



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2014

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 5-year permit extension to Fulton County for continued use of 440 acres of District real estate located on the former Wier Farm to maintain and operate a public fishing, camping and recreational area in Fulton County, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

Since 1972, Fulton County has been using, under a series of short-term permit agreements, approximately 440 acres of District real estate located on the former Wier Farm in Fulton County, Illinois as a public fishing, camping and recreational area. Fulton County has requested a 5-year extension to its current permit upon its expiration on December 31, 2014. At its October 2, 2014, meeting, the District's Board of Commissioners authorized staff to commence negotiations with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR") for a lease on District real estate in Fulton County for public recreational use, including, but not limited to, the subject 440 acres. IDNR has since advised that it does not wish to lease the 440 acres currently under permit to Fulton County. Accordingly, recommendations are being made requesting that Fulton County's permit be extended.

The District's technical departments have reviewed the request for the 5-year permit extension and have no objections thereto.

Fulton County's use of the premises will be subject to all the District's standard permit requirements, including insurance coverage, and any improvements to the property first shall be reviewed and approved by the District.

As in the past, a nominal fee is recommended because Fulton County is a governmental entity using the land for public recreational purposes.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a 5-year permit extension to Fulton County for continued use of 440 acres of District real estate located on the former Wier Farm to maintain and operate a public fishing, camping and recreational area in Fulton County, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk to execute said permit extension agreement on behalf of the District after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel, RMH:STM:MM:ss

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board

of Commissioners for November 6, 2014

Attachment