



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. Richard Lanyon, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 10-year easement extension to Skokie Eruv Committee ("Skokie Eruv"), Inc. to operate, maintain, repair and remove six decorative poles located upon and over District-owned real estate located along the west bank of the North Shore Channel in Skokie, Illinois, and amend same to include the construction and maintenance of the two additional poles near McCormick Boulevard and Oakton Street in Skokie, Illinois, consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

On September 10, 2001, the District's Board of Commissioners authorized the issuance of a 10-year easement to Skokie Eruv to operate, maintain, repair and remove six decorative poles located upon and over District-owned real estate located along the west bank of the North Shore Channel, one pole is installed near the north side and one pole near the south side of each of the bridges over the Channel at Dempster, Church and Main Streets, in Skokie, Illinois. The subject easement agreement commenced August 15, 2001 and it set to expire on August 14, 2011.

The Skokie Eruv is now requesting the District to amend the subject easement agreement to include the construction and maintenance of the two additional poles near McCormick Boulevard and Oakton Street in Skokie, Illinois, and extend said easement agreement for an additional 10 years upon the expiration of the current agreement on August 14, 2011.

The District's technical departments have reviewed the requests for the extension and amendment of the subject easement agreement and have no objections thereto.

The Skokie Eruv shall procure, maintain and keep in force at its own expense, public liability and property damage insurance in accordance with the District's standard insurance coverage requirements. The Grantees have, however, requested waivers of the environmental contamination coverage, the document preparation fee and the performance bond requirements under the new easement.

The Skokie Eruv has expressed that fulfilling the cost requirements for the document preparation fee and the performance bond would present a financial burden on the Skokie Eruv's not-for-profit organization. The Skokie Eruv has also requested that the requirement to procure environmental insurance be waived because the maintenance of eight decorative concrete poles does not present a risk for environmental contamination of the subject property.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a 10-year easement extension to Skokie Eruv Committee, Inc. to operate, maintain, repair and remove six decorative poles located upon and over District-owned real estate located along the west bank of the North Shore Channel in Skokie, Illinois, and amend same to include the construction and maintenance of the two additional poles near McCormick Boulevard and Oakton Street in Skokie, 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 easement extension and amendment agreement on behalf of the District after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Frederick M. Feldman, General Counsel, FMF:CL:MM:rg

Recommended, Richard Lanyon, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Terrence J. O'Brien, 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 September 2, 2010

Attachment