

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 19, 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:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Daniel Pogorzelski; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that the minutes from the last meeting of October 5, 2023 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*None*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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: 11, 13, 16, 17 and 20

Item # 11 was deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Item # 13 was deferred by Cameron Davis

Items # 16, 17, and 20 were 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 Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Marcelino Garcia. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of October 19, 2023 was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:55 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Resolution

- 1    [23-0969](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing "Imagine a Day Without Water"  
**Adopted**
- 2    [23-1027](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing former Illinois House Representative Gregory S. Harris (*As Revised*)  
**Adopted**

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 3    [23-1012](#)    Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of September 2023, in the amount of \$37,745,166.90  
**Attachments:** [September 2023 Cash Disbursements Summary.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 4    [23-1013](#)    Report on investments purchased during July 2023  
**Attachments:** [Inv Purch 2023-07 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 5    [23-1014](#)    Report on investments purchased during August 2023  
**Attachments:** [Inv Purch 2023-08 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 6    [23-1015](#)    Report on the investment interest income during July 2023  
**Attachments:** [Inv Int Inc 2023-07 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**

- 7    [23-1016](#)    Report on the investment interest income during August 2023

**Attachments:**    [Inv Int Inc 2023-08 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 8    [23-1008](#)    Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 3, 2023

**Published and Filed**

- 9    [23-1009](#)    Report on rejection of bids for Contract 23-115-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Label Printers, Barcode Scanners, and Accessories, estimated cost \$120,000.00

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 10    [23-0957](#)    Authorization for payment to National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for 2023/2024 membership dues in the amount of \$99,045.00, Account 101-15000-612280 (*Deferred from the October 5, 2023 Board Meeting*)

**Approved**

- 11    [23-0985](#)    Authorization for payment to WaterReuse Association for 2024 membership dues, in the amount of \$19,230.00, Account 101-15000-612280

**Deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda**

- 12    [23-0994](#)    Authorization to amend Board Order of April 20, 2023, regarding Issue purchase order to Dell Marketing, LP for Microsoft Premier software and directory services support, in an amount not to exceed \$353,003.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1598412, Agenda Item No. 14, File No. 23-0349

**Attachments:**    [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of April 20, 2023 - Agenda Item No. 14, File No. 23-0349](#)

**Approved**

- 13    [23-1011](#)    Authorization for payment to Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies (IAWA) for 2023/2024 membership dues in the amount of \$14,120.00, Account 101-15000-612280

**Deferred by Cameron Davis**

### Authority to Advertise

**14** [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 *(Deferred from the September 21, 2023 Board Meeting) (Deferred from the October 5, 2023 Board Meeting)*

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

**Approved**

**15** [23-0981](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-847-11, Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$543,440.00, Account 101-68000-612520, Requisition 1606155

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-847-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**16** [23-0982](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-690-11, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$12,380,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1606394 and 1606557

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-690-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A and B](#)

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

**17** [23-0995](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$3,826,800.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1600061 and 1601426

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-692-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A and B](#)

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

**18** [23-0996](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-618-11, Furnish and Deliver HVAC and Refrigeration Parts and Services to Various Locations, estimated cost \$984,155.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612680/623270, Requisitions 1605437, 1605438, and 1605439

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-618-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A, B and C](#)

**Approved**

**19** [23-0998](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-670-11, Inspection and Repair of Cranes and Hoists at Various Locations, estimated cost \$953,900.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612240/612680, Requisitions 1606406, 1606408, and 1606424

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-670-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**20** [23-1002](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-691-11, Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$5,464,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1606396 and 1606558

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-691-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A and B](#)

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

**21** [23-1003](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-622-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Electrical and Mechanical Equipment to Various Locations, estimated cost \$1,553,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623070/623090/623270/623800/634650 Requisitions 1601847, 1602122, 1603038, 1603221, 1603222, 1603297, 1603707, 1605026, and 1605032

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-622-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**22** [23-1005](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 24-012-11 Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$45,000.00, Account 101-20000-623190

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-012-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order****23** [23-0934](#)

Issue purchase order to Early Morning Software, Inc. for EMS PRISM Compliance Software License Renewal and Stage Infrastructure, in an amount not to exceed \$57,560.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1606164  
*(Deferred from the October 5, 2023 Board Meeting)*

**Approved**

- 24 [23-0975](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Occupational Health Centers of Illinois, P.C. dba Concentra Medical Centers for 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 \$150,000.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1598035

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

**Approved**

- 25 [23-0976](#) Issue purchase orders to Staples Contract and Commercial, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Office Supplies to Various Locations under the Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), Purchasing Co-operative Contract Number 012320-SCC, in an amount not to exceed \$80,050.00, Accounts 101, 501-11000, 15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 30000, 40000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623520, Requisitions 1462110, 1605740, 1605801, 1605803, 1605823, 1605842, 1606021, 1606154, 1606520, 1606521, 1606551, 1606552, and 1606555.

**Approved**

- 26 [23-0978](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-304-11, Annual Maintenance, Repairing, Recharging, and Hydrostatic Pressure Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers for a Three (3) Year Period at Various Locations, to U.S. Fire and Safety Equipment Co., in an amount not to exceed \$92,869.00, Account 101-25000-612780, Requisition 1601009

**Approved**

- 27 [23-0980](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc., for Contract 23-RFP-15 Consulting Services to Develop an Executive Level Performance Evaluation Process, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1601010

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-RFP-15 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 28 [23-0987](#) Issue purchase order to National Fire Protection Association for National Fire Codes On-Line Subscription License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$27,720.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1606166

**Approved**

- 29 [23-0990](#) Issue purchase order to Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc. to Furnish Property Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$3,014,218.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1607475

**Attachments:** [Contract 22-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc.](#)

**Approved**

- 30 [23-1000](#) Issue purchase order to AVI-SPL LLC and enter into an agreement with Avaya, Inc. for Telecommunications Equipment, Maintenance Support, and E911 Calling, in an amount not to exceed \$613,230.76, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1607457

**Approved**

- 31 [23-1004](#) Issue purchase order to Haworth, Inc., to furnish and deliver office furniture and cubicles for thirteen (13) employee spaces at the Main Office Building Annex, under General Services Administration Joint Purchasing Contract GS-03F-057DA, in an amount not to exceed \$61,765.72, Account 101-15000-634800, Requisition 1607465

**Approved**

- 32 [23-1007](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 23-904-23 (Re-Bid), Furnishing and Delivering Harmonic Filters to the Stickney WRP, to Active Electrical Supply Company, in an amount not to exceed \$243,270.00, Account 201-50000-645650, Requisition 1601266

**Approved**

- 33 [23-1017](#) Issue purchase order to Proven IT, Inc. to furnish, deliver, and install one KIP 7980 Series Four Roll Multi-Function Printing System with one KIP 2300 CCD Scanner, including one year of maintenance under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 030321-TOS, in an amount not to exceed \$50,830.00, Accounts 101-50000-634990 and 101-50000-612800, Requisition 1607060

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 34 [23-1006](#) Authority to award Contract 24-348-11, Services to Remove Hazardous Materials from Various District Locations, On an As-Needed Basis, For A Three-Year Period, to Luse Environmental Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$274,785.00, Account 101-25000-612780, Requisition 1608245 (As Revised)

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-348-11 Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D Report - Luse Companies](#)

**Approved**

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

- 35   [23-0913](#)   Authority to decrease Contract 19-665-11, Landscape Maintenance at Various Service Areas, Groups A, B, and D to Lizzette Medina & Company, in an amount of \$24,586.25, from an amount of \$739,250.84, to an amount not to exceed \$714,664.59, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612420, Purchase Orders 5001719 and 5001720 (*Deferred from the October 5, 2023 Board Meeting*)

**Attachments:**   [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 5001719 and 5001720](#)

**Approved**

- 36   [23-0983](#)   Authority to decrease Contract 21-690-12, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA (Re-Bid), Group A LASMA, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount of \$1,312,928.09, from an amount of \$12,556,834.00, to an amount not to exceed \$11,243,905.91, Account 101-69000-612520, Purchase Order 5001854

**Approved**

- 37   [23-0984](#)   Authority to decrease Contract 21-690-11, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, Group B CALSMA, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount of \$691,700.00, from an amount of \$2,675,100.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,983,400.00, Account 101-68000-612520, Purchase Order 5001839

**Approved**

- 38   [23-0988](#)   Authority to decrease Contract 22-691-12, Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA, CALSMA and the Egan Water Reclamation Plant (Re-Bid), Groups B and C, to Gosia Cartage, LTD, in an amount of \$900,200.00, from an amount of \$2,710,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,809,800.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000-612520, Purchase Order 5001877

**Attachments:**   [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001877](#)

**Approved**

- 39   [23-0989](#)   Authority to decrease Contract 21-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B, to Synagro Central, LLC, in an amount of \$115,000.00, from an amount of \$2,940,830.98, to an amount not to exceed \$2,825,830.98, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Purchase Order 5001805

**Attachments:**   [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001805](#)

**Approved**

- 40   [23-0991](#)   Authority to decrease Contract 22-691-11, Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA, CALSMA and the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, Group A LASMA, to J.E.I. Inc., in an amount of \$1,081,416.21, from an amount of \$3,750,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,668,583.79, Account 101-69000-612520, Purchase Order 5001866

**Approved**

- 41 [23-0999](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Schneider Electric Systems USA, Inc., to provide services for a Secure Upgrade to the DCS at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$42,946.90, from an amount of \$441,546.00, to an amount not to exceed \$484,492.90, Account 101-68000-612650, Purchase Order 3120617

**Approved**

- 42 [23-1001](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Seyfarth Shaw LLP to represent the District in MWRDGC v. IBEW, Local 9, Case No. 2023 CH 00322, Circuit Court of Cook County and any related actions, in an amount of \$45,000.00, from an amount of \$185,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00, Account 101-30000-612430, Purchase Order 3124390

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3124390](#)

**Approved**

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Authorization

- 43 [23-1026](#) Authority to transfer 2023 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$3,500.00 in the Corporate Fund

**Attachments:** [10.19.23 Board Transfer BF5.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 44 [23-1018](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of September 2023

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report September 2023 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 CO Status Report September 2023](#)

**Published and Filed**

- 45 [23-1019](#) Report on the status of the agreement entered into between the District and Material Service Corporation, now known as Heidelberg Materials Midwest Aggregate, Inc., for the mining of the required "Rough Hole" for the Thornton Composite Reservoir

**Attachments:** [Attachment A 10.03.23.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 46    [23-1025](#)    Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of September 2023

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

Published and Filed

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 47    [23-1020](#)    Authority to amend the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Lyons for the acquisition of flood-prone properties (21-IGA-24)

Attachments:    [Exhibit A.pdf](#)

[Exhibit B.pdf](#)

Approved

- 48    [23-1022](#)    Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Brookfield for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Burlington Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements in Brookfield (23-IGA-31), in an amount not to exceed \$1,075,745.00

Attachments:    [23-IGA-31-Brookfield BL Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 49    [23-1023](#)    Authority to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Thorn Ditch Flood Mitigation Project in South Holland, Illinois

Attachments:    [18-252-5F\\_ARPA Stormwater Projects List.pdf](#)

Approved

- 50    [23-1024](#)    Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Midlothian for the acquisition of a flood-prone property (23-IGA-28), in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400

Attachments:    [Flood-Prone Property Acquisition - Exhibit.pdf](#)

[Midlothian Natalie Creek Property \(23-IGA-28\) - Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 51    [23-1029](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 120th anniversary of Local 63 Ironworkers

**Adopted**

- 52    [23-1030](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Climate Action Museum

**Adopted**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 11, 13, 16, 17, and 20**

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Cameron Davis, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:**    8 -    Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**    1 -    Yumeka Brown

**Miscellaneous and New Business**

**Meeting Summary**

**Speakers**

*Matt McGregor and the MWRD 2nd City Sewer Crew addressed the board regarding the WEFTEC competition*

*Former Illinois State Representative, Gregory Harris, accepted the resolution in his honor (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #2)*

**Summary of Requests***Procurement Committee Item # 10*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo regarding the conversation with NACWA on where we are and where we are going
2. Marcelino Garcia recommended a Study Session on PFAS be held next year
3. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested the follow up from last year's report be included in the memo

*Procurement Committee Item # 11*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a report on WaterReuse regarding where we are, past issues and innovations

*Procurement Committee Item # 13*

1. Kari K. Steele requested a report on the number of District members in the WaterReuse Association and the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies

*Procurement Committee Items # 16, 17, and 20*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo describing the differences between the contracts scope of work
2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda also requested the memo include an analysis of the review to un-bundle

*Procurement Committee Item # 30*

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo on the number of procurements done per year versus how many have multi year extensions

*Procurement Committee Item # 35*

1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda recommended vendors be notified when their certification expires and for the process to be evaluated

**Study Session**

None

**Announcements**

Kari K. Steele announced the 2nd annual "Imagine a Day Without Water" MWRD video and essay contest for 6th through 8th graders. More details can be found on the MWRD website.

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 2, 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: **October 20, 2023**

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: **1:00 p.m., October 25, 2023**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, November 2, 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 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

**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 October 19, 2023, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

October 19, 2023