

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

*100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611*



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 5, 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 Timothy Bradford, 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 Kari K. Steele, 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 12:35 p.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1    [15-0214](#)    Report on the Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District for the 2014 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 2013

Published and Filed

- 2    [15-0267](#)    Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of January 2015, in the amount of \$57,319,239.16

Attachments:    [January 2015 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 3    [15-0240](#)    Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 15-RFP-11 Legal Services for Workers' Compensation Defense for a two-year period, with an option to extend for an additional year, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, Account 101-25000-601170, Requisition 1394108

**Published and Filed**

- 4    [15-0277](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 24, 2015

**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 5    [15-0250](#)    Authorization for payment to the U.S. Water Alliance for the 2015 Value of Water Coalition (Coalition) Membership in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

**Approved**

- 6    [15-0255](#)    Authorization to amend Board Orders of January 8, 2015 and February 5, 2015, regarding Authority to increase purchase order with Bonner Group LLC, for Contract 13-RFP-30, for Temporary Personnel Services for the Finance Department, in an amount of \$21,000.00, from an amount of \$67,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$88,900.00, Account 101-40000-612490, Purchase Order 3080029

**Approved**

- 7    [15-0262](#)    Authorization to rescind contract with CBRE, INC. for maintenance and operation of the common areas of the 101/111 Erie Street Building for the period of November 26, 2014 through December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$102,779.99, Account 101-15000-612390, Purchase Order 3083803

**Attachments:**    [CO PO 3083803.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Frank Avila, 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

- 8    [15-0266](#)    Authorization for the Executive Director or his designee to solicit amended bids from the two highest bidders for a 39-year lease of approximately 11.66 acres of District real estate located at 3301 South California Avenue in Chicago, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 42.03 subject to the terms and conditions stated herein

**Attachments:**    [Map.Parcel 42.03.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 9     [15-0241](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 10-884-AF Flood Control Project for Upper Salt Creek, estimated cost \$1,450,973.00, Account 401-50000-645620, Requisition 1382552

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 10    [15-0249](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 15-400-11 Furnish and Deliver Police Uniforms for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 101-15000-623700, Requisition 1394116

**Approved**

- 11    [15-0254](#)     Authority to advertise Contract 15-831-11, Replacement of Station Battery Cells at the 125th Street Pumping Station, estimated cost \$44,400.00, Account 101-68000-612600, Requisition 1393432

**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 12    [15-0238](#)     Issue purchase order to Oracle America, Inc., for annual Oracle Database Management System (DBMS) Software Licensing and Support, in an amount not to exceed \$218,212.03, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1394661

**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, 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

- 13    [15-0246](#)     Issue purchase order to GIC 101 Erie LLC for maintenance and operation of the common areas of the 101 Erie Street Buildings for the period of November 26, 2014 through December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, Account 101-15000-612390, Requisition 1390095

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Kari K. Steele, 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

- 14    [15-0258](#)     Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 14-RFP-34, Furnish, Deliver, and Configure an Odor Monitoring System, with I. Kruger, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$342,000.00, Account 201-50000-634990, Requisition 1383888

**Approved**

- 15   [15-0269](#)   Issue purchase order for Contract 12-716-21, Furnish and Deliver Return Activated Sludge Valves and Appurtenances to the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to American Precision Supply, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$39,646.04, Account 201-50000-645650, Requisition 1384958

**Approved**

- 16   [15-0274](#)   Issue purchase orders and enter into an agreement with Central Scale and Supply Company, Inc., to Furnish Parts and Service for Biosolids Truck Scale Maintenance at CALSMA, LASMA, and at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 69000-612650, 612680, 623270, Requisitions 1385394 and 1389253

**Approved**

- 17   [15-0275](#)   Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Moog, Inc., to Inspect, Adjust, Service, and Repair the Moog Flo-Tork Actuator for Discharge Valve No.8 at the Mainstream Pumping Station, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1388812

**Approved**

- 18   [15-0276](#)   Issue purchase orders to Gardner Denver Nash, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Pump and Compressor Parts for the Nash Digester Compressors and Nash Gas Booster Compressors, to the Calumet, Stickney and North Side Water Reclamation Plants, in a total amount not to exceed \$104,200.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623270

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 19   [15-0268](#)   Authority to award Contract 06-842-2E, Electrical Equipment Replacement, Egan Water Reclamation District, to Broadway Electric, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,949,646.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders, in an amount of \$97,482.30, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,047,128.30. Account 201-50000-645650, Requisition 1385432

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

**Approved**

- 20   [15-0270](#)   Authority to award Contract 15-002-11, Furnish and Deliver Cylinder Gases and Bulk Argon to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, B, C, and D to The Welding Center Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$36,153.00, Account 101-20000-623840

**Attachments:**   [15-002-11 Groups A, B, C & D Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 21 [15-0281](#) 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

Approved

#### Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 22 [15-0242](#) Authority to decrease Contract 10-046-3P Battery D - Aeration Tank No. 8, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount of \$14,686.20, from an amount of \$6,554,747.10, to an amount not to exceed \$6,540,060.90 Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001366

Attachments: [CO 10-046-3P.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [15-0243](#) Authority to increase Contract 07-162-2S Westdale Gardens Pumping Station & Force Main Stickney Service Area, to Northwest General Contractors, Inc. in an amount of \$29,106.80, from an amount of \$1,961,775.67, to an amount not to exceed \$1,990,882.47, Account 401-50000-645600, Purchase Order 5001138

Attachments: [CO 07-162-2S.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [15-0252](#) Authority to increase Contract 15-900-01, Emergency Rewind and Refurbish Two Dewatering Pumps at the Mainstream Pumping Station, to Midwest Service Center, LLC, in an amount of \$7,393.45 from an amount of \$50,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$57,393.45, Account 201-50000-645700, Purchase Order 5001496

Approved

- 25 [15-0257](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Tetra Tech EM, Inc., for professional services in connection with environmental site investigations of MWRDGC-owned land, in an amount of \$167,711.29, from an amount of \$666,507.67, to an amount not to exceed \$834,218.96, Account 101-66000-601170, Purchase Order 3076477

Attachments: [3076477 012315.pdf](#)

Approved

#### Budget & Employment Committee

##### Authorization

- 26    [15-0271](#)    Authority to transfer 2015 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$1,448,500.00 in the Corporate Fund, Construction Fund, and Stormwater Management Fund

**Attachments:**    [03.05.15 Board Transfer BF5 15-0271.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Engineering Committee

### Authorization

- 27    [15-0244](#)    Enter into an agreement with GE Ionics, Inc., doing business as GE Water & Process Technology for professional research services to conduct a Pilot Research Study of a Membrane Aerated Bioreactor, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant
- 28    [15-0285](#)    Authorization to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the Chicago Park District for the District to repurpose the Collateral Channel for use as park and natural habitat and transfer ownership of the reclaimed land to the Chicago Park District

**Approved**

**Approved**

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 29    [15-0251](#)    Final report of emergency for repair and structural lining of the Salt Creek No. 3 Intercepting Sewer, Emergency Contracts 12-900-01 and 12-900-02, total final amount of \$522,883.90.

**Published and Filed**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 30    [15-0263](#)    Authority to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois on 1.908± acres of District real estate located at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area (LASMA) to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair and remove a copper cable, a fiber optic cable and a 4-inch conduit to provide high speed switched Ethernet service to the LASMA Visitor's Center. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00 (As Revised)

**Attachments:**    [Map.LASMA.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 31 [15-0278](#) Authority to grant a 25-year, approximately 1.71 acre non-exclusive easement to Commonwealth Edison Company for the installation, maintenance, operation, repair and removal of fiber optic facilities within the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant to service District structures. Consideration shall be \$10.00

Attachments: [Map.ComEd Exhibit A Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 32 [15-0245](#) Authorization to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Northbrook for an Electronic Control System and Irrigation Control System at Wescott Park in Northbrook, Illinois

Approved

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Resolution

- 33 [15-0279](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade *(As Revised)*

**A motion was made by Patrick D. Thompson, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

- 34 [15-0264](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 22nd Annual African American Contractors Association Annual Membership Awards

**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**

- 35 [15-0265](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 48th Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 36 [15-0282](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**



- 37 [15-0280](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago
- A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 38 [15-0283](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band
- A motion was made by Patrick D. Thompson, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 39 [15-0237](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of March 2015 as Women's History Month
- A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 40 [15-0235](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2015 as Black History Month
- Adopted**
- 41 [15-0236](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week
- Adopted**

**Additional Agenda Items**

- 42 [15-0253](#) Authority to advertise Contract 15-719-21 Rehabilitate the Cathodic Protection System for the Kirie to Egan Sludge Pipeline, estimated cost \$200,000.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 139304
- Approved**
- 43 [15-0256](#) Authority to advertise Contract 15-813-21 Rehabilitation of Buildings at the Prairie Plan site in Fulton County, Illinois, estimated cost \$250,000.00, Account 201-50000-645680, Requisition 1389635
- A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Timothy Bradford that the earlier deferral be lifted. Motion carried by roll call 9:0*
- Deleted by the Executive Director**

- 44 [15-0259](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-863-12, Pavement Improvement and Maintenance in the Calumet Service Area, Group A, to Pan-Oceanic Engineering Company, Inc., in an amount of \$29,250.00, from an amount of \$222,394.23, to an amount not to exceed \$251,644.23, Account 101-69000-612420, Purchase Order 5001317 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [11-863-12 020615.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 45 [15-0260](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-863-12, Pavement Improvement and Maintenance in the Calumet Service Area, Group B, to Sumit Construction Company, Inc., in an amount of \$19,250.00, from an amount of \$67,632.90, to an amount not to exceed \$86,882.90, Account 101-69000-612420, Purchase Order 5001318.

Attachments: [11-863-12 020615.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 46 [15-0286](#) Authority to increase Contract 06-494-3P Centrifuge Building and Sludge Loading System Upgrades at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant and the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, North Service Area, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$282,722.50, from an amount of \$8,907,758.80, to an amount not to exceed \$9,190,481.30, Accounts 201-50000-645650, 401-50000-645650 and 645750, Purchase Order 5001400

Attachments: [CO 06-494-3P.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 47 [15-0287](#) Issue purchase order to exercise an option to renew for a five (5) year term the License Agreement dated June 1, 2010, with Piedmont 500 West Monroe Fee, LLC, successor to Broadway 500 West Monroe LLC for leasing space to install a TARP back-up repeater at 500 West Monroe Street in Chicago in an amount not to exceed \$225,530.00. Account 101-69000-612330, Requisition 1393744

**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 7, 9, 12, 13, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 43**

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Timothy Bradford, 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**

*Stephen Gauthier, Director of Technical Services, Government Finance Officer's Association, presented the following awards (Re: Finance Item #1)*

- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2014, 30 consecutive years: Eileen McElligott, Administrative Service Manager, Commissioner Steele*

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2013 District CAFR, 39 consecutive years: Jacqueline Torres Clerk/ Director of Finance, Commissioner Frank Avila*

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2013 Retirement Fund CAFR, 21 consecutive years: Sue Boutin, Executive Director MWRD Retirement Fund, Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan*

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2013 Retiree Health Care Trust CAFR, 7 consecutive years: Mary Ann Boyle, Treasurer, on behalf of Mary Ann Boyle Mr. Brian Rediger accepted the award, Commissioner Frank Avila*

*James Coyne, General Chairman of the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade, accepted the resolution recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #33)*

*Omarr Shareef, Founder, African American Contractors Association, accepted the resolution recognizing the 22nd Annual African American Contractors Association Membership Awards (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #34)*

*Peggy O'Ryan Lombardo, President, accepted the resolution recognizing the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #36)*

*Kelly Walsh, President, accepted the resolution recognizing the Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #37)*

*Bill McTighe, Band Manager, accepted the resolution recognizing the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #38)*

*Thomas McGowan, with American Oil Corporation and Timothy Wright, Gardner-Gibson, Inc., addressed the board regarding the bid process (Re: Procurement Item #8)*

*Dr. Antonio Lopez, Executive Director, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, addressed the Board regarding the importance of the Collateral Channel (Re: Engineering Item #28)*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board on various items (Re: Procurement Item #8 and 43)*

**Summary of Requests***Summary of Requests**David St. Pierre*

- 1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the updated estimated cost information for this project (Re: Procurement Item #19)*
- 2. Frank Avila requested the District obtain public input on the design aspect of this project (Re: Engineering Item #28)*
- 3. Debra Shore inquired about the longevity of the cathodic protection system (Re: Procurement Item #42)*
- 4. Debra Shore requested a board letter amending the previously approved project. Timothy Bradford requested the total number of buildings located on the site. Frank Avila requested that the Commissioners tour the site (Re: Procurement Item #43)*

**Study Session***None***Announcements**

*The District will be hosting the Women's History Month celebration on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 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 6, 2015.**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 11, 2015.**

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 19, 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 5, 2015, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

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

March 5, 2015