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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014

<u>COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY</u>

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Mark Williams vs. MWRDGC, Claim # W000838126, in the sum of $57,004.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Dear Sir:

Mark William is a Maintenance Laborer A-Shift worker at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant. On November 21, 2012, he sustained an injury to his lower back. He was initially seen at the industrial clinic on November 21, 2012. The diagnosis was a strained lower back. On January 30, 2013, an MRI of the lower back revealed multilevel spondylosis with more advanced discogenic disease at L4-L5 and L5-S1. After conservative treatment failed, the employee underwent a L4-S1 discectomy on April 29, 2013. Following this surgery, Mr. Williams underwent a course of physical therapy. He was initially able to return to work on September 5, 2013. However, he required an additional ten days off beginning on October 3, 2013 and returning to work on October 14, 2013.

Mr. Williams was paid a total of $30,874.26, which represents 33.4 weeks of lost time benefits.

Subject to the approval of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), this Pro Se case can now be settled for 16% loss of person as a whole in the amount of $57,004.00. The settlement will close out any future lost time benefits as well as any future medical benefits associated with this injury.

The Director of Human Resources believes that this settlement is in the best interest of the District and requests payment of that sum be approved and she be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Requested, Denice E. Korcal, Director of Human Resources, DEK:RAJ:RG:aw
Respectfully Submitted, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Chairman Committee on Judiciary
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for November 20, 2014