



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2018

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a five (5) year permit to the Romeoville Fire Department to continue to use the boat ramp located on an approximately 50' x 8' area on Main Channel Parcel 15.05 and access road in Lockport, Will County, Illinois, to launch and retrieve boats during fire/rescue emergencies and routine training operations in the Main Channel. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of 10.00

Dear Sir:

On November 15, 2012, the Board of Commissioners authorized the issuance of a five (5) year permit to the Romeoville Fire Department ("Fire Department") to use a 50' x 8' area of Main Channel Parcel 15.05 ("Parcel 15.05") to launch and retrieve boats during fire/rescue emergencies and routine training operations. The permit expires May 31, 2018, and was issued for a \$10.00 nominal fee. Parcel 15.05 comprises 22.38 acres and is under lease to ACBL Transportation Services, LLC ("ACBL") for operation of 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 boat launch permits to governmental agencies from time to time for these limited purposes.

The Fire Department has requested a new five (5) year permit to continue using the boat launch to access the Main Channel for these same emergency and training purposes. The Fire Department will be responsible for implementation of safety protocols for its boats and crews, and for coordination of its schedules with ACBL and with other entities also authorized to use this site for boat launching purposes. Access to Parcel 15.05 is currently through Main Channel Parcels 15.02 and 15.04. These parcels are under lease to ACBL. Use of this access route is therefore subject to the written consent of ACBL.

The District's technical departments have reviewed this request and have no objections thereto. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as the Fire Department 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 the issuance of five (5) year permit to the Romeoville Fire Department to continue to use the boat ramp located on an approximately 50' x 8' area on Main Channel Parcel 15.05 and access road in Lockport, Will County, Illinois, to launch and retrieve boats during fire/rescue emergencies and routine training operations in the Main Channel. 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 agreement after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:CMM:MM:vp
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 15, 2018

Attachment