

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 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:** 9 - Frank Avila; Timothy Bradford; Martin J. Durkan; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; David J. Walsh; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by David J. Walsh, seconded by Martin J. Durkan, 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

*Cindy Skrukud, Sierra Club, addressed the Board regarding House Bill 2958*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, voiced concerns*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Debra Shore, 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 12:25 p.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1 [17-0446](#) Report on Cash Disbursement for the Month of February 2017, in the amount of \$28,101,430.52

**Attachments:** [February 2017 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 2 [17-0430](#) Authority to Approve Travel for David St. Pierre, Executive Director, in the estimated amount of \$1,000.00, for travel to Washington D.C., to attend a meeting with USEPA officials, Accounts 101-15000-612010/612030

**Approved**

- 3 [17-0435](#) Authority to Approve Travel for Debra Shore, Commissioner, in the amount of \$180.02, for travel to Madison, Wisconsin, to attend the Environmental Law and Policy Center's ("ELPC") 2017 Science-Policy Confluence Conference on March 29, 2017, Accounts 101-11000-612010 and 101-11000-612030

**Approved**

- 4 [17-0437](#) Authority to Approve Travel for Frank Avila, Commissioner, in the estimated amount of \$750.00, for travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to attend the 35th Annual National Pesticide Forum, Accounts 101-11000-612010 and 101-11000-612030

**Approved**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 5 [17-0398](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 17-RFP-24 Fitness Tracking Devices, estimated cost \$90,000.00, Account 101-25000-601250, Requisition 1459685

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Report be Approved. The motion failed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Frank Avila, Kari K. Steele, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Nay:** 5 - Timothy Bradford, Martin J. Durkan, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore

**Absent:** 1 - David J. Walsh

- 6 [17-0403](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 17-RFP-29 Perform Information Technology Network Operations Consulting Services, estimated cost \$80,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1462221

**Published and Filed**

- 7 [17-0432](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 4, 2017

**Published and Filed**

- 8 [17-0433](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 11, 2017

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 9 [17-0395](#) Authorization to exercise the option to extend the agreement with Aurico Reports, LLC (formerly known as Aurico Reports, Inc.) for Contract 15-RFP-07 to provide pre-employment background checks and related services for an additional two-year period.

**Approved**

#### Authority to Advertise

- 10 [17-0393](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-847-11 Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$262,700.00, Account 101-68000-612520, Requisition 1441334

**Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan**

- 11 [17-0405](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-480-11 Provide Maintenance and Support for Existing District Polycom Videoconference Equipment, estimated cost \$13,702.11, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1443931

**Approved**

- 12 [17-0410](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-672-11 Furnishing and Delivering Tires for Heavy Equipment to Various Locations, estimated cost \$105,000.00, Account 101-66000-623250, Requisition 1459145

**Approved**

- 13 [17-0411](#) Authority to advertise Contract 13-370-3F, Buffalo Creek Reservoir Expansion, estimated cost between \$20,074,055.75 and \$24,300,172.75, Accounts 401-50000-645620 and 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1461806 *(As Revised)*

**Attachments:** [Project Fact Sheet - 13-370-3F Buffalo Creek Reservoir Expansion](#)

**Deferred by Martin J. Durkan**

- 14 [17-0418](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-363-12 (RE-BID) for public tender of bids a 60-year lease on 7 acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel and west of Cicero Avenue in Crestwood, Illinois, eastern portion of Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 11.04 The minimum initial annual rental bid shall be established at \$156,000.00

**Attachments:** [Aerial Map.Parcel 11.04 4.20.17.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 15 [17-0420](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-664-11 Seal Coating of Roads and Patching of Pavement at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, estimated cost \$34,100.00, Account 101-66000-612420, Requisition 1461197

**Approved**

#### Issue Purchase Order

- 16 [17-0400](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 17-RFP-16 Flexible Spending Account Administrator with Chard Snyder & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430

**Approved**

- 17 [17-0401](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Acacia Financial Group, Inc., for contract 17-RFP-11 Financial Advisory Services Related to the District Financing Program, for a three-year period in an amount not to exceed \$91,250.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Requisition 1443107

**Attachments:** [FA Eligible List 2017](#)

**Approved**

- 18 [17-0404](#) Issue purchase order to Citrix Systems, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Renewal of Eight Hundred (800) Citrix XenApp Software Maintenance Licenses, Renewal of Twenty-Five (25) Citrix XenDesktop Software Maintenance Licenses, and Renewal of Two (2) Citrix NetScaler MPX Appliances in an amount not to exceed \$82,372.50, Accounts 101-27000-612810, 612820, Requisition 1460526

**Approved**

- 19 [17-0424](#) Issue purchase order to 72 Hour LLC, DBA National Auto Fleet Group, to Furnish and Deliver four 2017 Ford Escapes, three 2017 Ford Transit Medium Roof Vans, and two Chevrolet Suburbans under the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 120716-NAF, in an amount not to exceed \$264,057.98, Account 201-50000-634860, Requisition 1462213.

**Approved**

- 20 [17-0425](#) Issue purchase order to Landmark Ford Inc., to Furnish and Deliver one 2017 Ford Transit Cargo Van and one 2017 Ford Transit Passenger Van under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract No. 4018029, in an amount not to exceed \$43,661.00, Account 201-50000-634860, Requisition 1462214.

**Approved**

- 21 [17-0434](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 17-100-11, Furnish and Deliver Automatic Samplers, to Hach Company, in an amount not to exceed \$47,504.00, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1438605

**Approved**

- 22 [17-0436](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 17-701-21, Furnish and Deliver a Submersible Storm Pump for the Deerfield Reservoir, to Grundfos Water Utility, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$49,000.00, Account 201-50000-634650, Requisition 1434511

**Approved**

- 23 [17-0443](#) Issue purchase orders to Staples Contract and Commercial, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Non-Stock Office Supplies to Various Locations under the National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing (NJPA) Co-operative Contract Number 010615-SCC, in an amount not to exceed \$64,302.10, Accounts 101, 501-11000, 15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 30000, 40000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623520, Requisitions 1461808, 1461809, 1461810, 1462095, 1462096, 1462097, 1462099, 1462106, 1462107, 1462110, 1462218, 1462219, and 1462222

**Approved**

#### Award Contract

- 24 [17-0439](#) Authority to award Contract 11-240-3P, Organic Waste Receiving Facility and Digester Gas Flare System Upgrade, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C., in an amount not to exceed \$8,426,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$421,300.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,847,300.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1440276

**Attachments:** [Contract 11-240-3P Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)  
[Contract 11-240-3P Project View.pdf](#)

**Deferred by Martin J. Durkan**

- 25 [17-0440](#) Authority to award Contract 17-002-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Cylinder Gases and Bulk Argon to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A, B, C, and D to Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$65,900.36, Account 101-20000-623840

**Attachments:** [Contract 17-002-12, Item Descriptions - Groups A, B, C, and D.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 26 [17-0442](#) Authority to award Contract 17-027-11, Furnish and Deliver Glass and Plastic Labware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$62,226.65, and Group C to Qorpak, a Division of Berlin Packaging, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$48,091.19, Account 101-20000-623570

**Attachments:** [Contract 17-027-11, Item Descriptions - Groups A, B and C.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 27 [17-0447](#) Authority to award Contract 16-806-22 (Re-Bid), Furnish, Deliver and Install an Upgraded Vacuum System at the 95th Street Pumping Station, to Ornelas Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$286,309.00, Account 201-50000-645600, Requisition 1417079 (As Revised)

**Attachments:** [Contract 16-806-22 Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 28 [17-0408](#) Authority to increase purchase orders and to exercise the option to extend the agreements for an additional twelve (12) month period for Contract 15-RFP-11 Legal Services for Workers' Compensation Defense to Dennis Noble & Associates, P.C. in an amount of \$101,992.00, from an amount of \$244,024.17 to an amount not to exceed \$346,016.17 and to Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C. in an amount of \$48,008.00, from an amount of \$59,586.28 to an amount not to exceed \$107,594.28, Account 101-25000-612430, Purchase Orders 3085891 and 3085933

**Attachments:** [att COLR 891.pdf](#)  
[att COLR 828.pdf](#)  
[att COLR 933.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 29 [17-0445](#) Authority to decrease purchase orders issued to P. D. Morrison Enterprises, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Non-Stock Office Supplies to various locations under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract Number PSD4017241, in an amount not to exceed \$64,302.10, from an amount of \$76,900.00, to an amount of \$12,597.90, Accounts 101, 501-11000, 15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 30000, 40000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623520, Purchase Orders 3092215, 3092216, 3092217, 3092219, 3092220, 3092221, 3092223, 3092230, 3092231, 3092232, 3092234, 3092235, and 3092236

**Approved**

**Engineering Committee****Report**

- 30 [17-0397](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of March 2017

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report March 2017 \\$10,000 \(1\).pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Report March 2017 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 31 [17-0412](#) Authority to enter into a Project Partnership Agreement (16-IGA-22) with the Department of the Army, represented by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Chicago Park District for design and construction of the River Riparian Connectivity and Habitat Ecosystem Restoration Project, and to make payment to the United States Army Corps of Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, Account 401-50000-645630

**Approved**

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 32 [17-0399](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claims of Tarita Stewart vs. MWRDGC, Cases 15 WC 13405, 15 WC 13406, and 15 WC 13407 in the sum of \$22,428.78, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

- 33 [17-0402](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Lawrence Deschamps vs. MWRDGC, Claim 15 WC 26809, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$21,505.57, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 34 [17-0429](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of March 2017

**Attachments:** [R-98 Report March 2017.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 35 [17-0396](#) Authority to enter into a 39-year lease agreement with the Village of Lemont on approximately 0.97 acres of District real estate located on the southwest corner of the District's Lemont Water Reclamation Plant property, Main Channel Parcel 23.11. Consideration shall be \$10.00

**Attachments:** [Aerial Map.Parcel 23.11.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 36 [17-0427](#) Authorize and approve entry into a 10-year easement agreement with Mt. Prospect Horizon LP for District use of an approximately 34.5' x 47' parcel of land located at Kensington and Wolf Roads in Mt. Prospect, Illinois for a chemical dosing station. Consideration shall be a fee of \$6,850.00

**Attachments:** [Aerial Map.Kensington & Wolf Roads, Mt. Prospect, IL.pdf](#)

**Approved**



- 37 [17-0428](#) Authority to grant to the Village of Crestwood: (1) a one year non-exclusive temporary construction easement comprising 1.163 acres and (2) a 25-year non-exclusive easement comprising 0.914 acres to install, operate, maintain, repair and remove a 16-inch water main running southeasterly from Cicero Avenue to Kolmar Avenue in Crestwood, Illinois; part of Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 11.04, 12.05, 12.07 and 12.08. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [Aerial Map.Parcels 11.04, 12.05, 12.07 and 12.08.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 38 [17-0441](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of March 2, 2017, regarding authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$235,750.00 to acquire by "quick-take" the fee simple title to real estate commonly known as 8640 Natchez Avenue in Burbank, IL from Bonnie L. Gall, in the eminent domain lawsuit Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Bonnie L. Gall, et. al., Case No. 16L050815 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, and to pay relocation costs to Brian Gall in an amount not to exceed \$30,918.00 to reflect the payment of relocation costs to Brian Gall and Bonnie L. Gall, Account 401-50000-656010, Capital Improvements Bond Fund

**Approved**

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Memorial Resolution

- 39 [17-0394](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Stacey Evan Wilson Davis

**Adopted**

- 40 [17-0417](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of William James Carothers

**Adopted**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 5, 10, 13, 24, 41, 42, 43 and 44

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

**Aye:** 8 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Martin J. Durkan, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Absent:** 1 - David J. Walsh

### Resolution

- 41 [17-0431](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Khemarey “Khem” Khoeun for her work in the refugee community
- A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 42 [17-0453](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing March4Meg
- A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Martin J. Durkan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 43 [17-0454](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Ron Hill’s twenty-seven years of service to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement
- A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 44 [17-0455](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Dr. Tom Granato’s twenty-nine years of service to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement
- A motion was made by David J. Walsh, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

## Meeting Summary

### Speakers

*Khemarey “Khem” Khoeun accepted the resolution recognizing for her work in the refugee community (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #41)*

*Jim Barry and Lauren Griffith accepted the resolution recognizing March4Meg (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #42)*

*Ron Hill, General Counsel, accepted resolution recognizing him for twenty-seven years of service to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #43)*

*Dr. Tom Granato, Director of Monitoring and Research, accepted the resolution recognizing him for twenty-nine years of service to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #44)*

**Summary of Requests***Procurement Item #13*

- 1 *Martin J. Durkan requested a breakdown of the types of structures that will benefit from this project*
- 2 *Timothy Bradford inquired about the process for selecting professional services*
- 3 *Barbara J. McGowan requested the estimated cost for construction*

*Procurement Item #14*

- 1 *Kari K. Steele requested a list of leaseholds along the Cal Sag Channel*

*Miscellaneous and New Business*

- 1 *Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested that policy be drafted to implement an Inspector General*
- 2 *Frank Avila requested to keep the warning signs along the waterways as is*
- 3 *Timothy Bradford requested photos of the warning signs that are posted along the waterways*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*Debra Shore and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos will be hosting a Women in Green event on May 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 4, 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: April 21, 2017.**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 26, 2017.**

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Martin J. Durkan, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, May 4, 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:** 8 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Martin J. Durkan, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Absent:** 1 - David J. Walsh

**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 20, 2017, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

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

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