

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2024

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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Cameron Davis, that the minutes from the last meeting of February 1, 2024, be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Tessa Murray, Friend of the Chicago River, addressed the board regarding agenda items 34, 35, and 36

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, 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: 8

Item # 8 was deferred by Precious Brady-Davis

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 Patricia Theresa Flynn. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of February 15, 2024 was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:05 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [24-0080](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week
Adopted

Finance Committee**Report**

- 2 [24-0124](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of January 2024, in the amount of \$52,750,999.88
Attachments: [January 2024 Cash Disbursements Summary.pdf](#)
Published and Filed

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 3 [24-0111](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Published and Filed
- 4 [24-0112](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 23-682-12 (Re-Bid), Chemical Grouting Services, estimated cost \$90,000.00
Published and Filed
- 5 [24-0119](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 24-698-11, Underground Utility Locating and Marking, estimated cost \$660,000.00
Published and Filed
- 6 [24-0123](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 7 [24-0101](#) Authority to advertise Contract 20-861-2E, Replacement of Telemetry, Various Locations, estimated cost between \$1,710,000.00 and \$2,070,000.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 1613839
Attachments: [Contract 20-861-2E Project Fact Sheet](#)
[Contract 20-861-2E Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
Approved

- 8 [24-0108](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-006-11 Furnish and Deliver Janitorial Supplies to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$195,000.00, Account 101-20000-623170 and 623660

Attachments: [Contract 24-006-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Deferred by Precious Brady- Davis

- 9 [24-0109](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-073-11 Furnish and Deliver Lab Accessories to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$35,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 24-073-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 10 [24-0087](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Hach Company to Furnish and Deliver Thirty- three Hach AS 950 Automatic Sampler Units and Accessories in an amount not to exceed \$192,489.00, Account 101-16000-634970, Requisition 1611143

Approved

- 11 [24-0094](#) Issue purchase order to R.S. Means Company, LLC, for RSMeans Online Annual License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$23,025.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1614198

Approved

- 12 [24-0095](#) Issue purchase order to Kofax, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Software Maintenance and Support for the Kofax Network Fax Software, in an amount not to exceed \$33,458.98, Account 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1614041

Approved

- 13 [24-0098](#) Issue purchase order and enter into a tailored research collaboration grant agreement with the Water Research Foundation for the study of balancing carbon management, energy management, energy production, nutrient removal, and densification, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1613837

Attachments: [Affirmative Action Goals Report - TRC Agreement with Water Research Foundation](#)

Approved

- 14 [24-0100](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with AT&T Corp. for PRI/DS1 Service, in an amount not to exceed \$93,996.00, Account 101-27000-612210, Requisition 1614592

Approved

- 15 [24-0102](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-880-2C, Geotechnical Analysis and Sub-Surface Exploration for Construction Project Services, with Wang Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, Account 201-50000-612240, Requisition 1613357

Attachments: [Contract 22-880-2C Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Wang Engineering, Inc.](#)

Approved

- 16 [24-0103](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-881-2C, Testing and Inspection of Concrete and Construction Materials, with Flood Testing Laboratories, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$198,000.00, Account 201-50000-612240, Requisition 1614576

Attachments: [Contract 22-881-2C Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report](#)

Approved

- 17 [24-0106](#) Issue purchase order to AT&T Corp., to Furnish and Deliver POTs Local and Long Distance Services, in an amount not to exceed \$633,600.00, Account 101-27000-612210, Requisition 1614596

Approved

- 18 [24-0107](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-RFP-25R (REBID) Compensation and Benefits Study with Korn Ferry (US) in an amount not to exceed \$150,204.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1591087

Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-25 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Korn Ferry](#)

Approved

- 19 [24-0115](#) Issue purchase order to 72 Hour LLC, DBA National Auto Fleet Group, to Furnish and Deliver One (1) New 2025 Utilimaster Freightliner MT55 Step Van to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 060920-NAF, in an amount not to exceed \$250,716.50, Account 501-50000-634860, Requisition 1614594

Approved

- 20 [24-0118](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-904-11, Furnish and Deliver a 6x4 Dump Truck Chassis, to M & K Quality Truck Sales of Illinois, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$164,778.22, Account 101-69000-634860, Requisition 1607072

Attachments: [Contract 24-904-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 21 [24-0122](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 24-608-12 (Re-Bid), Furnishing and Delivering Mechanical Parts to Various Locations, to Motion Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$396,435.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623270, Requisitions 1601529, 1601530, and 1601754

Attachments: [Contract 24-608-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 22 [24-0113](#) Authority to award Contract 24-753-11, Contract Farming at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,185,000.00, Accounts 101-67000-612520, 612530, Requisition 1605281

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

Approved

- 23 [24-0114](#) Authority to award Contract 24-012-11, Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B, to The Sherwin-Williams Company, in an amount not to exceed \$38,262.23, Account 101-20000-623190.

Attachments: [Contract 24-012-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)
[Contract 24-012-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A and B](#)

Approved

- 24 [24-0116](#) Authority to award Contract 24-847-11, Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, to Anthem Excavating & Demolition, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$478,800.00, Account 101-68000-612520, Requisition 1606155

Attachments: [Contract 24-847-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 25 [24-0091](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Occupational Health Services of Illinois, P.A. d/b/a Concentra Medical Centers for Contract 19-RFP-14 Pre-employment Physical Examinations, Post-Offer Physical Assessments and Related Services, in an amount of \$2,359.00, from an amount of \$152,296.50, to an amount not to exceed \$154,655.50, 101-25000-612260, Purchase Order 3108186

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3108186](#)

Approved

- 26 [24-0097](#) Authority to increase purchase order with Eurofins Environment Testing North Central, LLC for sediment quality analysis in an amount of \$470.00, from an amount of \$9,870.00, to an amount not to exceed \$10,340.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 3125441 (*As Revised*)

Approved

- 27 [24-0099](#) Authority to increase purchase order to AT&T Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Point to Point Switched Ethernet Service in an amount of \$1,237.98, from an amount of \$1,040,021.19, to an amount not to exceed \$1,041,259.17, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Orders 3112515 and 3112516

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 3112515 and 3112516](#)

Approved

- 28 [24-0105](#) Authority to increase Contract 19-RFP-25 Communications Services, with AT&T Corp. in an amount of \$41,943.81, from an amount of \$1,292,559.20 to an amount not to exceed \$1,334,503.01, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Orders 3112783, 3112784, and 3112785

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 3112783, 3112784, and 3112785](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 29 [24-0121](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of January 2024

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report January 2024 5% Contingency.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report January 2024](#)

Published and Filed

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 30 [24-0093](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of January 2024

Attachments: [R-98 Report January 2024.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Authorization

- 31 [24-0117](#) Request for advice and consent to the reappointment of Jose A. Lopez as a Commissioner on MWRD's Ethics Commission for a two-year term pursuant to the Ethics Ordinance

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 32 [24-0110](#) Authority to issue a six (6) month permit to ISF Chicago, LLC to use Laramie Avenue as an alternate route during the temporary closure of a portion of Edmier Road as part of the District's Influent Gate Demolition Project at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in Stickney, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE -ISF Chicago LLC 6-month Permit Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 33 [24-0125](#) Authority to issue an 8-month permit to Builder's Asphalt, LLC for the continued use of North Shore Channel Parcels 6.06 and 6.11 located along the North Shore Channel between Oakton Street and the CTA Yellow Line tracks. Consideration shall be a permit fee of \$144,187.00

Attachments: [RE - Builders Asphalt LLC 8-month Permit Aerial](#)

Approved

- 34 [24-0127](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease up to 14.49± acres of District real estate located at 3426 South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 41.07

Attachments: [RE - Commence Procedure to Lease MCP 41.07 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [24-0128](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease up to 73± acres of District real estate located south of the Lockport Powerhouse between the Des Plaines River and the Main Channel in Crest Hill, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 13.02

Attachments: [RE - Commence Procedure to Lease MCP 13.02 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee**Report**

- 36 [24-0104](#) Report on Green Infrastructure, Detention, and Compensatory Storage Volumes Required by the Watershed Management Ordinance

Attachments: [2023 T1 Stormwater Management Report \(2nd Half\).pdf](#)
[2023 T2 Offsite Facility Report \(2nd Half\).pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 37 [24-0126](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson Senior on his decades of service with the Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 8

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Procurement Committee Item # 8

- 1. Precious Brady-Davis requested a list of the supplies that will be used for this contract*
- 2. Marcelino Garcia requested verification cleaning is done in eco-friendly manner*

Procurement Committee Items # 14, 17 and 27

- 1. Patricia Theresa Flynn requested a breakdown on goods and services for AT&T going back 1 year and the AT&T agreement with annual estimate*

Procurement Committee Item # 24

- 1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo on the efforts to expand the number of trucking vendors*

Stormwater Management Committee #36

- 1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested a memo outlining details regarding how staff is taking the recommendation of the TAC under advisement*

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2024, 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 23, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., February 28, 2024

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 7, 2024 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 February 15, 2024, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

February 15, 2024