

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2023

10:30 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Vice-President
Kimberly Du Buclet, Commissioner Patricia Theresa Flynn, Chairman of Finance
Marcelino Garcia, Commissioner Daniel Pogorzelski, Commissioner Eira L. Corral
Sepúlveda, Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, President Board of
Commissioners Kari K. Steele*

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.*
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.*

Call Meeting to Order

President Kari K. Steele presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Daniel Pogorzelski; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Yumeka Brown, that the minutes from the last meeting of April 20, 2023 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Cliff Haefke, Director of Energy Resources Center UIC, and Mike Archey, decarbonization strategist, addressed the board regarding Agenda item #22

Chelsey Grassfield, Policy Manager at Friends of Chicago River, addressed the board regarding Agenda item #2

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 19

Item # 19 was deleted by the Executive Director

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Cameron Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of May 4, 2023 was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:15 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Memorial Resolution

- 1 [23-0456](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Stanisława "Stasia" Rawicka (*As Revised*)

Adopted

Resolution

- 2 [23-0453](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Chicago River Day

Adopted

- 3 [23-0454](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and honoring the Asian American Caucus

Adopted

- 4 [23-0455](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and honoring Water and Waste Management (*As Revised*)

Adopted

Procurement Committee

Report

- 5 [23-0389](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Published and Filed

- 6 [23-0393](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Published and Filed

- 7 [23-0445](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 8 [23-0408](#) Authorization for payment to the Illinois Central Railroad Company to rehabilitate a railroad crossing, in a total amount of \$70,303.90, Account 201-50000-645790

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 9 [23-0394](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-259-5F Flood Control Project in the Vicinity of 131st Street and Cypress Lane in Palos Heights, estimated cost between \$452,541.60 and \$553,106.40, Account 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1599293

Attachments: [Contract 14-259-5F Affirmative Action 98% Review and Goals Report](#)
[Contract 14-259-5F Project View](#)

Approved

- 10 [23-0395](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-875-1S Television Inspection and Recording of Sewers and Manholes at Various Locations, estimated cost between \$4,560,000.00 and \$5,520,000.00, Account 101-50000-612240, Requisition 1598921

Attachments: [Contract 22-875-1S Affirmative Action 98% Review and Goals Report](#)
[Contract 22-875-1S Project Fact Sheet](#)

Approved

- 11 [23-0401](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-10 Pre-employment Physical Examinations, Post-offer Physical Assessments and Related Services, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026, estimated cost \$144,000.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1598035

Attachments: [Contract 23-RFP-10 Affirmative Action Goal Report](#)

Approved

- 12 [23-0404](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-03, Court Reporting Services for a three-year period, with an option to extend for an additional two years, estimated cost \$333,000.00, Accounts 101-25000-612250, 101-30000-612250, 101-40000-612250, and 501-50000-612250, Requisitions 1598945, 1599066, 1598944 and 1595419

Attachments: [Contract 23-RFP-03 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 13 [23-0383](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver FireEye Network Security Licensing and Support, in an amount not to exceed \$95,500.00, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1599172

Approved

- 14 [23-0384](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for Cisco Wireless Equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$38,546.55, Accounts 101-27000-612820, 612840, and 623850, Requisition 1599291

Approved

- 15 [23-0388](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 23-936-11, Furnishing and Delivering Citric Acid to Wilson Industrial Sales Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$174,636.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1593363

Attachments: [Contract 23-936-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [23-0390](#) Issue purchase order to Carahsoft Technology Corporation for Smartsheet Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$23,442.50, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1599298

Approved

- 17 [23-0398](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for the Renewal of Six Hundred (600) Citrix XenApp Software Maintenance Licenses and Renewal of Two (2) Citrix NetScaler MPX Appliances in an amount not to exceed \$70,324.80, Accounts 101-27000-612820 and 612840, Requisition 1599411

Approved

- 18 [23-0399](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 21-RFP-13, Procure a Public Sector Budget System with Questica LTD, in an amount not to exceed \$1,523,348.00, Accounts 101-15000-612430 and 101-15000-612820, Requisition 1569397

Attachments: [Contract 21-RFP-13 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 19 [23-0400](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with the law firm of Neal and Leroy, L.L.C. to represent the District in acquiring certain property rights in connection with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, Illinois (Contract 18-249-AF), in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, Account 501-50000-612430, Requisition 1599400

Deleted by the Executive Director

- 20 [23-0435](#) Issue a purchase order to Peterson and Matz, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Three (3) Wilo Submersible Grit Pumps, and Three Lifting Chains, in an amount not to exceed \$66,285.00, Accounts 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1597280.

Approved

- 21 [23-0436](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 23-622-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Electrical & Mechanical Equipment to Various Locations, to Boiler Equipment Company (Item 1), in an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00, to Refractron Technologies Corp. (Item 5), in an amount not to exceed \$51,525.00, and to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc. (Item 8) in an amount not to exceed \$39,500.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623270, 623090, Requisitions 1591394, 1591291, 1591402

Attachments: [Contract 23-622-11 Bid Tabulation Sheet](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 22 [23-0327](#) Authority to award Contract 19-155-3MR, Boilers 3, 4, 5 and MCC Replacement, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (Re-Bid) to Path Construction Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$21,882,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$1,094,100.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$22,976,100.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1576462 (*Deferred from the April 6, 2023 Board Meeting*)(*Deferred from the April 20, 2023 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [Contract 19-155-3MR \(Re-Bid\) Affirmative Action Goals Report - Path Construction Company, Inc..pdf](#)
[Contract 19-155-3MR \(Re-Bid\) Revised Appendix D Report - Path Construction Company, Inc..pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [23-0386](#) Authority to award Contract 23-659-11, Agricultural Management, Agricultural Fieldside Mowing, and Fence Installation and Repair in Fulton County, Illinois, Groups A and C, to C&J Mowing and Fencing, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$885,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisitions 1576860 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Contract 23-659-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group A.pdf](#)
[Contract 23-659-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group C.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [23-0387](#) Authority to award Contract 23-694-11, Truck Scale Maintenance at Various Locations, Groups A, B, and C to Abest Scale Co., in an amount not to exceed \$67,365.00, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612650, 612680, 623270 Requisitions 1579054, 1580712, 1589634

Attachments: [Contract 23-694-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [23-0411](#) Authority to award Contract 23-073-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Lab Accessories to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$32,263.24, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 23-073-11 Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

Approved

- 26 [23-0434](#) Authority to award Contract 23-664-11, Seal Coating of Roads and Patching of Pavement at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, to United Contractors Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Illinois Valley Paving, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1580718

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 27 [23-0396](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Contract 16-836-3S Civil Consulting Support Services in an amount of \$400,000.00, from an amount of \$2,100,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, Account 401-50000-612450, Purchase Order 3111933

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3111933](#)

Approved

- 28 [23-0403](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-159-3P Chemical Addition Backup System, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies LLC in an amount of \$27,829.84, from an amount of \$8,314,552.60, to an amount not to exceed \$8,342,382.44, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000085

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000085](#)

Approved

- 29 [23-0409](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., to provide panel and network upgrades, maintenance, and repair services on HVAC control systems at the Stickney, Calumet, Kirie, and Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount of \$61,583.00 from an amount of \$2,263,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$2,324,583.00, Account 201-50000-645780, Purchase Order 3120251

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 30 [23-0444](#) Authority to transfer 2023 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$739,000.00 in the Corporate Fund and Construction Fund

Attachments: [05.04.23 Board Transfer BF5 #1.pdf](#)
[05.04.23 Board Transfer BF5 #2.pdf](#)

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 31 [23-0382](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Antonio Soto vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 20WC026876, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$94,504.14, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 32 [23-0407](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Erin Keohane vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 22WC026591, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$30,221.80, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 33 [23-0451](#) Authority to settle claim of Inliner Solutions, LLC for additional time and material costs associated with Contract 06-155-3S, in the amount of \$1,350,000.00, Account 401-50000-645700

Approved

Monitoring & Research Committee

Authorization

- 34 [23-0392](#) Adoption of the Climate Action Plan of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Attachments: [05.04.23 Attachment MWRD Climate Action Plan.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 19

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Executive Session

A motion was made by Daniel Pogorzelski, seconded by Cameron Davis, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Information Technology to discuss cyber security pursuant to Section 2(c)(8) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: 9:0

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:25 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Procurement Committee Item #18

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a report including the timeline and scope of work

Judiciary Committee Item #33

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a list of companies the District had problems with in the past

Monitoring & Research Committee Item #34

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a virtual presentation and tracking of the plan

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: May 5, 2023.

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., May 10, 2023

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

Aye: 8 - Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this May 4, 2023, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

May 4, 2023