

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 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 10:35 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 Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last Regular Board Meeting of November 2, 2023 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Daniel Pogorzelski, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of November 2, 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 Cameron Davis, 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: 23

Item # 23 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of November 16, 2023 was adjourned at 10:55 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

Ordinance - User charge

- 1 [UC23-001A](#) Request Authority to Amend the User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Attachments: [Board Letter - 2024 User Charge Ordinance - Amend.pdf](#)
[User Charge Ordinance - Clean- 2024.pdf](#)
[User Charge Ordinance - Redline - 2024.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that this User Charge Ordinance be Adopted. 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

Finance Committee

Report

- 2 [23-1107](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of October 2023, in the amount of \$39,356,286.38

Attachments: [October 2023 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 3 [23-1091](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Published and Filed

- 4 [23-1106](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Published and Filed

- 5 [23-1114](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 6 [23-1068](#) Authorization to rescind Contract 23-646-53 (Re-Bid), to Thornton Equipment Services, Inc. (Thornton Equipment), for Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois (Group B), in an amount not to exceed \$2,492,823.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Requisition 1580501 (*Deferred from the November 2, 2023 Board Meeting*)

Approved

- 7 [23-1110](#) Authorization for payment to the U.S. Water Alliance for the 2024 annual membership dues in the amount of \$35,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 8 [23-1080](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-625-11, Diving Services at Various Locations, estimated cost \$190,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1607771

Attachments: [Contract 24-625-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 9 [23-1082](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-21 IT Project Management Office Consulting Services, estimated cost \$450,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1608373

Attachments: [Contract 23-RFP-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 10 [23-1085](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-903-11, Furnish and Deliver One 2024 Ford Crew Cab 4X4 F550 Chassis to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$76,000.00, Account 101-69000-634860, Requisition 1607071

Attachments: [Contract 24-903-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 11 [23-1097](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-690-11, Beneficial Reuse of Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$5,940,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1606394 and 1606557

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

Approved

- 12 [23-1098](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$1,275,300.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1600061 and 1601426

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

Approved

- 13 [23-1100](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-691-11, Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$2,463,500.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1606396 and 1606558

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

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 14 [23-1083](#) Issue purchase order to Canon Solutions America, Inc. for multi-function devices in an amount not to exceed \$220,091.73, Account 101-27000-634810, Requisition 1609276

Approved

- 15 [23-1084](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Ametek Arizona Instrument LLC, for calibration and repair services on Jerome Hydrogen Sulfide Analyzers and a Jerome Function Test Module, in an amount not to exceed \$53,105.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1606440

Approved

- 16 [23-1087](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Teledyne Instruments, Inc. d/b/a Teledyne Leeman Labs, for preventative maintenance for the Quick Trace M-7600 and Quick Trace M-8000 Mercury Analyzers and consumables parts and supplies, in an amount not to exceed \$70,600.00, Accounts 101-16000-612970 and 623570, Requisition 1608925

Approved

- 17 [23-1095](#) Issue purchase order to Agilent Technologies for MassHunter software upgrade, in an amount not to exceed \$36,997.03, Accounts 101-27000-612430 and 634820, Requisition 1609320

Approved

- 18 [23-1096](#) Issue purchase order to the Illinois Institute of Technology, pursuant to the terms of Master Agreement 20-RFP-11, to provide construction cost estimation training in 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$16,832.00, Account 101-25000-601100, Requisition 1609040

Approved

- 19 [23-1099](#) Issue purchase order to Info-Tech Research Group Inc. for Information Technology Industry Research Analysis and Services in an amount not to exceed \$28,350.52, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1609451

Approved

- 20 [23-1101](#) Issue purchase order to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Excess Casualty Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$1,370,689.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1609446

Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Goals and Appendix A Report - Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc.](#)

Approved

- 21 [23-1102](#) Issue purchase orders to Innomotics, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Control Upgrade Equipment at the Calumet and Kirie Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount not to exceed \$161,680.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000-623070, Requisitions 1608246 and 1608247

Approved

- 22 [23-1103](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-633-11, Furnish and Deliver Polymer to Polydyne, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$28,886,663.00, Accounts 101-67000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1603692 and 1603021

Approved

Award Contract

- 23 [23-1088](#) Authority to award Contract 23-666-11, Security Services at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, to D&S Private Detective, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$174,998.88, Account 101-69000-612490, Requisition 1580719

Attachments: [Contract 23-666-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, to lift his earlier deferral of this Agenda Item. 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

Approved

- 24 [23-1090](#) Authority to award Contract 24-002-11, Furnish and Deliver Cylinder Gases and Bulk Liquid Argon to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$67,265.28, Account 101-20000-623840

Attachments: [Contract 24-002-11 Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [23-1104](#) Authority to award Contract 18-148-3P Digester Rehabilitation and Gas Piping Replacement Phase II, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$52,360,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$2,618,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$54,978,000.00, Account 401-50000-645750, Requisition 1602023

Attachments: [Contract 18-148-3P Affirmative Action Goals Report - IHC.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 26 [23-1079](#) Authority to decrease purchase order with Connor-Winfield Corp. d/b/a Janus Remote Communications, to Furnish and Deliver Wireless Point-to-Point Tide Gate Monitoring System Hardware to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$19,500.00, from an amount of \$260,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$240,500.00, Account 101-69000-623070, Purchase Order 3119659

Approved

- 27 [23-1086](#) Authority to increase Contract 18-144-3M, Mainstream TARP Pumps Rehabilitation at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$108,491.53, from an amount of \$23,407,725.91, to an amount not to exceed \$23,516,217.44, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 4000079

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000079.](#)

Approved

- 28 [23-1092](#) Authority to increase Contract 23-935-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hydroxide, to Alexander Chemical Corporation, in an amount of \$135,153.00, from an amount of \$644,646.80, to an amount not to exceed \$779,799.80, Account 101-69000-623560, Purchase Order 3122019

Approved

- 29 [23-1111](#) Authority to increase purchase order and exercise an option to extend agreement for a one-year period, for Contract 21-RFP-20 Perform Federal Legislative Consulting Services, with O'Connell & Dempsey, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, from an amount of \$348,910.00, to an amount not to exceed \$523,910.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Purchase Order 3116931 (As Revised)

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3116931](#)

Approved

- 30 [23-1112](#) Authority to increase purchase orders and exercise an option to extend the agreements for one year, for Contract 22-RFP-15 State Legislative Consulting Services, with Law Offices of Paul L. Williams & Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, Blaida and Associates LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, Fuentes Consulting LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, and McGuireWoods Consulting, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Purchase Orders 3122502, 3122503, 3122513, and 3122539 respectively *(As Revised)*

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 31 [23-1108](#) Authority to transfer 2023 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$102,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

Attachments: [11.16.23 Board Transfer BF5](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 32 [23-1118](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of October 2023

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

[Attachment 2 CO Status Report October 2023.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 33 [23-1081](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of October 2023

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

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Report

- 34 [23-1113](#) Annual Report for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust for 2022

Attachments: [Basic Financial Statements](#)
[Statement of Investments](#)

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 35 [23-1105](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit to Christy Webber Landscapes for continued use of approximately 12 acres of District real estate located at the Cal-Sag Channel and Ridgeland Avenue in Alsip, Illinois, known as the Ridgeland Avenue Drying Facilities, Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 10.04 (western portion). Consideration shall be an annual fee of \$238,254.00

Attachments: [RE - Christy Webber 5-year Permit CSC 10.04 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 36 [23-1115](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County and the City of Prospect Heights, and make payment to the City of Prospect Heights, for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a Flood Control Project on Willow Road at McDonald Creek Tributary A in Prospect Heights, Illinois (20-IGA-23), in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.00

Attachments: [IGA ATTACHMENT LOCATION MAP.pdf](#)

Approved

- 37 [23-1116](#) Authority to negotiate an enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Northfield Township Road District for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Citation Lake Stormwater Improvements in Northfield Township (23-IGA-44), in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00

Attachments: [23-IGA-44 Northfield Township Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 38 [23-1120](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating the Mother McAuley Girls Volleyball Team

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 1

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: 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**

None

Summary of Requests

None

Study Session

A Study Session will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Study Session is to discuss the legislative agenda.

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 7, 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: November 21, 2023

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., November 29, 2023

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, December 7, 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 November 16, 2023, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

November 16, 2023