#) Authority to award Contract 16-056-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Hardware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to J & L Fasteners and General Maintenance Supplies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$14,942.48, Account 101-20000-623110

**Attachments:** [Contract 16-056-12 Item Descriptions, Group A.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 34 [17-0297](#) Authority to award Contract 17-003-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Laboratory Disposable Gloves and Flexible Tubing to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group B, to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$56,279.02, Account 101-20000-623570

**Attachments:** [Contract 17-003-12 \(Re-Bid\) - Item Descriptions, Group B](#)

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 35 [17-0259](#) Authority to increase Contract 15-640-12, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite, to PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc., in an amount of \$50,000.00 from an amount of \$615,635.17 to an amount not to exceed \$665,635.17, Accounts 101-67000/68000-623560, Purchase Order 3088672

**Attachments:** [15-640-12 20170316.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 36 [17-0276](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-195-AP Phosphorus Recovery System, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Black & Veatch Construction, Inc. in an amount of \$2,810,643.00, from an amount of \$32,094,840.55, to an amount not to exceed \$34,905,483.55, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001478

**Attachments:** [CO LOG 11-195-AP, BM 3-16-17.pdf](#)

Approved

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Report

- 37 [17-0280](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2016

**Attachments:** [Q4 Attachment.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 38 [17-0267](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of February 2017

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report February 2017 \\$10,000 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 CO Report February 2017 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3 CO Status Report February 2017.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

### Report

- 39 [17-0296](#) Report of Collective Bargaining Activities in 2017

Published and Filed

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Authorization

- 40 [17-0320](#) Request for authority to set initial price for the sale of compost produced by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Approved

**Real Estate Development Committee****Authorization**

- 41 [17-0304](#) Authority to issue a one (1) month permit to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC, to access the District's 95th Street Pumping Station, located at 9512 South Baltimore Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois to reach a portion of the Chicago Skyway Toll Bridge structure to perform maintenance work on the bridge structure. Consideration shall be a document preparation fee of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [3-16-17 aerial of 95th St Pumping Station-Paschen permit.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 42 [17-0305](#) Authority to grant a 25-year, 0.53 acre non-exclusive easement the U.S. Department of Energy to continue to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair and remove a pumping station, transformer and water main and appurtenances related thereto on District Main Channel Parcel 25.03 in Lemont, Illinois. Consideration shall be \$10.00.

**Attachments:** [3-16-17 aerial for Argonne - MCP 25.03.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 43 [17-0306](#) Authority to issue a one (1) day permit to Friends of the Chicago River to access District land at 14 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and the Cal-Sag Channel, in Cook County, Illinois, for its Annual Chicago River Day Clean-Up Event on May 13, 2017. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [3-16-17 14 aerials of Friends of Chgo River clean-up sites.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 44 [17-0308](#) Authority to issue a three (3) year permit to the United States Department of Agriculture to periodically access District real estate located north and south of the Main Channel between Pulaski Road in Chicago, Illinois and LaGrange Road in Willow Springs, Illinois, to study Canada Geese and to prevent their interference with air traffic at Chicago Midway International Airport. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [3-16-17 aerial USDA-Geese.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 45 [17-0309](#) Authority to pay relocation costs in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00 to Jenny Chavez in connection with the acquisition of the real estate commonly known as 6601 W. 86th Street in Burbank, IL in the eminent domain lawsuit Case No. 16L050555 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Account 401-50000-656010, Capital Improvements Bond Fund

Attachments: [3-16-17 - Chavez Map.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 46 [17-0311](#) Authority to issue a one (1) year permit extension to ComEd and Nicor to complete the environmental remediation on 0.53 acres of District real estate between Kedzie and Western Avenues in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 14.05. Consideration shall be \$5,000.00

Attachments: [Aerial Map.Parcel 14.05.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 47 [17-0317](#) Authority to extend easement agreement between the District and the United States Army Corps of Engineers an additional five (5) years to allow the continued use of District land located north of the 135th Street Bridge in Romeoville, Will County, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 18.03, 19.01, 19.02, and 19.04, to operate and maintain the aquatic nuisance species barriers. Consideration shall be \$10.00

Attachments: [3-16-17 aerial for USACE.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 48 [17-0300](#) Authorization for payment to Wheatland Title Guaranty Company for purchase of a title policy in connection with the condemnation of the property for the Addison Creek Reservoir, Contract 11-186-3F located at 2795 W. Washington Boulevard in the Village of Bellwood, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$15,860.50, Account 401-50000-656010

**Approved**

- 49 [17-0314](#) Authority to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Robbins to assist the Village in acquiring properties needed to implement the flooding solutions in connection with the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Illinois (Contract 14-253-3F).

Attachments: [Robbins Park Exhibit BM 3-16-17.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Miscellaneous and New Business****Resolution**

- 50** [17-0243](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Esther Wong  
**A motion was made by Josina Morita, seconded by David J. Walsh, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 51** [17-0244](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Bernarda Wong  
**A motion was made by Josina Morita, seconded by Martin J. Durkan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 52** [17-0251](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of March 2017 as Women's History Month  
**Adopted**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 50, 51, 53, 54 and 55**

**A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Martin J. Durkan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Frank Avila, Martin J. Durkan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Absent:** 2 - Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan

- 53** [17-0253](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Kerry Ryan Lynch for her work on the Choose Kind Chicago Campaign  
**A motion was made by Martin J. Durkan, seconded by David J. Walsh, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 54** [17-0318](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Friends of the Chicago River for the Overflow Action Days initiative  
**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by David J. Walsh, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 55** [17-0319](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Bharathi Theertha  
**A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

**Speakers**

*Matthew Glavas, Comptroller, MWRD, presented GFOA awards of distinguishment and excellence to the District (Re: Finance Item #1)*

*Esther Wong, co-founder of the Chinese American Service League, accepted the resolution honoring her dedicated service to the Chinese America Service League (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #50)*

*Bernarda Wong, accepted the resolution honoring her dedicated service to the Chinese American Service League (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #51)*

*Kerry Ryan Lynch, accepted the resolution recognizing her work on the Choose Kind Chicago Campaign (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #53)*

*Margaret Frisbie, Executive Director, accepted the resolution recognizing Friends of the Chicago River for the Overflow Action Days Initiative (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #54)*

*Dr. Prakasam Tata, President of Bharathi Theertha and Executive Director of the Center for transformation of Waste Technology, accepted the resolution recognizing Bharathi Theertha (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #55)*

**Summary of Requests***Procurement Item #17*

- 1. David Walsh inquired if the cost estimate can be a range instead of an exact amount*
- 2. Debra Shore inquired if the report can list the previous cost of the project instead of providing a cost estimate*

*Procurement Item #36*

- 1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a breakdown of the anticipated projections*

*Maintenance and Operations Item #40*

- 1. Frank Avila requested the address to the Rebuilding Exchange and for the District to focus on marketing the product to the public*
- 2. Debra Shore inquired if the District will be subject to sales tax*
- 3. Josina Morita requested copies of the marketing ads*
- 4. Kari K. Steele requested a list of possible product names and that the District focus on educating the public on the product*
- 5. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos request a breakdown of the anticipated projections*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2017 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 24, 2017.

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 29, 2017.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 10:30 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:** 7 - Frank Avila, Martin J. Durkan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Absent:** 2 - Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan

**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 16, 2017, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

March 16, 2017