

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 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 10:40 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Daniel Pogorzelski; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; and Kari K. Steele
Absent: 1 - Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

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 February 15, 2024 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 Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 7, 2024 was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:25 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [24-0149](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade
Adopted
- 2 [24-0150](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band
Adopted
- 3 [24-0166](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the contributions of Irish Americans and honoring John J. Fitzpatrick and Mary G. Harris "Mother" Jones
Adopted
- 4 [24-0167](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Kevin Byrne
Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 5 [24-0170](#) Report on the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District for the 2023 Budget and Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District, the MWRD Retirement Fund, and to the MWRD Retiree Health Care Trust for the Fiscal Year 2022
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 6 [24-0180](#) Authority to Transfer \$42,742,295.00 of excess revenues to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund pursuant to the provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/5.9
Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

- 7 [24-0131](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 24-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$1,275,300.00
Published and Filed

- 8 [24-0179](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Published and Filed

Authority to Advertise

- 9 [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 (*Deferred from the February 15, 2024 Board Meeting*)

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

Approved

- 10 [24-0135](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-601-21, Mechanical Process Improvements at Various Locations, estimated cost \$16,622,600.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisitions 1615055, 1615057, 1615058, and 1615060

Attachments: [Contract 24-601-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A,B,C, and D](#)

Approved

- 11 [24-0137](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-017-11, Furnish and Deliver Electrical Supplies, Wire, and Cable to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$398,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623170, 623190, 623250, 623680, 623850

Approved

- 12 [24-0142](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-106-11 Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing for Compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits for Various Water Reclamation Plants, estimated cost \$15,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1614042

Approved

- 13 [24-0152](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-004-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Steel and Stainless Steel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$305,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623030, 623090, 623130

Attachments: [Contract 24-004-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 14 [24-0153](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-033-11 Furnish and Deliver Air Filters to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$101,500.00, Account 101-20000-623270

Attachments: [Contract 24-033-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 15 [24-0154](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-070-11, Furnish and Deliver Batteries to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$50,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623250

Attachments: [Contract 24-070-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 16 [24-0171](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-098-3P Overburden Removal at Location of Battery E, OWRP, estimated cost between \$8,326,750.00 and \$10,079,750.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1614472

Attachments: [Contract 23-089-3P Project Fact Sheet](#)

[Contract 23-098-3P Affirmative Action 98% Review Goals Report](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 17 [24-0159](#) Issue a purchase order to Kusters Zima Corporation to provide one (1) Kusters D793730 lower screw and one (1) Kusters D793736 upper screw to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$29,750.00, Account 101-69000-623270, Requisition 1613529

Approved

- 18 [24-0160](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-684-11, Mosquito and Midge Fly Abatement Services at Various Locations, to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$76,000.00, Account 101-66000/69000-612420, Requisition 1605023

Attachments: [Contract 24-684-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 19 [24-0161](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 24-935-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Hydroxide, to Alexander Chemical Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$1,541,600.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1608375

Attachments: [Contract 24-935-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 20 [24-0162](#) Issue purchase order to Alamo Group Texas LLC, to Furnish and Deliver One (1) New 28' Maverick 2 Boom Mower and Tractor to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (CWRP), under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 070821-AGI, in an amount not to exceed \$261,091.35, Account 101-68000-634760, Requisition 1614806

Approved

- 21 [24-0163](#) Issue purchase order to Sutton Ford, Inc., to furnish and deliver one (1) 2024 Ford Model F550 Crew Cab Chassis to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, Contract No. 227, in an amount not to exceed \$69,105.00, Account 101-69000-634860, Requisition 1614569

Approved

- 22 [24-0164](#) Issue purchase order to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Government Crime Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$44,913.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1615577

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

Approved

- 23 [24-0165](#) Issue purchase order to Altorfer Industries Inc., to Furnish and Deliver One New Caterpillar Model BB121 Control Package, BP118C Pickup Broom, H95S Work Tools, and 296-8192 General Purpose Bucket to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (WRP), under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 011723-CAT, in an amount not to exceed \$49,905.00, Account 101-68000-634760, Requisition 1615317

Approved

Award Contract

- 24 [24-0155](#) Authority to award Contract 19-083-3P, Upgrade Wilmette Lift Station, NSA, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$1,839,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$91,950.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,930,950.00, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1605843

Attachments: [Contract 19-083-3P Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports - IHC Construction Companies, LLC.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [24-0156](#) Authority to award Contract 22-094-3D, Rehabilitation of Elevated Deck and Boat Dock at North Branch Pumping Station, NSA, to Path Construction Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$22,593,795.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$1,129,689.75, for a total amount not to exceed \$23,723,484.75, Account 401-50000-645720, Requisition 1603454

Attachments: [Contract 22-094-3D Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports.pdf](#)

Approved

- 26 [24-0158](#) Authority to award Contract 24-627-12 (Re-Bid), Repairs to Air Compressors and Air Dryers at Various Locations, to Siemens Industry, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$154,400.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600/612650, Requisitions 1604544, 1604545, and 1604546

Attachments: [Contract 24-627-12 Affirmative Action Goals and Revised Appendix D Reports - Siemens Industry, Inc.](#)

Approved

- 27 [24-0168](#) Authority to award Contract 24-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Paper Filters, Crucibles, and Petri Dishes to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and C to Jade Scientific, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$121,058.49, Group B to Taylor Distribution Group LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$14,833.07, and Group D to Pacific Star Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$22,345.31, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 24-028-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A, B, C and D.pdf](#)
[Contract 24-028-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A, B, C and D](#)

Approved

- 28 [24-0169](#) Authority to award Contract 24-027-11, Furnish and Deliver Glass and Plastic Labware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and D to Jade Scientific, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$85,008.78, Group B to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$56,175.61, and Group C to Qorpak, a division of Berlin Packaging LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$66,875.00, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 24-027-11 Affirmative Actions Goals Report - Groups A, B, C and D.pdf](#)
[Contract 24-027-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A, B, C and D.pdf](#)

Approved

- 29 [24-0181](#) Authority to award Contract 24-691-11, Truck Hauling of Processed Solids for LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B, to Gosia Cartage, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$2,463,500.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1606396 and 1606558

Attachments: [Contract 24-691-11 - Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - Groups A and B - Gosia Cartage, Ltd.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 30 [24-0151](#) Authority to increase purchase order and exercise an option to extend the agreement for an additional two-year period, for Contract 21-RFP-01 for Claims Management Services, with McLarens, LLC, in an amount of \$100,000.00, from an amount of \$44,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$144,000.00, Account 901-30000-667220, Purchase Order 3116741

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3116741](#)

Approved

- 31 [24-0172](#) Authority to increase Contract 21-091-3P Phosphorus Removal Modifications to Battery D, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount of \$327,554.45, from an amount of \$14,874,772.95, to an amount not to exceed \$15,202,327.40, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000099

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000099.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Authorization

- 32 [24-0174](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago for the purpose of obtaining their InfoWorks Model for Contract 23-170-3C Hydraulic Modeling of the Mainstream Tunnel System

Approved

- 33 [24-0175](#) Authority to make payment to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Streambank Stabilization Project along Higgins Creek at the Touhy Avenue Reservoir, North Side Area (NSA), between the District, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and the City of Chicago (24-IGA-01), in an amount not to exceed \$691,348.96, Account 201-50000-612400

Attachments: [Aerial of Touhy O'Hare Reservoir with overpass.pdf](#)

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 34 [24-0132](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Keith Zirbes vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number 24WC00284 in the sum of \$53,344.99, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 35 [24-0139](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Howard Meter vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 21 WC 009409, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$26,440.15, Account 901-30000-601090
Approved
- 36 [24-0140](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Alicia Gibbs vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 17 WC 030181, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$10,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090
Approved
- 37 [24-0144](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Wesley Watson vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 22 WC 12224, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$19,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090
Approved
- 38 [24-0145](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claims of Tarita Stewart vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number 19WC026140 and 19WC027761 in the sum of \$50,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090
Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 39 [24-0136](#) Authority to issue a one-year permit extension to Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company to continue to use a 0.165± acre portion of Main Channel Parcel 42.17 located near 31st Street and Western Avenue in Chicago, Illinois as a construction staging area and to dewater its utility tunnel. Consideration shall be a fee of \$5,000.00

Attachments: [RE - Peoples Gas 1-Year Permit MCP 42.17 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 40 [24-0176](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Palos Heights for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a Lake Katherine Permeable Paver Commuter Parking Lot in Palos Heights (18-IGA-14), in an amount not to exceed \$184,000.00

Attachments: [18-IGA-14 BL Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 41 [24-0177](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Board of Education of the City of Chicago for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of Green Infrastructure at Chicago Public Schools (24-IGA-02), Space to Grow Program Phase III, in an amount not to exceed \$15,900,000.00

Approved

- 42 [24-0178](#) Authority to negotiate intergovernmental agreements for the acquisition of flood-prone properties in Buffalo Grove and Stone Park

Attachments: [24.03.07 BL Auth to Negotiate IGAs for VFPPA EXHIBT.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Absent: 1 - Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Kevin Byrne, Consul General, accepted the resolution in his honor (Re: Miscellaneous and New Business Item #4)

Andrew Dziadkowiec, Comptroller, presented the GFOA awards (Re: Finance Committee Item #5)

Summary of Requests

None

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 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: March 8, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 13, 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 21, 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: 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - 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 March 7, 2024, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

March 7, 2024