

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019

10:30 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Commissioner Kimberly Du Buclet, Commissioner Marcelino Garcia, Vice-President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, President Board of Commissioners Kari K. Steele

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 Kari K. Steele presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Frank Avila; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Frank Avila, 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

Nick Lionas, President of D3W Industries, addressed the Board regarding item 27

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, and Mike Archey, GTM Strategies, addressed the Board

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [19-1037](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the "State of Water: Our Most Valuable Resource," an exhibit created by Brad Temkin and the Field Museum
A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays
- 2 [19-1039](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners acknowledging Breast Cancer Awareness Month
A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays
- 3 [19-1042](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the U.S. Minority Contractors Association's 28th Annual Millennium Builders Awards and Banquet
Adopted
- 4 [19-1044](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 2019 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Frank Avila, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation.
Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 4, 13, 24, 27, 32 and 34

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Cameron Davis, authorizing the Executive Director to Delete Agenda Item #13. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Frank Avila, authorizing the Executive Director to Delete Agenda Item #24. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Item #27 was deleted by the Executive Director

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Frank Avila, to defer Agenda Item #32. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Item #34 was deleted by the Executive Director

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of October 17, 2019 was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss one matter of pending litigation. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 1:05 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Report

- 5 [19-0995](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of September 2019, in the amount of \$28,190,592.55

Attachments: [September 2019 Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 6 [19-1013](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Published and Filed

- 7 [19-1021](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Published and Filed

- 8 [19-1023](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 19-654-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Parts and Repair Services for Sluice Gate Valve Actuators, estimated cost \$532,000.00 (*As Revised*)

Published and Filed

- 9 [19-1024](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 19-716-22 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver One 44" x 80" Engine Lathe and Accessories to the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$170,000.00

Published and Filed

- 10 [19-1035](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 19-088-11, Furnish, Deliver and Install Structural Cantilever Racking at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$98,500.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 11 [19-1007](#) Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 19-717-22, Furnish, Deliver and Install an Upgraded Operator for TARP Gate I at the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, from \$450,000.00 to \$850,000.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 1518109

Approved

- 12 [19-1008](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of September 20, 2018, regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with AT&T Corp., for Point to Point Switched Ethernet Service upgrade at the Mainstream Pumping Station, in an amount not to exceed \$15,002.76, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1502113, Agenda Item No. 11, File No. 18-0926

Attachments: [September 20, 2018 Board Transmittal Letter - File #18-0926.pdf](#)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 13 [19-0937](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-605-11 Bagging Services for Composted Biosolids to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$45,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1528163 (*Deferred from the October 3, 2019 Board Meeting*)

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Cameron Davis, authorizing the Executive Director to Delete this Agenda Item. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

- 14 [19-0980](#) Authority to Advertise Contract 19-RFP-39 Enhancements to the District's new website, estimated cost \$300,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1529902 (*Deferred from the October 3, 2019 Board Meeting*)

Approved

- 15 [19-0996](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-103-11 Maintenance, Repairs, and Parts for Boats, Outboard Motors, and Trailers, estimated cost \$20,000.00; Account 101-16000-612790, Requisition 1528840

Approved

- 16 [19-0997](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-104-11 Preventive Maintenance on Laboratory Balances, estimated cost \$36,000.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1530058

Approved

- 17 [19-1002](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-419-11 Elevator Maintenance and Repair Service at The Main Office Building Complex for a Three-Year Period, estimated cost \$110,400.00, Accounts 101-15000-612370 and 612390, Requisition 1529884 (As Revised)

Approved

- 18 [19-1005](#) Authority to Advertise Contract 19-RFP-40 Safety Consulting Services, estimated cost \$50,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1530480 (As Revised)

Attachments: [19-RFP-40 - HR - Sanders.pdf](#)

Approved

- 19 [19-1006](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-655-11, Manhole and Infrastructure Repairs, estimated cost \$600,000.00, Account 101-66000-612600, Requisition 1525503

Approved

- 20 [19-1019](#) Authority to advertise Contract 19-089-11, Furnish and Deliver Structural Cantilever Racking to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 101-20000-645680 Requisition 1530770

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 21 [19-0994](#) Issue purchase order to National Fire Protection Association to Furnish and Deliver National Fire Codes On-Line Subscription License, in an amount not to exceed \$36,120.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1527536

Approved

- 22 [19-0998](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Environmental Resource Associates, Inc. to furnish and deliver Proficiency Testing Standards, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1528858

Approved

- 23 [19-1009](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver VMware Software, Support and Subscription, in an amount not to exceed \$71,874.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1528013

Approved

- 24 [19-1014](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 19-603-12 (Re-Bid), Furnishing and Delivering Roadway Rock Salt to Various Service Areas, Item 1 to Morton Salt, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$36,405.60, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-623130, Requisitions 1517976 and 1518112

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Frank Avila, authorizing the Executive Director to Delete this Agenda Item. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

- 25 [19-1015](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 19-117-11, Furnish, Deliver and Install A Robotic Titrosampler, to Brinkmann Instruments, Inc. d/b/a Metrohm USA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$44,282.00, Account 101-16000-634970, Requisition 1524794

Approved

- 26 [19-1016](#) Issue purchase orders to Graybar Electric Company, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Electrical Catalog Products, under OMNIA Partners (formerly U.S. Communities) Contract #EV2370, in an amount not to exceed \$75,100.00, Accounts 101-15000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, Requisitions 1528199, 1528412, 1528422, 1528432, and 1529584

Approved

- 27 [19-1017](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 19-697-12 (Re-Bid), Furnishing and Delivering Odor Control Chemicals and a Delivery System to CALSMA to Fremont Industries, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$30,450.00, Account 101-66000-623560, Requisition 1501135

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 28 [19-1022](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 19-118-11, Furnish, Deliver and Install a Conveyor Type Dishwasher, to Edward Don & Company, in an amount not to exceed \$41,220.29, Account 101-16000-634970, Requisition 1524795

Approved

Award Contract

- 29 [19-1018](#) Authority to award Contract 19-051-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Hand Tools to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and C, to Root Brothers Mfg. & Supply Co., in an amount not to exceed \$46,763.58, Account 101-20000-623680

Attachments: [Contract 19-051-11 Item Descriptions, Group A.pdf](#)
[Contract 19-051-11 Item Descriptions, Group C.pdf](#)

Approved

- 30 [19-1020](#) Authority to award Contract 19-905-21, Rehabilitation of Two Double Disc Gate Valves at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Pumping Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Proflow Pumping Solutions, in an amount not to exceed \$1,088,000.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 1519311

Attachments: [Contract 19-905-21 Revised Appendix D and Appendix V.pdf](#)

Approved

- 31 [19-1032](#) Authority to award Contract 19-030-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Lubricants to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Items 1, 3, 6, 25, and 29 to Rilco, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$11,540.00; Items 2 and 23 to Midtown Petroleum Acquisitions, LLC, d.b.a. Reladyne, in an amount not to exceed \$3,657.50; Items 4, 7, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 31 to Al Warren Oil Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$54,465.42; Items 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, and 22 to Feece Oil Company in an amount not to exceed \$70,257.00; Items 8, 15, and 18 to Chicago United Industries, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$7,702.00; and Items 9, 26, 27, 28, 30, and 32 to Superior Petroleum Products & Fuels, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$49,756.15, Account 101-20000-623860

Attachments: [Contract 19-030-11 Item Descriptions.pdf](#)
[Contract 19-030-11 Tabulation Sheet.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 32 [19-0932](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Dennis Noble & Associates, P.C., for Contract 18-RFP-06 Legal Services for Workers' Compensation Defense, in an amount of \$20,000.00, from an amount of \$224,667.89, to an amount not to exceed \$244,667.89, Account 101-25000-612430, Purchase Order 3099776 (*Deferred from the October 3, 2019 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [colog.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Agenda Item be Deferred. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

- 33 [19-0999](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with AMETEK Arizona Instrument LLC, for maintenance and calibration of Jerome Hydrogen Sulfide analyzers, in an amount of \$4,560.00, from an amount of \$9,480.50, to an amount not to exceed \$14,040.50, Account 101-16000-612970, Purchase Order 3103980

Attachments: [10-17-19 AMETEK CO Log Rpt.pdf](#)

Approved

- 34 [19-1000](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to conduct four years of research on the use of perennial riparian grass buffer strip at the Fulton County site, in an amount of \$55,197.00, from an amount of \$207,800.00, to an amount not to exceed \$152,603.00, Account 101-16000-612430, Purchase Order 3090945

Attachments: [10-17-19 UIUC Decrease PO 3090945.pdf](#)

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 35 [19-1003](#) Authority to increase Contract 16-125-4F McCook Reservoir Expanded Stage 2 Slope Stabilization and Retaining Walls, SSA, to Schwartz Excavating, Inc. in an amount of \$132,868.83, from an amount of \$8,764,623.43, to an amount not to exceed \$8,897,492.26, Account 401-50000-645630, Purchase Order 4000047

Attachments: [16-125-4F Change Order Log.pdf](#)

Approved

- 36 [19-1004](#) Authority to increase Contract 14-108-5F Streambank Stabilization Projects for Addison Creek, Northlake and North Riverside, Illinois, to Industria Inc. in an amount of \$110,000.00, from an amount of \$1,546,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,656,000.00, Account 501-50000-645720, Purchase Order 4000066

Approved

- 37 [19-1010](#) Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 18-935-12 (Re-Bid), Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hydroxide, to Olin Corporation, in an amount of \$2,816,712.00, from an amount of \$4,973,488.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,156,776.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Purchase Order 3099312

Attachments: [18-935-12 Summary Spreadsheet for 20191017 BOC.pdf](#)

Approved

- 38 [19-1025](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with HBK Engineering, LLC for professional engineering services for Contract 14-820-3S, Civil Consulting Support Services, in an amount of \$250,000.00, from an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.00, Accounts 501-50000-612450, 612470, Purchase Order 3088246

Approved

- 39 [19-1031](#) Authority to increase Contract 16-079-3D Rehabilitation of North Branch Pumping Station, NSA, to Path Construction Company, Inc. in an amount of \$571,565.17, from an amount of \$4,691,900.84, to an amount not to exceed \$5,263,466.01, Account 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 4000060

Attachments: [CO Log 16-379-3D BM 10.17.19.pdf](#)

Approved

- 40 [19-1033](#) Authority to increase purchase order to the Chicago Defender, to Publish Invitations to Bid for Contracts and Legal Notices for Original Entrance and Promotional Civil Service Examinations in a Newspaper Intended to Target the African-American Market, in an amount of \$5,700.00, from an amount of \$9,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$15,600.00, Account 101-20000-612360, Purchase Order 8009143

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 41 [19-1029](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the months of July, August and September 2019

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report July-September 2019 5% Contingency revised 10-4-19.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report September 2019.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Report

- 42 [19-1040](#) Report on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Miscellaneous Claims under \$10,000.00

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 43 [19-1036](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit extension to the City of Chicago for the continued use of five (5) TARP dropshafts to receive emergency snowmelt discharges from snow-melting machines as part of the Emergency Snow Removal Plan for the Chicago Loop Area. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [Authority to issue 5-yr permit ext to the City of Chicago - aerial of dropshafts.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Report

- 44 [19-1012](#) Report on Green Infrastructure, Detention, and Compensatory Storage Volumes Required by the Watershed Management Ordinance

Attachments: [2019 Q3.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 45 [19-1026](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with and make payment to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Limited Reevaluation of the Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries Study, in an amount of \$99,998.00, Account 501-50000-645630

Approved

- 46 [19-1027](#) Authority to negotiate intergovernmental agreements to assist various local municipalities and other governmental organizations with Green Infrastructure projects

Attachments: [2019 GI Projects List 10 17 BL attachment.pdf](#)
[2019 GI Projects Map 10 17 BL attachment.pdf](#)

Approved

- 47 [19-1030](#) Authorization to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for a Flood Control Project on 1st Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Road in Proviso Township, Cook County, Illinois (Contract 14-111-5F)

Approved

- 48 [19-1047](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing "Imagine a Day Without Water"

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 4, 13, 24, 27, 32 and 34

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

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Dr. Stacy Sanford accepted the resolution acknowledging Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Re: Resolution Item 2)

Katherine Moore Powell, Rachael Hill and Carter O'Brien accepted the resolution recognizing the "State of Water: Our Most Valuable Resource," an exhibit created by Brad Temkin and the Field Museum (Re: Resolution Item 1)

Adam Krantz, CEO of NACWA, and John Murray, Director of M&O, presented the NACWA awards to Reed Dring, Neil Dorgan, Tom Conway, Sergio Serafino, Adam Gronski, Matt Jurjovec, Sanjay Patel, and Lucille Oduocha

Summary of Requests*Procurement Item #11*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a report on the funding that will be involved in implementing safety procedures to fully inspect the condition

Procurement Item #14

- 1. Marcelino Garcia requested a list of enhancements and available translations in Spanish*
- 2. Josina Morita requested the inventory of all of the requests that came out of the Study Session be distributed to the Board*

Procurement Item #40

1. Marcelino Garcia and Barbara J. McGowan requested staff look into the Chicago Reader for publications in the future

Judiciary Item #42

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a report on correlation between safety prevention and workers compensation percentages for the last 3 years

Stormwater Management Item #45

1. Cameron Davis requested the results from this project and meetings staff attend to be included in amendments for consideration

Stormwater Management Item #46

- 1. Marcelino Garcia and Barbara J. McGowan requested staff look into assessing fees*
- 2. Debra Shore requested a Study Session to survey the Board regarding the boundaries and which communities should include access to stormwater benefits*
- 3. Barbara J. McGowan requested a list of the subs and dollar amounts*

Study Session

None

Announcements

President Kari K. Steele announced the Open House at the O'Brien Plant this Saturday, October 19, 2019. Doors open at 10 a.m.

The Sustainability Summit will take place October 22, 2019 at the Stickney Plant

The MWRD Road Show is on October 26, 2019 at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2019, 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: October 25, 2019

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., October 30, 2019

Adjournment

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Cameron Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, November 7, 2019 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, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Marcelino Garcia, 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 October 17, 2019, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

October 17, 2019