

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

*100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611*



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 17, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

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

#### **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 Kathleen Therese Meany presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Frank Avila; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; Kari K. Steele; Patrick D. Thompson; and Kathleen Therese Meany  
**Absent:** 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Debra Shore, 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 Reconvene as Committee of the Whole

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

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:20 President Kathleen Therese Meany reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 1    [14-0318](#)    Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 14-RFP-23 Real Estate Appraisal Services for a three-year period with an option to extend for an additional one year, estimated cost \$300,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Requisitions 1376991, 1376992  
  
Published and Filed
- 2    [14-0323](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 1, 2014  
  
Published and Filed
- 3    [14-0346](#)    Report on rejection of proposals for 14-RFP-04, Consulting Services for Office 365 Migration, estimated cost \$180,000.00  
  
Published and Filed
- 4    [14-0351](#)    Report on rejection of proposals for 13-RFP-29, Examination Consulting Services, estimated cost \$150,000.00  
  
Published and Filed

- 5    [14-0353](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 8, 2014

**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 6    [14-0319](#)    Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 14-361-11 Proposal to Lease for 39-years 16.77+/- acres of District real estate located at 18500 West 9th Street in Unincorporated Lockport, Will County, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 15.02 and 15.04 from ACL Transportation Services, LLC in the amount of \$147,200.00

**Attachments:**    [4-17-14 bd ltr attachment ACL 39 yr lease Aerial Photo of parcels 15.02 and 15.04.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 7    [14-0347](#)    Authorization to amend Board Order of December 5, 2013, for Authority to advertise Contract 14-690-11, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA, CALSMA and the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$23,385,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1367189, Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 13-1507, previously amended by Board Order of February 6, 2014, Agenda Item No. 3, File No. 14-0063

**Approved**

- 8    [14-0349](#)    Authorization to amend the agreement with MWH Americas, Inc. (MWH), for professional engineering services for Contract 12-055-5C Preliminary Engineering for a Flood Control Project on the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River

**Approved**

- 9    [14-0354](#)    Authorization to enter into an agreement for Contract 13-RFP-25 Dual-Choice Dental Plan, with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, a division of Health Care Services Corporation, for a three-year period, effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, Account 101-25000-601250

**Approved**

- 10    [14-0356](#)    Authorization to enter into an agreement for Contract 13-RFP-26 Vision Plan Administrator, with Vision Service Plan (VSP), for a three-year period, effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, Account 101-25000-601250

**Approved**

#### Authority to Advertise

- 11    [14-0320](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 14-618-11 Furnish and Deliver HVAC and Refrigeration Parts and Services, estimated cost \$348,700.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612680/623070/623090/623270/623840, Requisitions 13450344, 1343325, 1343658, 1346193 , 1345007, 1345641

**Approved**

- 12    [14-0321](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 14-806-21 Furnish, Deliver and Install Tank Drives at the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$900,000.00, Account 201-50000-645650, Requisition 1373923

**Approved**

- 13    [14-0322](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 14-864-11 Seal Coating and Patching of Roads at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, estimated cost \$44,000.00, Account 101-68000-612420, Requisition 1376361

**Approved**

- 14    [14-0337](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 12-197-3M HVAC Improvements at the M&R Building, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$6,500,000.00, Accounts 401-50000-645680, 645780, Requisition 1377207

**Approved**

- 15    [14-0345](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 14-023-11 Furnish and Deliver Lab Chemicals to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$57,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 16    [14-0330](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Unum Group to provide group term life insurance for employees for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$254,664.00, Accounts 101-25000-601250, 501-25000-601250, Requisition 1374226

**Approved**

- 17    [14-0331](#)    Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC., to Furnish and Deliver Cisco Hardware Maintenance for Cisco Ironport Appliances, in an amount not to exceed \$48,210.60, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1376984

**Approved**

- 18    [14-0336](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 14-RFP-01 Provide Food Services at the Main Office Building and at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Vending Machines at Various Locations for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period, with The Chatter Box Café, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$126,000.00, Account 101-15000-612490, Requisition 1364733

**Approved**

- 19    [14-0352](#)    Issue purchase orders to Infilco Degremont Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Parts for Coarse Screens to the Stickney and Egan Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00, Accounts 101-67000, 69000-623270

**Approved**

- 20    [14-0361](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with A.C. Advisory, Inc. for contract 14-RFP-07, Financial Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00, Account 101-11000-601170, Requisition 1369669 (Deferred from Board Meeting of April 3, 2014)

**Attachments:**    [FA qualified firms 2014.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 21    [14-0342](#)    Authority to award Contract 13-932-22 (Re-Bid), Painting Services in the Stickney Service Area, to Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,754,760.00, Accounts 201-50000-645700, 645750, Requisition 1369295

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

**Approved**

- 22    [14-0344](#)    Authority to award Contract 14-839-11, Services to Manually Clean the TARP Bar Screens at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$885,342.00, Account 101-68000-612600, Requisition 1366377

**Approved**

- 23    [14-0350](#)    Authority to award Contract 14-033-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Air Filters to Various Locations, for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to G.A.G. Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$30,152.32, Group B to Production Distribution Companies, in an amount not to exceed \$9,814.88, Group C to Brucker Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,552.56, and Group D to Chicago United Industries, LTD, in an amount not to exceed \$15,357.90 Account 101-20000-623270

**Attachments:**    [11 14-033-11\\_item\\_list.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 24    [14-0324](#)    Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., for Hardware and Software Repair Services to Maintain the Emerson DCS Process Control Systems at the Egan, Kirie and Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount of \$37,900.00, from an amount of \$294,863.00, to an amount not to exceed \$256,963.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Purchase Order 3072044

Attachments:    [3072044 031714.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 25    [14-0327](#)    Authority to decrease Contract 12-839-11, Services to Manually Clean the TARP Bar Screens at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount of \$35,000.00, from an amount of \$233,543.97, to an amount not to exceed \$198,543.97, Account 101-68000-612600, Purchase Order 5001345

Attachments:    [12-839-11 final.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 26    [14-0328](#)    Authority to increase Contract 11-613-11, Scavenger Services at Various Service Areas, Group A, to Independent Recycling Services, Inc., in an amount of \$238,191.71, from an amount of \$1,626,297.10, to an amount not to exceed \$1,864,488.81, Accounts 101/501-69000/50000-612520, Purchase Order 5001239

Attachments:    [11-613-11 040414.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 27    [14-0338](#)    Authority to increase Contract 04-203-4F Final Reservoir Preparation, Thornton Composite Reservoir, Calumet Service Area, to Walsh/II in One, Joint Venture in an amount of \$21,048.30, from an amount of \$50,918,795.64, to an amount not to exceed \$50,939,843.94, Account 401-50000-645600, Purchase Order 5001224

Attachments:    [CO 04-203-4F.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 28    [14-0340](#)    Authority to decrease Contract 08-865-3P Aeration Tanks and Elevators Rehabilitation, NWSWRP, KWRP, EWRP, HPWRP, & Bartlett P.S., to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in amount of \$1,375,322.96, from an amount of \$14,358,868.55, to an amount not to exceed \$ 12,983,545.59, Accounts 401\_50000-645750 and 645780, Purchase Order 5001225

Attachments:    [CO 08-865-3P.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 29 [14-0341](#) Authority to increase Contract 13-053-11, Furnish and Deliver Lamps to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Graybar Electric Company, Inc., in an amount of \$18,000.00, from an amount of \$103,285.41, to an amount not to exceed \$121,285.41, Account 101-20000-623070

**Approved**

- 30 [14-0357](#) Authority to increase purchase order with Flow Technics, Inc., to furnish and deliver Allis-Chalmers and ITT Goulds Pumps' parts to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$25,000.00 from an amount of \$224,470.20 to an amount not to exceed \$249,470.20, Account 201-50000-634650, Purchase Order 3076921

**Attachments:** [Flow Technics PO 3076921 Change Order Log as of 3-7-14 for 4-17-14 BM.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 31 [14-0360](#) Authority to increase a purchase order to conduct the Preliminary Feasibility Phase of the Energy Audit as part of the Intergovernmental Agreement, to the Public Building Commission of Chicago, in an amount of \$9,767.93, from an amount of \$50,134.16 to an amount not to exceed \$59,902.09, Account 201-50000-601170, Purchase Order 3077514

**Attachments:** [Change Order](#)

**Approved**

## **Budget & Employment Committee**

### **Report**

- 32 [14-0311](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the Year Ended December 31, 2013

**Attachments:** [2013 4th Quarter Summary attachment.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

### **Authorization**

- 33 [14-0355](#) Authority to transfer 2014 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$78,000.00 in the Construction Fund

**Attachments:** [04.17.14 Board Transfer BF5.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## **Engineering Committee**

### **Report**

- 34 [14-0332](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of March 2014

Attachments: [CO March.pdf](#)  
[CO Status.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 35 [14-0333](#) Report on change orders on contracts with a 5% contingency provision authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of March 2014

Attachments: [CO March Contingency.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 36 [14-0313](#) Authority to settle disputed claims of Rausch Construction Company, Inc. relating to Contract No. 01-353-2M Rehabilitation of Existing Influent Pumping Station, James C. Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, Des Plaines, Illinois

**Approved**

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Authorization

- 37 [14-0310](#) Authorization to adopt a rain barrel policy as a component of the District's Green Infrastructure Program (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Rain Barrel Program](#)

*A motion made by Frank Avila, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that Item #37 be amended for Public Affairs to distribute the rain barrels and also to delete the last paragraph. Motion failed by roll call 3:5, Absent 1-Michael A. Alvarez*

**Approved**

## Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

### Authorization

- 38 [14-0314](#) Request for advice and consent to the appointment of Zelda B. Harris, Jose A. Lopez, and Michael J. Weicher as Commissioners to the MWRD Ethics Commission, pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance

**Deleted by the Executive Director**



- 39 [14-0315](#) Request for advice and consent as to the Executive Director's designation of Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel, as the MWRD's Ethics Advisor, pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance

Deleted by the Executive Director

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 40 [14-0334](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Westchester for construction, operation, and maintenance of the expansion of Mayfair Reservoir and additional storm sewer relief in Westchester, Illinois under Phase II of the Stormwater Management Program, with payment to the Village of Westchester in an amount not to exceed \$2,121,000.00

**Attachments:** [Proposed Mayfair Expansion Plan.pdf](#)

Approved

- 41 [14-0335](#) Authority for payment to Nicor Gas Company for utility relocation fee for Contract 10-882-BF, Streambank Stabilization Projects along Midlothian Creek and Calumet Union Drainage Ditch in the Village of Markham, in an amount of \$68,216.89, Account 501-50000-612490

Approved

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Resolution

- 42 [14-0362](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Kevin H. McDevitt's twenty-four years of service to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement

**A motion was made by Kathleen Therese Meany, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Kathleen Therese Meany

**Absent:** 2 - Michael A. Alvarez, Cynthia M. Santos

### Ordinance

- 43 [O14-001](#) Ordinance O14-001 Authority to amend the Watershed Management Ordinance (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:** [WMO Ordinance](#)  
[WMO BTL - revised](#)

**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Frank Avila, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

- 44 [O14-003](#) Authority to adopt an ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago providing for the repeal of the Sewer Permit Ordinance, as amended July 1999, and the Manual of Procedures for the Administration of the Sewer Permit Ordinance, as amended November 1998, except Article 6-5 of the Manual of Procedures for the Administration of the Sewer Permit Ordinance and any corresponding provisions of the Sewer Permit Ordinance necessary to implement Article 6-5, effective May 1, 2014

**Attachments:** [Sewer Permit Ordinance](#)  
[BTL - Repeal of SPO](#)

**A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

#### **Additional Agenda Items**

- 45 [14-0364](#) Authority to award Contract 14-692-12, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, to Synagro Central, LLC, Option C, Group A, (Items 1 and 4), in an amount not to exceed \$2,509,950.00, and to Synagro Central, LLC, Option C, Group B, (Items 1 and 4), in an amount not to exceed \$2,077,250.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1364699

**Attachments:** [08-AA SYNAGRO Group A.pdf](#)  
[08-AA SYNAGRO Group B.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items:**

**A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

## Meeting Summary

### Speakers

*Gwenda Hoskins, Cheryl Johnson, Marguerite Jacobs, Georgia Curtis, Jewel Martin and Sharon Davis, representing the Altgeld Garden community, voiced concerns regarding the odor problem and urged the District to find a solution.*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board and voiced concerns regarding odor problems resulting from District operations, (Re: Procurement Items #1 and #21), (Re: Engineering Item #36) and (Re: Maintenance and Operation Item #37)*

*Karen Roothaan, of Green Initiative, recommended that the Board consider to increase the number of rain barrels to be distributed by Board Commissioners (Re: Maintenance & Operations Item #37)*

### Summary of Requests

*David St. Pierre*

*1. Debra Shore and Patrick D. Thompson requested the District consider hiring financial expertise for resource recovery and other projects (Re: Procurement Item #20)*

*2. Patrick D. Thompson requested a list of painter jobs be distributed to the Board (Re: Procurement #21)*

*3. Debra Shore requested a list of the firms who did the work and a breakdown of payments made (Re: Procurement Item #31)*

*4. Patrick D. Thompson requested the District prepare a plan for utilizing TIFF surplus funds (Re: Budget and Employment Item #32)*

*Patrick D. Thompson commended staff on the completion of project under budget by 10% and ahead of schedule (Re: Procurement Item #21)*

### Study Session

*NONE*

### Announcements

*Mariyana T. Spyropoulos congratulated Kari K. Steele on being named "Woman of Excellence" for 2014 by the Chicago Defender*

### Board Letter Submission Dates

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2014, 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: April 18, 2014.**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 23, 2014.**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Frank Avila, that when the Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, May 1, 2014 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:** 8 - Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Kathleen Therese Meany

**Absent:** 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

**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 April 17, 2014, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kathleen Therese Meany

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

April 17, 2014