

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2020

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 10:30 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 Marcelino Garcia, 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

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding item #31 and various concerns

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [20-0216](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

- 2 [20-0219](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Warsaw, Poland as Chicago's First Sister City

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Frank Avila, 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 Marcelino Garcia, 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, 13, 14, 15 and 31

Item #13 was deferred by Cameron Davis

Item #14 was deferred by Marcelino Garcia

Item #15 was deleted by the Executive Director

Item #31 was deferred by Marcelino Garcia

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

The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 5, 2020 was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:55 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Report

- 3 [20-0199](#) Report on the investment interest income during December 2019

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2019-12 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 4 [20-0200](#) Report on the investment interest income during January 2020

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2020-01 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 5 [20-0201](#) Report on investments purchased during December 2019

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2019-12 att.pdf](#)
 [Inv Purch by Broker_Bank 2019-12 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 6 [20-0202](#) Report on investments purchased during January 2020

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2020-01 att.pdf](#)
 [Inv Purch by Broker_Bank 2020-01 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 7 [20-0203](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2019

Attachments: [Inv Stat 2019 Q4 Inv att.pdf](#)
 [Inv Stat 2019 Q4 Fin Mkt.pdf](#)
 [Inv Stat 2019 Q4 Broker Bank att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 8 [20-0179](#) Authority to Amend the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Plan Document and Trust Agreement, dated as of March 5, 2020

Attachments: [OPEB Docs Summary of Revisions 2020.pdf](#)
 [Best Practices 2020.pdf](#)
 [Plan 2020-clean FINAL.pdf](#)
 [Plan 2020-lined FINAL.pdf](#)
 [Trust 2020-clean FINAL.pdf](#)
 [Trust 2020-lined FINAL.pdf](#)

Approved

- 9 [20-0181](#) Authority to Transfer \$20,000,000.00 of Accumulated Investment Interest Income to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund pursuant to the provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/5.9

Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

- 10 [20-0210](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 19-366-11, Public Tender of Bids to Lease for thirty-Nine (39) Years 19.67 Acres of District Real Estate Located Between I-294 and La Grange Road in Willow Springs, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 31.01, estimated cost \$514,000.00

Published and Filed

- 11 [20-0212](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Published and Filed

- 12 [20-0214](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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Authorization

- 13 [20-0177](#) Authorization for payment to Barnes & Thornburg LLP for the 2020 Federal Water Quality Coalition membership dues in the amount of \$12,500.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Deferred by Cameron Davis

- 14 [20-0205](#) Authorization to amend the scope of work and agreement with Stantec, Inc., (formerly MWH Americas, Inc.), for professional engineering post award services for Contract 04-202-4F, Account 401-50000-612470, Purchase Order 3100694

Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

Authority to Advertise

- 15 [20-0184](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-613-11, Scavenger Services at Various Service Areas, estimated cost \$3,883,400.00, Accounts 101/501-50000/66000/67000/68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1538453, 1538452, 1537450, 1538459, 1538445, 1538446 and 1538068

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 16 [20-0185](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-627-11, Repairs to Air Compressors and Air Dryers at Various Locations, estimated cost \$129,500.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/612650, Requisitions 1538725, 1538726, and 1538728

Approved

- 17 [20-0215](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-073-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Lab Accessories to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$45,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 18 [20-0183](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C. for wetland mitigation banking services in connection with contract 11-187-3F, Addison Creek Channel Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$80,750.00, Account 501-50000-645690, Requisition 1540089 (As Revised)

Approved

- 19 [20-0189](#) Issue purchase order to DLT Solutions, LLC, for SolarWinds Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$15,365.85, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1539869

Approved

- 20 [20-0211](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 20-105-12 (Re-Bid), Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Lysimeters and Groundwater Monitoring Wells, to Patrick Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1527684

Approved

- 21 [20-0213](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 20-632-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hypochlorite, to Alexander Chemical Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$4,206,963.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623560, Requisitions 1528871, 1528446, 1528191, 1532414, 1530767, and 1531424

Approved

Award Contract

- 22 [20-0170](#) Authority to award Contract 19-717-22 (Re-Bid), Furnish, Deliver, and Install an Upgraded Operator for TARP Gate I at the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to Ornelas Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$775,201.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 1518109 *(As Revised)(Deferred from the February 20, 2020 Board Meeting)*

Attachments: [Contract 19-717-22 \(Re-Bid\) Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 23 [20-0186](#) Authority to increase Contract 17-640-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite, to PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc., in an amount of \$212,964.38 from an amount of \$1,755,208.76 to an amount not to exceed \$1,968,173.14, Accounts 101-67000/68000-623560, Purchase Orders 3093827 and 3093829

Attachments: [17-640-11 FD Sodium Bisulfite Summary Spreadsheet.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [20-0190](#) Authority to increase and extend the purchase order with AT&T Corp., for Contract 16-RFP-06 Internet Services, in an amount of \$26,245.56, from an amount of \$252,827.69, to an amount not to exceed \$279,073.25, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3093695

Attachments: [3093695 Change Log 3-5-20.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [20-0191](#) Authority to decrease purchase order with AT&T Corporation, for Contract 16-RFP-05 Point to Point Communications, in an amount of \$1,572.12, from an amount of \$75,951.12, to an amount not to exceed \$74,379.00, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3096760

Attachments: [3096760 Change Log 3-5-20.pdf](#)

Approved

- 26 [20-0193](#) Authority to decrease purchase order to AT&T Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Telemetry Services in an amount of \$4,844.22, from an amount of \$985,246.48, to an amount not to exceed \$980,402.26, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3102511

Attachments: [Change Order Log PO 3102511 3-5-20.pdf](#)

Approved

- 27 [20-0194](#) Authority to increase purchase order to CDW-G, to Furnish and Deliver Microsoft Azure services in an amount of \$8,268.77, from an amount of \$3,698.90, to an amount not to exceed \$11,967.67, Account 101-27000-612820, Purchase Order 3107371

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 28 [20-0198](#) Authority to transfer 2020 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$130,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [03.05.20 Board Transfer BF5.pdf](#)

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 29 [20-0204](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Miguel Hernandez vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number W002190916 in the sum of \$39,532.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

Report

- 30 [20-0195](#) Report of Collective Bargaining Activities in 2020

Attachments: [Rep EE Budgeted Positions - 2020.pdf](#)

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Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Authorization

- 31 [20-0217](#) Request for advice and consent to the reappointment of Jose A. Lopez as a Commissioner on MWRD's Ethics Commission for a two-year term pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance

Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 32 [20-0207](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease 14.02± acres of improved District real estate at 6400 South Archer Avenue in Bedford Park, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 33.01

Attachments: [Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease MCP 33.01 - Ingredion Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 33 [20-0209](#) Authority to amend easement agreement dated March 24, 1949, between the District and Kornerstone Properties, LLC ("Kornerstone"), successor in interest to ComEd, to use and maintain the District-owned portions of Edmier Road located between Cicero Avenue and Ridgeland Avenue in Stickney and Forest View, Illinois. Consideration shall be a one-time fee of \$250,000.00

Attachments: [Authority to amend easement agreement - Kornerstone Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 34 [20-0218](#) Authority to grant a 10-year, 8,985 sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to Comcast of Chicago, Inc. to continue to use portions of North Shore Channel Parcel 8.01 located at 3100 West Bryn Mawr Avenue in Chicago, Illinois to operate, maintain, repair, and remove a 4-inch underground conduit and fiber optic cable. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$6,000.00

Attachments: [Authority to Grant 10-year Easment to Comcast - legion park - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 35 [20-0187](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Tinley Park for the construction and perpetual maintenance of the Streambank Stabilization Project (19-IGA-21) along Midlothian Creek in an amount not to exceed \$866,500.00, Account 501-500000-612400, Requisition 1538723

Approved

- 36 [20-0188](#) Authority to enter an intergovernmental agreement with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to collaborate on the restoration and maintenance of the McCook Levee

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 13, 14, 15 and 31

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Frank Avila, 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**

Kari McClowry, Bill McTide and Pat McCarthy accepted the resolution recognizing the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band (Re: Resolution Item 1)

Jose Luis Prado, Iwona Bochenska and Conrad Nowak accepted the resolution honoring Warsaw, Poland as Chicago's First Sister City (Re: Resolution Item 2)

James Muhler, Executive Director of the MWRD Retirement Fund, addressed the Board regarding Item #9

Summary of Requests*Finance Committee Item #9*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested list of minority investment participation

Real Estate Development Committee Item #32

1. Marcelino Garcia requested the rent per acres and the current price per acre
2. Debra Shore requested new leases include additional notices to the District

Miscellaneous & New Business

1. Cameron Davis requested the Diversity department provide the Board message ready notices for District events

Study Session

None

Announcements

Regina Berry, Diversity Administrator, announced a vendor outreach event will take place on March 31, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Malcolm X College.

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2020, 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, 2020

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 11, 2020

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 19, 2020 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: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

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, 2020, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

March 5, 2020