

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2023

10:30 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Vice-President
Kimberly Du Buclet, Commissioner 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 - Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; 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 Cameron Davis, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, that the minutes from the last meeting of March 2, 2023 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

Emmanuel Koubarakis, Consulate General of Greece, addressed the board regarding Resolution Item #3

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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

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 Mariyana T. Spyropoulos. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 16, 2023 was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:10 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [23-0269](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing March 22nd as World Water Day
Adopted
- 2 [23-0270](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing St. Patrick's Day and honoring Chicago Gaelic Park and the Irish American Heritage Center (*As Revised*)
Adopted
- 3 [23-0277](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Greek Independence Day
Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 4 [23-0281](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of February 2023, in the amount of \$15,670,856.45
Attachments: [February 2023 Cash Disbursements Summary.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 5 [23-0283](#) Report on investments purchased during January 2023
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2023-01 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 6 [23-0284](#) Report on investments purchased during February 2023
Attachments: [Inv Purch 2023-02 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 7 [23-0287](#) Report on the investment interest income during January 2023
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2023-01 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed
- 8 [23-0288](#) Report on the investment interest income during February 2023
Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2023-02 att.pdf](#)
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 9 [23-0259](#) Authorization to ratify and approve payments to the American Concrete Institute for ACI field testing and training in an amount not to exceed \$11,166.00, Account 101-50000-601100

Approved

- 10 [23-0262](#) Authorization to ratify and approve payments made to LearnSAP LLC for SAP system training in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00, Account 101-40000-601100

Approved

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 11 [23-0252](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Published and Filed

- 12 [23-0253](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Published and Filed

- 13 [23-0254](#) Report on rejection of proposals for Contract 22-RFP-22, Pre-employment Background Screening Services for a Three-year Period, estimated cost \$35,000.00

Published and Filed

- 14 [23-0282](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 15 [23-0215](#) Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 20-RFP-28R, Biogas Combined Heat and Power System, EWRP, estimated cost \$10,344,000.00, Accounts 101-50000-612490, 201-50000-612450, 201-50000-645650, Requisitions 1549345, 1577630, 1577629 *(As Revised)(Deferred from the March 2, 2023 Board Meeting)*

Attachments: [Contract 20-RFP-28 Affirmative Action Goals Report - 4th Review](#)

Approved

- 16 [23-0246](#) Authorization to exercise an option to extend agreement or administer a reverse auction to procure electricity and renewable energy credits (RECs) under Contract 20-RFP-24 for years 2025 and 2026, subject to the District obtaining pricing that is favorable to the District

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 17 [23-0244](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-822-11, Furnish and Deliver One Large Swing Lathe to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$385,000.00, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1595047

Attachments: [Contract 23-822-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised](#)

Approved

- 18 [23-0245](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-02, Procurement of Natural Gas Services

Attachments: [Contract 23-RFP-02 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 19 [23-0256](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-106-21 Refrigeration Improvements at the Calumet and Egan Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount not to exceed \$365,000.00, Accounts 201-50000-645680, Requisition 1588785

Attachments: [Contract 23-106-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 20 [23-0258](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-033-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Air Filters to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$97,800.00, Account 101-20000-623270 (*As Revised*)

Attachments: [Contract 23-033-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 21 [23-0264](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-684-21, Equipment Painting & Rehabilitation at Various Locations, estimated cost \$7,735,400.00, Accounts 50000/67000/68000/69000-612650, 645750, 645780, Requisitions 1595831, 1595832, 1595833, 1595822, 1596104 and 1596107

Attachments: [Contract 23-684-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised - Group A](#)
[Contract 23-684-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised - Group B](#)
[Contract 23-684-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised - Group C](#)
[Contract 23-684-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised - Group D](#)
[Contract 23-684-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised - Group E](#)
[Contract 23-684-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Revised - Group F](#)

Approved

- 22 [23-0265](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-602-11, Furnishing and Delivering Chain, Sprockets and Appurtenances to Various Service Areas, estimated cost \$1,255,360.00, Accounts 101-67000/69000-623270, Requisitions 1592983 and 1592985

Attachments: [Contract 23-602-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group B](#)
[Contract 23-602-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group A](#)

Approved

- 23 [23-0267](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-091-3P Phosphorus Removal Modifications to Battery D, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost between \$16,638,205.00 and \$20,140,985.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1595818

Attachments: [Contract 21-091-3P Project Fact Sheet](#)
[Contract 21-091-3P Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 24 [23-0268](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-363-11 for public tender of bids for a 3-year lease on 2.5 acres of District real estate located at 15680 Canal Bank Road in Lemont, Illinois, and known as Main Channel Parcel 23.10. The minimum initial annual rental bid shall be established at \$60,000.00

Attachments: [Contract 23-363-11 Aerial View - Main Channel Parcel 23.10](#)
[Contract 23-363-11 MCP 23.10 Letter of Approval - Village of Lemont, IL](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 25 [23-0243](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for Cisco FirePower, in an amount not to exceed \$12,711.60, Account 101-27000-612820 Requisition 1596962
Approved
- 26 [23-0250](#) Issue a purchase order to Pumping Solutions, Inc., to provide a KSB submersible pump to the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$35,240.61, Account 101-67000-634650, Requisition 1596517
Approved
- 27 [23-0251](#) Issue purchase order to Thomas Pump Company, to Furnish and Deliver Repair Parts for Cornell Pumps at the Palos Park Pumping Station, in an amount not to exceed \$39,498.00, Account 101-68000-623270, Requisition 1595661.
Approved
- 28 [23-0257](#) Issue purchase order to CommVault Systems, Inc. for CommVault Professional Services, in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.00 Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1597049
Approved
- 29 [23-0263](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-RFP-14 SAP Consulting Services with invenioLSI dba Labyrinth Solutions LLC in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1581184
Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-14 Affirmative Action Appendix A Report - Revised](#)
[22-RFP-14 Commitment Form.pdf](#)
Approved
- 30 [23-0272](#) Issue purchase order to 72 Hour LLC, DBA National Auto Fleet Group, to Furnish and Deliver a 2024 Volvo VHD64B300 Chassis with 13' Dump Body to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 060920-NAF, in an amount not to exceed \$314,004.00, Account 101-69000-634860, Requisition 1592016
Approved
- 31 [23-0278](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 22-644-12, Furnishing and Delivering Liquid Carbon Dioxide to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (Re-Bid), to Linde, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$924,275.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1587231
Approved

- 32 [23-0279](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with IXOM Watercare, Inc. to Provide a Twelve-Month Maintenance Service Program for 32 Solar Powered Mixers/Aerators (SolarBees) at the Thornton Composite Reservoir and the McCook Reservoir, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, Account 101-66000-612620, Requisition 1576608

Approved

Award Contract

- 33 [23-0249](#) Authority to award Contract 23-674-12, (Re-Bid) Furnish and Deliver Repair Parts and Services for Trucks and Trailers at Various Locations, to URT E&R Towing, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$483,300.00, Accounts 101-66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-612860, 623250, Requisition 1582397, 1582411, 1582512 and 1583408

Attachments: [Contract 23-674-12 \(Re-Bid\) Affirmative Action Goals Report - URT E&R Towing, Inc..pdf](#)
[Contract 23-674-12 \(Re-Bid\) Revised Appendix D Report - URT E&R Towing, Inc..pdf](#)

Approved

- 34 [23-0271](#) Authority to award Contract 23-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Paper Filters, Crucibles, and Petri Dishes to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to Pacific Star Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$145,825.73 and Groups B and C to MG Scientific, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$77,716.94, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 23-028-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A, B and C.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 35 [23-0260](#) Authority to increase Contract 15-266-4H5 Decommissioning of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, Calumet Service Area, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$203,864.29, from an amount of \$25,896,582.87, to an amount not to exceed \$26,100,447.16, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000082

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000082](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Report

- 36 [23-0289](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2022

Attachments: [2022 Budget Summary Report_Q4.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Engineering Committee

Report

- 37 [23-0285](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of February 2023

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

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 38 [23-0238](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Lydia Williams vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number 23WC002826 in the sum of \$17,434.60, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 39 [23-0273](#) Authority to issue a 5-year permit to the City of Chicago, Department of Streets & Sanitation, for the continued use of a 10' x 10' area of District real estate located between Taylor Street and Roosevelt Road, along the south bank of the Chicago River in Chicago, Illinois to maintain, operate, repair and remove a concrete/asphalt pad, a front-end loader with a crane attachment, and a roll-off box to collect debris from the Chicago River, and to use the District's jib crane located on-site to off-load its skimmer boat debris baskets. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - City of Chicago request for 5-year permit aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 40 [23-0286](#) Authorization to: (1) amend the lease agreement with Skokie Motor Sales, Inc, and (2) consent to a sublease between Skokie Motor Sales, Inc and Meade, Inc. for a 2.5± acre portion of District real estate located at 3615 Oakton Street in Skokie, Illinois, known as North Shore Channel Parcels 5.02 and 5.03. Consideration shall be a document preparation fee of \$5,000.00

Attachments: [RE - Skokie Motor Consent to Sublease Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 41 [23-0292](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of March as Women's History Month and honoring Nicole Hayes

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 9 - Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, 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 #13

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the number of bidders be provided

Procurement Committee Item #15

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo on the direction of the District's biogas strategies
2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda asked if a bid deposit was required for the RFP

Procurement Committee Item #16

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a breakdown of both options

Budget & Employment Committee Item #36

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos questioned why the Stormwater Management fund non-tax revenue exceeded the budget

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 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: **March 24, 2023**

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, April 6, 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 - Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, 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 March 16, 2023, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

March 16, 2023