

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis, Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Vice-President 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 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; 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 Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that the minutes from the last meeting of September 7, 2023 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Benjamin Cox, Executive Director of Friends of the Forest Preserves, addressed the board regarding agenda item #36*

*Caroline Williams, Founder and CEO of Chicago Muslims Green Team, addressed the board regarding support for agenda item #37*

*Chuck Derringer, retired employee, addressed the board regarding various concerns*

## 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 Items: 10 and 37

Item # 10 was deferred by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Item # 37 was deferred by Marcelino Garcia

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

The Committee of the Whole meeting of September 21, 2023 was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:50 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Resolution

- 1    [23-0876](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Reverend Leslie Sanders (*Deferred from the September 7, 2023 Board Meeting*)  
**Adopted**
- 2    [23-0919](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Dr. Tekleab Gala  
**Adopted**

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 3    [23-0910](#)    Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of August 2023, in the amount of \$34,210,463.22  
  
      Attachments:    [August 2023 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)  
  
      **Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 4    [23-0896](#)    Authorization to ratify and approve payments made to the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management for the annual conference in an amount not to exceed \$15,050.00, Accounts 101/501-50000-601100  
  
      **Approved**
- 5    [23-0911](#)    Authority to approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director in the amount of \$1,064.91, Accounts 101-11000-612010, 612030 and 101-15000-612010, 612030  
  
      **A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**  
  
      **Aye:**    9 -    Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 6    [23-0905](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, August 29, 2023

**Published and Filed**

- 7    [23-0918](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 12, 2023

**Published and Filed**

### Authority to Advertise

- 8    [23-0880](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 24-753-11, Farming at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$890,000.00, Accounts 101-67000-612520/612530, Requisition 1605281

**Attachments:**    [Contract 24-753-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 9    [23-0889](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 24-101-11 Boat Maintenance, Repairs, and Parts for the PC100 Boat, estimated cost \$69,600.00, Accounts 101-16000-612790, 623990, Requisition 1605329

**Approved**

- 10    [23-0892](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-19, Professional Engineering Services for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Biosolids Management Strategy, estimated cost \$1,500,000.00, Account 201-50000-612430, Requisition 1604172

**Attachments:**    [Contract 23-RFP-19 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Deferred by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos**

- 11    [23-0894](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 19-083-3P Upgrade Wilmette Lift Station, NSA, estimated cost between \$1,529,285.00 and \$1,851,240.00, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1605843

**Attachments:**    [Contract 19-083-3P Fact Sheet](#)

[Contract 19-083-3P Affirmative Action Goals Report - 98% Review](#)

**Approved**

### Issue Purchase Order

- 12 [23-0881](#) Issue purchase order to Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company, to provide Hewlett Packard Maintenance for HPE SAN, in an amount not to exceed \$23,152.90, Account 101-27000-612810, Requisition 1605469  
**Approved**
- 13 [23-0882](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver VMware Software, Support and Subscription, in an amount not to exceed \$84,300.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1605289  
**Approved**
- 14 [23-0885](#) Issue purchase order to DLT Solutions, LLC, for Eagle Point Software Corporation's Pinnacle Series Software Annual Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$16,065.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1605327  
**Approved**
- 15 [23-0886](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Cisco SmartNet Hardware Support for Routers and Switches, in an amount not to exceed \$193,403.63, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1605798  
**Approved**
- 16 [23-0888](#) Issue purchase order to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Fiduciary Liability Insurance for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$10,061.00, and authorization for payment by direct voucher to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Fiduciary Liability Insurance for the Retiree Health Care Trust (OPEB), in an amount not to exceed \$7,939.00, Accounts 101-25000-612290 and P802-11000-798200 respectively, Requisition 1605822  
  
**Attachments:** [Contract 22-RFP-12 Appendix A Report - Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc.](#)  
**Approved**
- 17 [23-0890](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Calco, Ltd. for Preventative Maintenance, Emergency Repair Service and Parts for Water Purification Systems at Various Locations for Three Years, in an amount not to exceed \$111,272.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1604184  
**Approved**
- 18 [23-0893](#) Issue purchase order and enter into agreements with West Publishing Corporation for online legal research and subscriptions to various legal publications for a three (3) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$242,740.56, Account 101-30000-612490,623720, Requisition 1605014  
**Approved**

- 19 [23-0898](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with TierPoint, LLC, for Co-Location Services for District Infrastructure, in an amount not to exceed \$26,634.00, Account 101-27000-612330, Requisition 1605819  
**Approved**
- 20 [23-0903](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 23-116-11, Analysis of Sediment Toxicity, to EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC (EA Engineering), in an amount not to exceed \$11,700.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1599758  
**Approved**
- 21 [23-0904](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 23-603-11, Furnishing and Delivering Roadway Rock Salt to Various Service Areas to Morton Salt, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$128,100.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623130, Requisitions 1598080, 1598252, and 1598172

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-603-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 22 [23-0902](#) Authority to award Contract 22-875-1S, Television Inspection and Recording of Sewers and Manholes at Various Locations, to National Power Rodding Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$7,525,000.00, Account 101-50000-612240, Requisition 1598921

**Attachments:** [Contract 22-875-1S Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - National Power Rodding Corp..pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 23 [23-0878](#) Authority to decrease Contract 98-RFP-10, Design, Build, Own, Finance, Operate and Maintain a 150 Dry Tons Per Day Biosolids Processing Facility at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Beneficially Use the Final Product for a Period of 20 years, to Metropolitan Biosolids Management, LLC, in an amount of \$1,405,100.00 from an amount of \$191,336,862.54 to an amount not to exceed \$189,931,762.54, Account 101-69000-612590, Purchase Order 5000950

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5000950](#)

**Approved**

#### **Budget & Employment Committee**

##### **Authorization**

- 24 [23-0917](#) Authority to transfer 2023 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$100,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [09.21.23 Board Transfer BF5](#)

Approved

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 25 [23-0895](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of August 2023

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report August 2023 5% Contingency.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report August 2023 Revised.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 26 [23-0883](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of August 2023

Attachments: [R-98 Report August 2023.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 27 [23-0806](#) Authority to grant the Village of Hanover Park a 60-year, approximately 20' x 728' non-exclusive easement to continue to operate a 6-inch water main on District real estate located south of the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant in Hanover Park, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00 (*Deferred from the September 7, 2023 Board Meeting*)

Attachments: [RE - Hanover Park 60-year Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 28   [23-0901](#)   Authority to issue a two-month permit extension to Michels Pipeline, Inc. to continue to use 3± acres of Main Channel Parcel 35.02 located west of Harlem Avenue and north of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in Forest View, Illinois for its project to upgrade an existing pipeline for Kinder Morgan. Consideration shall be a one-time permit fee of \$14,090.00

**Attachments:**   [RE - Michels Pipeline Permit MCP 35.05 Extension Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 29   [23-0907](#)   Authority to grant a 25-year, 28.37-acre non-exclusive easement to Prairie Power, Inc. to construct, operate, maintain, reconstruct, repair, replace and remove electrical power lines to connect its existing substations south of the City of Canton and the Village of St. David in Fulton County, Illinois. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$20,528.00

**Attachments:**   [RE - Prairie Power 25-year Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 30   [23-0908](#)   Authority to grant a 25-year, 569,904 sq. ft. non-exclusive easement to Commonwealth Edison Company to continue to operate, maintain, and remove an electrical transmission line upon, over, and across District land located along the southerly bank of the Main Channel between Pulaski Road and Cicero Avenue in the City of Chicago, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 39.13, 40.01, 40.04, 40.05 and 40.06. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$143,000.00

**Attachments:**   [RE - ComEd 25-year Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 31   [23-0912](#)   Authority to enter into a 50-year lease with the City of Palos Heights for the continued use of 82± acres of District real estate located along the south bank of the Cal-Sag Channel in Palos Heights, Illinois, for public recreational purposes, including the operation and maintenance of the Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens, and the sale and consumption of alcohol. Consideration shall be a one-time fee of \$10.00, plus 25% of annual net revenues derived from the premises

**Attachments:**   [RE - Palos Heights 50-Year Lease Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**



- 32 [23-0916](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease 7.42± acres of District real estate located along the North Shore Channel between Oakton Street and the CTA Yellow Line tracks in Skokie, Illinois, known as North Shore Channel Parcels 6.06, 6.11, and 6.14 (portion)

Attachments: [RE - Builders Asphalt Request to Lease NSC 6.06, 6.11 and 6.14 Aerial.pdf](#)  
[RE - Builders Asphalt Request to Lease NSC 6.06, 6.11 and 6.14 Skokie Letter of Support.pdf](#)

Approved

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Report

- 33 [23-0897](#) Report on Green Infrastructure, Detention, and Compensatory Storage Volumes Required by the Watershed Management Ordinance

Attachments: [2023 T1 Stormwater Management Report \(1st Half\).pdf](#)  
[2023 T2 Offsite Facility Report \(1st Half\).pdf](#)

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### Authorization

- 34 [23-0899](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Des Plaines for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Craig Manor Drainage System Improvements in Des Plaines (23-IGA-33), in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00

Attachments: [Conceptual Design Exhibit 23-IGA-33.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [23-0900](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to Lyons Township for the Acquisition of Flood-Prone Properties and Construction of Stormwater Storage in Lyons Township (23-IGA-43), in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00

Attachments: [23-IGA-43\\_ARPA Stormwater Projects List.pdf](#)

Approved

- 36 [23-0920](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 25th anniversary of Friends of the Forest Preserves

Adopted

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 5, 10 and 37

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

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

- 37 [23-0921](#) MOTION to recommend the establishment of a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Department for consideration as part of the District's forthcoming State of Illinois 2024 Legislative Program.

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

*None*

#### Summary of Requests

*Procurement Committee Item #10*

*1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo on current trends and things to consider in the future*

*Procurement Committee Item #21*

*1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested an update be provided to the board regarding any new findings from the conference*

*2. Kari K. Steele requested including last year's memo on this topic and the price analysis*

*3. Eira L. Corral-Sepúlveda requested the snow removal plan*

*4. Precious Brady-Davis requested the PFAS Policy*

#### Study Session

*None*

#### Announcements

*None*

#### Board Letter Submission Dates

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 5, 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: September 22, 2023**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., September 27, 2023**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, October 5, 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:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**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 September 21, 2023, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

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