

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017

10:30 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Commissioner Martin J. Durkan, Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Kari K. Steele, Commissioner David J. Walsh, President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

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 Mariyana T. Spyropoulos presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Frank Avila; Timothy Bradford; Martin J. Durkan; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Kari K. Steele; David J. Walsh; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Josina Morita, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board.

Charles Dieringer, Thorncreek Watershed, voiced concerns about stream blockage (Re: Procurement Item #17 and Stormwater Management Item #30)

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Kari K. Steel, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:05 a.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Authorization

- 1 [17-0190](#) Authority to add Project 17-903-41, Elevator Improvements at the Mainstream Pumping Station, to the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, estimated cost of the project is \$245,000.00.

Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

- 2 [17-0143](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 17-RFP-18 Post-Offer Physical Assessments, estimated cost \$21,500.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1455230

Published and Filed

- 3 [17-0152](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 17-RFP-22, Hosted Software Solution Used to Produce the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Budget Book, estimated cost \$125,000.00 for a two-year period, Account 201-50000-612430, Requisition 1456485

Published and Filed

- 4 [17-0172](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 17-002-11 Furnish and Deliver Cylinder Gases and Bulk Liquid Argon to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$77,500.00

Published and Filed

- 5 [17-0174](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Published and Filed

- 6 [17-0175](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 7 [17-0096](#) Authorization to exercise the option to extend the agreement with Ace Coffee Bar, Inc. for Contract 14-RFP-01 (Re-Bid) to Provide Vending Machines at various locations for an additional Thirty-Six (36) Month Period. *(Deferred from the February 2, 2017 Board Meeting)*

Approved

- 8 [17-0130](#) Authorization for payment to JULIE, Inc., for participation in underground project coordination, in an amount not to exceed \$46,109.84, Account 101-50000-612430

Approved

- 9 [17-0157](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 16-366-12 (Re-Bid) Proposal to Lease for 39-years portions of the ground floor and outdoor plaza consisting of approximately 10,751 sq. ft. of the 101-111 East Erie Street building in Chicago, Illinois, from GIC 101 Erie LLC in the amount of \$60,000.00

Attachments: [Survey Map.GIC 101 Erie.pdf](#)

Approved

- 10 [17-0181](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of November 17, 2016, regarding issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Aerico, Inc. for maintenance services for APC equipment, Agenda Item No. 16, File No. 16-1167

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 11 [17-0154](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-689-11, Test and Repair Underground Storage Tanks at Various Locations, estimated cost \$121,100.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612240/612490/623070/ 623270, Requisitions 1456934, 1456939, 1456943, 1456946, and 1456947

Approved

- 12 [17-0176](#) Authority to advertise Contract 17-053-11 Furnish and Deliver Lamps to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$40,000.00, Account 101-20000-623070

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 13 [17-0141](#) Issue purchase order to Chen, Garner & Stevens Partners, LLC (dba Eureka Water Probes), to Furnish and Deliver water quality meters and accessories, in an amount not to exceed \$49,612.24, Account 101-16000- 634970, Requisition 1450835

Approved

- 14 [17-0145](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Thermo LabSystems, Inc. (dba ThermoFisher Scientific) to provide a five-day on-site Laboratory Information Management System training on the SampleManager Laboratory Information Management System for the Monitoring and Research Department laboratories, in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00, Account 101-16000-601100, Requisition 1455237

Approved

- 15 [17-0161](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 16-612-22 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Bio-P Control Equipment, to Gasvoda and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, Account 201-50000-645650, Requisition 1439242

Approved

- 16 [17-0186](#) Issue purchase orders to Boerger LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Boerger Pump Parts and Equipment to Various Locations, for a two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623270

Approved

Award Contract

- 17 [17-0163](#) Authority to award Contract 17-646-51, Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, Group A to J & L Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,947,875.00, and Group B to Thornton Equipment Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,848,940.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Requisition 1430448

Attachments: [Contract 17-646-51 Revised Appendix D Report, Group A.pdf](#)
[Contract 17-646-51 Revised Appendix D Report, Group B.pdf](#)

Approved

- 18 [17-0171](#) Authority to award Contract 17-012-11, Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B, to JC Licht, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$43,519.75, Account 101-20000-623190

Attachments: [Contract 17-012-11 Item Descriptions Groups A and B.pdf](#)

Approved

- 19 [17-0177](#) Authority to award Contract 17-666-11, Security Services at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, to Elam Private Detective, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$162,651.50, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1431171

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 20 [17-0144](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-403-2P Membrane Gas Holder Replacement and Digester Cleaning, Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Path Construction Company, Inc. in an amount of \$300,000.00, from an amount of \$5,578,167.09, to an amount not to exceed \$5,878,167.09, Account 201-50000-645750, Purchase Order 4000018

Attachments: [CO LOG 11-403-2P, BM 2-16-17.pdf](#)

Approved

- 21 [17-0158](#) Authority to increase purchase order and exercise an option to extend agreement for one year with West Publishing Corporation for on-line legal research and subscriptions to various legal publications for a three year period, in an amount not to exceed \$76,660.00 from an amount of \$230,108.18, to an amount not to exceed \$306,768.18, Accounts 101-30000-612490, 623720, Purchase Order 3080583

Attachments: [PO 3080583.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 22 [17-0169](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of January 2017

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report January 2017 5% Contingency.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report January 2017.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 23 [17-0168](#) Authorization to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Park District for a project to remove the North Branch Dam and stabilize banks along the North Branch Chicago River and the North Shore Channel from Lawrence Avenue to Peterson Avenue (16-IGA-22)

Approved

Judiciary Committee**Authorization**

- 24 [17-0166](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claims of Dale Polak vs. MWRDGC, Cases 12 WC 19556, 12 WC 19561 in the sum of \$67,107.97, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee**Reports**

- 25 [17-0153](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the months of December 2016 and January 2017.

Attachments: [R-98 Report January 2017.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Monitoring & Research Committee**Authorization**

- 26 [17-0182](#) Authorization for payment to Marquette University for annual membership in the National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for Water Equipment and Policy, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

Public Information & Education

Authorization

- 27 [17-0191](#) Authorization to allow participation in 2017 parades

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 28 [17-0139](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit to the City of Des Plaines to continue to maintain a "Welcome to the City of Des Plaines" sign located at the southeast corner of Oakton Street and Elmhurst Road on the site of the District's James C. Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, in Des Plaines, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [Aerial Map.City of Des Plaines.pdf](#)

Approved

- 29 [17-0140](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit to the US Army Corps of Engineers to use the access road and boat ramp located on an approximately 50' x 8' area of District Main Chanel Parcel 15.05 in Lockport, Will County, Illinois, to launch and retrieve boats. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [Aerial Map.Parcel 15.05 2.16.17.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Report

- 30 [17-0170](#) Report on Green Infrastructure, Detention, and Compensatory Storage Volumes Required by the Watershed Management Ordinance *(As Revised)*

Attachments: [Quarterly Reporting Table](#)

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 31 [17-0173](#) Authority to enter into a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the Department of the Army, represented by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the McCook Levee, and to make payment in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, Account 401-50000-645630

Approved

Miscellaneous and New Business**Memorial Resolution**

- 32 [17-0138](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Kenneth Ray Harris

Adopted

Resolution

- 33 [17-0184](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

- 34 [17-0185](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners to comply with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act)"ADOPTED AS AMENDED, REFER TO FILE ID#17-0185A"

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Resolution be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Martin J. Durkan, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

- 35 [17-0189](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

- 36 [17-0192](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring William Beavers

Adopted

- 37 [17-0193](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring the Honorable Timothy Evans

Adopted

- 38 [17-0194](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring William Henry

Adopted

- 39 [17-0195](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Cliff Kelley
Adopted
- 40 [17-0196](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Mercedes Mallette
Adopted
- 41 [17-0197](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Fred Rice
Adopted
- 42 [17-0198](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Robert Shaw
Adopted
- 43 [17-0199](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Allan Streeter
Adopted
- 44 [17-0200](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Wallace Davis, Jr.
Adopted
- 45 [17-0201](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring William Garth
Adopted
- 46 [17-0202](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Marian Humes
Adopted
- 47 [17-0203](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Tyrone Kenner
Adopted
- 48 [17-0204](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Martin J. Oberman
Adopted

- 49 [17-0205](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Congressman Bobby Rush
Adopted
- 50 [17-0206](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Niles Sherman
Adopted
- 51 [17-0207](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Dr. Conrad Worrill
Adopted
- 52 [17-0208](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring David Orr
Adopted
- 53 [17-0209](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Eugene Sawyer
Adopted
- 54 [17-0210](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Ed Smith
Adopted
- 55 [17-0211](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Congressman Danny K. Davis
Adopted
- 56 [17-0212](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Rev. John C. Hatchett
Adopted
- 57 [17-0213](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Perry Hutchinson
Adopted
- 58 [17-0214](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2017 as Black History Month and honoring Anna Langford
Adopted

[17-0185A](#)

Motion to amend File No. 17-0185, Agenda Item No. 34, RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners to comply with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act

Attachments: [File No. 17-0185, Amended](#)

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by David J. Walsh, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Martin J. Durkan, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 33, 34, and 35

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Josina Morita, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Martin J. Durkan, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Meeting Summary**Speakers**

Kay Whitlock, Vice President at Christopher Burke Engineering LTD, accepted the resolution recognizing National Engineers Week (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #35)

Summary of Requests

David St. Pierre

- 1. Debra Shore requested a review of pension benefits for persons in civil unions and domestic partnerships.*
- 2. Frank Avila inquired about the make and model of the drones used by staff and if staff will be eligible for licensing to operate drones.*
- 3. Debra Shore requested a study session to discuss the Rules of the Board*
- 4. Timothy Bradford requested copies of Chatter Box Cafe's most recent inspection report and sanitation licence.*

Study Session

A Study Session will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017. The purpose of the Study Session is to discuss legislative initiatives.

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2017, 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: February 17, 2017 Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., February 22, 2017

Adjournment

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Josina Morita, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 2, 2017 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 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Martin J. Durkan, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Kari K. Steele, David J. Walsh, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

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 February 16, 2017, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Mariyana T. Spyropoulos
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
February 16, 2017