

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 3, 2016**

**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 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 10:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

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

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, 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

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by David J. Walsh, 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 12:00 p.m., President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1    [16-0230](#)    Report on the investment interest income during December 2015

Attachments:    [Inv Int Inc 2015-12 att.pdf](#)

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- 2    [16-0231](#)    Report on the investment interest income during January 2016

Attachments:    [Inv Int Inc 2016-01 att.pdf](#)

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- 3    [16-0232](#)    Report on investments purchased during December 2015

Attachments:    [Inv Purch 2015-12 att.pdf](#)

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- 4    [16-0233](#)    Report on investments purchased during January 2016

**Attachments:**    [Inv Purch 2016-01 att.pdf](#)

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- 5    [16-0234](#)    Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2015

**Attachments:**    [Inv Stat 2015 Q4 Inv.pdf](#)  
                          [Inv Stat 2015 Q4 Fin Mkt.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 6    [16-0184](#)    Authority to Add Request for Proposal 16-RFP-09, Design, Build, Operate and Maintain a Native Plant and Tree Nursery at Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant Fischer Farm, to the Construction Fund, estimated cost of the project is \$2,500,000.00 (*As Revised*)

*Barbara J. McGowan lifted her earlier deferral*

**Approved**

### Procurement Committee

#### Report

- 7    [16-0183](#)    Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 16-RFP-08 Executive Coaching Services for a Three-Year Period, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1421399

**Published and Filed**

- 8    [16-0225](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 23, 2016

**Published and Filed**

#### Authorization

- 9    [16-0191](#)    Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 16-360-11 Proposal to Lease for 39-years 9.20+/- acres of District real estate located at 15185 Main Street in Lemont, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 24.02 and Part of 24.10 from K.A. Steel Chemicals, Inc., in the amount of \$480,000.00

**Attachments:**    [Aerial Map.Parcels 24.02 and 24.10.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 10    [16-0201](#)    Authorization to enter into agreements for contract 14-RFP-08, Bond Counsel, Underwriters' Counsel, and Other Legal Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program, with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP as Lead Bond Counsel and Special Tax Counsel; Charity & Associates, P.C., as Co-Bond Counsel; Chapman and Cutler LLP as Lead Disclosure Counsel; and Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP as Co-Disclosure Counsel, in a total amount not to exceed \$325,360.00, in connection with the sale of up to a total of \$500,000,000 of General Obligation Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Accounts 401-50000-767300 and 767400 (As Revised)

**Approved**

- 11    [16-0202](#)    Authorization to execute a bond purchase agreement for Contract 15-RFP-21 Professional Underwriting Services for District Bond Sales with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., and to appoint Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., as Senior Managing Underwriter and Book-runner; Siebert Bradford Shank & Co., L.L.C, as Co-Senior Managing Underwriter; and Citi Global Markets Inc.; J.P. Morgan Securities LLC; North South Capital LLC; The Williams Capital Group, L.P.; and Loop Capital Markets, as Co-Managing Underwriters, in a total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, in connection with the sale of up to a total of \$500,000,000 of General Obligation Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Accounts 401-50000-767300 and 767400

**Approved**

- 12    [16-0203](#)    Authorization to enter into agreements for contract 14-RFP-07, Financial Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program, appointing A.C. Advisory, Inc., as Lead Financial Advisor, and Columbia Capital Management, LLC, as Co-Financial Advisor, to the District in a total amount not to exceed \$281,000.00, in connection with the sale of up to a total of \$500,000,000 of General Obligation Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Accounts 401-50000-767300 and 767400

**Approved**

- 13    [16-0228](#)    Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 14-824-3D (Re-bid) Rehabilitation of Bridges, NSA on the North Shore Channel, from \$1,173,588.00 to \$1,766,906.00, Account 401-50000-645720, Requisition 1400366

**Approved**

#### **Authority to Advertise**

- 14    [16-0193](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 16-419-11 Rehabilitation of Elevators, Main Office Building (MOB), estimated cost \$425,000.00, Account 201-50000-645680, Requisition 1419633

**Approved**

- 15   [16-0195](#)   Authority to advertise Contract 16-673-11 Heavy Equipment Repairs at Various Locations, estimated cost \$632,440.00, Accounts 101-66000/68000-612760, Requisitions 1407147 and 1404751

**Approved**

- 16   [16-0196](#)   Authority to advertise Contract 16-953-11 Furnishing and Delivering a Carbon Source and Distribution System to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$500,000.00, Accounts 101-69000-612330/623560, Requisition 1421576

**Approved**

- 17   [16-0197](#)   Authority to advertise Contract 16-654-11 Furnish and Deliver Valve Actuators and Parts, estimated cost \$944,500.00, Accounts 101-66000/67000/68000/69000-612650/623270/612600/623070/612620, Requisitions 1413609, 1420668, 1417071, and 1411223

**Approved**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 18   [16-0204](#)   Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Avaya Inc., for scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance, programming assistance, and system upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$1,245,228.39, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1414645 (*As Revised*)

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, 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, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

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

- 19   [16-0221](#)   Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with EMD Millipore Corporation, for Preventive Maintenance, Emergency Repair and Technical Support of Water Purification Systems at Various Laboratory Locations, in an amount not to exceed \$58,048.98, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1413246

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 20   [16-0226](#)   Authority to award Contract 16-012-11, Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations, for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B, to The Sherwin-Williams Company, in an amount not to exceed \$47,844.93, Account 101-20000-623190

**Attachments:**   [Contract 16-012-11 Item Descriptions - Group A.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 21 [16-0227](#) Authority to award Contract 15-817-21, Replace a Scum Screw Conveyor at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$170,665.00, Account 201-50000-634650, Requisition 1395923

Attachments: [Contract 15-817-21 Revised Appendix D Report](#)

Approved

#### Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 22 [16-0198](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-403-2P Membrane Gas Holder Replacement and Digester Cleaning, Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Path Construction Company, Inc. in an amount of \$696,155.09, from an amount of \$4,582,200.00, to an amount not to exceed \$5,278,355.09, Account 201-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000018

Attachments: [CO LOG 11-403-2P BM 3.3.16.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [16-0200](#) Authority to decrease Contract 14-634-11 Inspection and Repairs to Cathodic Protection Systems, to Corpro Companies, Inc., in an amount of \$15,780.00 from an amount of \$247,575.00 to an amount not to exceed \$231,795.00, Account 101-69000-612600, Purchase Order 5001507

Attachments: [Inspection and Repairs to CPS.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [16-0223](#) Authority to decrease purchase order with AT&T Corp., for Contract 12-RFP-32 (Re-Bid) Point to Point Communication Services, in an amount of \$13,437.33 from an amount of \$1,233,988.60 to an amount not to exceed \$1,220,551.30, Accounts 101-66000/67000/68000/69000-612210, Purchase Order 3079369

Attachments: [Change Order Log 12-RFP-32 Re-Bid 3.3.16](#)

[Change Order Log 12-RFP-32 Re-Bid 3.3.16](#)

Approved

- 25 [16-0229](#) Authority to increase Contract 13-690-11 Services to Rebuild AC and DC Motors at Various Service Areas, to Koontz-Wagner Maintenance Services, LLC, in an amount of \$15,000.00 from an amount of \$97,403.83 to an amount not to exceed \$112,403.83, Account 101-69000-612650, Purchase Order 3077591

Attachments: [13-690-11.pdf](#)

Deleted by the Executive Director

#### Budget & Employment Committee

**Authorization**

- 26    [16-0224](#)    Authority to transfer 2016 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$924,000.00 in the Construction Fund

Attachments:    [03.03.16 Board Transfer BF5 16-0224.pdf](#)

Approved

**Judiciary Committee****Authorization**

- 27    [16-0205](#)    Authority to settle State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company a/s/o Dorothy Barton v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Case No. 15 M1 012528, and Angelia Keene and Andre Keene v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Case No. 15 M1 302123, and the State of Illinois Lien in the total sum of \$23,901.90, Account 901-30000-667220

Approved

**Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee****Report**

- 28    [16-0177](#)    Annual Report for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust for 2015

Attachments:    [2016-2-18 Deferred Comp - Exhibit 1.pdf](#)  
                          [2016-2-18 Deferred Comp - Exhibit 1p2.pdf](#)

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

- 29    [16-0219](#)    Authority to grant a 0.11 acre, non-exclusive easement to K.A. Steel Chemicals, Inc. to operate, maintain, repair, and remove a water intake system on a portion of District Main Channel Parcel 24.10, in Lemont, Illinois. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$5,000.00

Attachments:    [Aerial Map-Parcel 24.10.pdf](#)

Approved

- 30    [16-0222](#)    Authorization to issue a one (1) year permit extension to ComEd and Nicor to complete the environmental remediation on 1.88 acres of District real estate between Kedzie and Western Avenues in Blue Island, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 14.05. Consideration shall be \$6,142.00

**Attachments:**    [Aerial Map-Parcel 14 05.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, 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, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

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

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 31    [16-0186](#)    Authority to negotiate intergovernmental agreements for the acquisition of flood prone properties in Des Plaines, Flossmoor, Franklin Park, Northlake, Stone Park, and Wheeling Township

**Attachments:**    [Flood Prone Property Acquisitions Exhibit.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 32    [16-0218](#)    Authority to amend Board Order of June 18, 2015 regarding Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to participate in the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund, with a contribution to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$500,000.00, Agenda Item No. 49, File No. 15-0635

**Approved**

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Resolution

- 33    [16-0108](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of March 2016 as Women's History Month

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

- 34    [16-0180](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Rotary Club of Naperville and Bharathi Theertha for conducting a vocational training workshop for sewage and effluent plant operators in the Andhra Pradesh State of India

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



- 35    [16-0235](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Rotary Club of Naperville and Bharathi Theertha for conducting a vocational training workshop for sewage and effluent plant operators in the Telangana State of India
- A motion was made by David J. Walsh, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

#### Ordinance - Right of Way

- 36    [R16-003](#)    Adopt Ordinance No. R16-003 Amending Ordinance R14-003 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Melvina Ditch Streambank Stabilization Project between 95th Street and 99th Street in Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge (Contract 13-248-5F) in parts of Section 7, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

**Attachments:**    [3.3.16 ROW Ordinance & Exhibit AA R16-003.pdf](#)  
[3.3.16 TL ROW Ordinance R16-003.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Right of Way Ordinance be Adopted. 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, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

#### Additional Agenda Items

- 37    [16-0238](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 61st Anniversary of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 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**
- 38    [16-0239](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band
- A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 39    [16-0241](#)    Declaration of an emergency for repairs and improvements to a manhole and surrounding pavement associated with the Northshore 3 Intercepting Sewer, preliminary estimated cost is not to exceed \$300,000.00
- Approved**

- 40    [16-0242](#)    Authority to issue a four (4) month permit to the Wilmette Harbor Association on 0.535 acres of District real estate located at 20 Harbor Drive in Wilmette, Illinois and known as North Shore Channel Parcel 1.14. Consideration shall be \$27,700.00

Attachments:    [Aerial Map-Parcel 1.14.pdf](#)

*Timothy Bradford lifted his earlier deferral*

**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 18, 25, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38**

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by David J. Walsh, 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, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Meeting Summary

### Speakers

*James Coyne, General Chairman of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Erin Mulcahy, St. Patrick Parade Queen, accepted the resolution recognizing the 61st Anniversary of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade (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)*

*Syama Pappu, Associate Electrical Engineer (MWRD) and Dr. Narayan Tata, accepted the resolution recognizing the Rotary Club of Naperville and Bharathi Theertha for conducting a vocational training workshop for sewage and effluent plant operators in the Andhra Pradesh State of India (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Items #34 and 35)*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board (Re: Procurement Items #10, 11, 12) (Re: Real Estate Item #40)*

### Summary of Requests

*David St. Pierre  
Kari K. Steele requested a diagram of the land layout and the type of trees and plants that will be produced (Re: Finance Item #6)*

### Study Session

*None*

### Announcements

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016, 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 4, 2016. Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 9, 2016

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 17, 2016 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, David J. Walsh, 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 3, 2016 are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

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

March 3, 2016