



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

#### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 5-year permit to the US Army Corps of Engineers to use the access road and boat ramp located on an approximately 50' x 8' area of District Main Channel Parcel 15.05 in Lockport, Will County, Illinois, to launch and retrieve boats. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The US Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") has requested a permit on an approximately 50' x 8' area of District Main Channel Parcel 15.05 located in Lockport, Will County, Illinois to launch and retrieve boats used to collect, monitor and analyze aquatic species in the Main Channel as part of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Barriers Program. The USACE anticipates using the site two to three times per month for its monitoring program.

Since 2009, the Board of Commissioners has authorized the use of Parcel 15.05 by several government agencies to launch boats into the Main Channel for the purpose of enabling them to conduct surveys of fish populations and to collect fish species to determine the present effectiveness of the electronic nuisance barriers. Main Channel Parcel 15.05 comprises 22.38 acres and is under lease to ACBL Transportation Services, LLC ("ACBL") to operate a barge transportation company. The lease commenced in 2016 and expires in 2055. The annual rent under ACBL's lease is \$61,360.00. The District reserved the right under ACBL's lease to renew these permits from time to time for these limited purposes. USACE will be responsible for implementation of safety protocols for the boats and its crews, and for coordination of its schedules with ACBL and with other entities also authorized to use this site for boat launching purposes.

The District's technical departments have reviewed this request and have no objections thereto. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as the USACE is a governmental entity utilizing the property in furtherance of a public purpose.

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 to the US Army Corps of Engineers to use the access road and boat ramp located on an approximately 50' x 8' area of District Main Channel Parcel 15.05 in Lockport, Will County, Illinois, to launch and retrieve boats. 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 the 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:nhb

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, 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 February 16, 2017

Attachment