Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 1, 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 Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of January 18, 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, Friends of the Chicago River, addressed the Board regarding Chicago River Day

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

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 February 1, 2024 was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:45 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

1 24-0078 RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as Black History Month

Adopted

2 24-0079 RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as American Heart Month

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

3 24-0082 Report on the investment interest income during December 2023

Attachments: Inv Int Inc 2023-12 att.pdf

Published and Filed

4 24-0083 Report on investments purchased during December 2023

Attachments: Inv Purch 2023-12 att.pdf

Published and Filed

5 24-0084 Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2023

Attachments: Inv Stat 2023 Q4 att.pdf

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

6 24-0072 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Published and Filed

7 24-0085 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Published and Filed

Authorization

8 24-0068 Authorization for payment to the Water Research Foundation for the 2024 Annual Research Commitment in an amount not to exceed $172,937.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Attachments: WRF Subscriber Involvement Report 2017-2024.pdf

Approved

9 24-0071 Authorization for payment to JULIE, Inc., for participation in underground project coordination, in an amount not to exceed $50,411.64, Account 101-50000-612430

Approved

Authority to Advertise

10 24-0016 Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-23 Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator, for a five-year period effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029 *(Deferred from the January 4, 2024 Board Meeting)(Deferred from the January 18, 2024 Board Meeting)*

Attachments: Contract 23-RFP-23 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

11 24-0065 Authority to advertise Contract 24-709-11, Furnishing and Delivering Calcium Nitrate to the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost $270,000.00, Account 101-66000-623560, Requisition 1607451

Attachments: Contract 24-709-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

12 24-0069 Authority to advertise Contract 24-641-11, Furnishing and Delivering Liquid Carbon Dioxide to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost $2,153,500.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1611808

Attachments: Contract 24-641-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

13 24-0073 Authority to advertise Contract 24-RFP-02 Commercial Banking and Investment Custody Services for a five-year period, estimated cost $413,000.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Requisitions 1611818, 1611819, and 1611820

Attachments: Contract 24-RFP-02 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

14 24-0074 Issue purchase order to Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Various Parts, Controllers, Software Licenses, and Upgrades to the Ethernet IO and DCS System at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Waterways Section, and the North Service Area, in an amount not to exceed $381,725.00, Account 101-69000-623070, Requisitions 1611151, 1611152 and 1611154

Approved

Award Contract

15 24-0042 Authority to award Contract 24-970-11, Janitorial Services at Various Locations, Group A to Boye Janitorial Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $1,080,000.00, Groups B and D to Blooming Facility, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $345,000.00, and Group C to Deep Kleen and Maintenance, LLC in an amount not to exceed $222,000.00. Account 101-69000-612490, Requisition 1601732 *(Deferred from the January 18, 2024 Board Meeting)*

Attachments: Contract 24-970-11 (Group A) Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report - Boye Janitorial Service, Inc.
Contract 24-970-11 (Group C) Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report - Deep Kleen and Maintenance LLC

Approved

16 24-0077 Authority to award Contract 23-684-22 (Re-Bid) Equipment Painting & Rehabilitation at Various Locations, Group D, to Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $751,000.00, Accounts 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1595822

Attachments: Contract 23-684-22 (Re-Bid) (Group D) Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and V Reports - Era Valdivia Contractors, Inc.

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

17 24-0070 Authority to increase Contract 14-253-AF Diversion Channel for Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, CSA, to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC in an amount of $29,018.84, from an amount of $10,991,596.84, to an amount not to exceed $11,020,615.68, Account 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000089

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000089

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

18 24-0086 Authorization to execute change orders to decrease purchase orders or carryforward FY2023 encumbrances to FY2024

Attachments: FY2023_Purchase Orders.pdf

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

19 24-0081 Authority to issue a one (1) day permit to Friends of the Chicago River to access District real estate at 22 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and Cal-Sag Channel in Cook County, Illinois for its annual Chicago River Day cleanup event on May 11, 2024. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of $10.00

Attachments: RE - 1-day Permit FOCR Cleanup Day 2024 Aerial.pdf

Approved

20 24-0089 Authorization to allow participation in 2024 parades

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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 #13
1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a breakdown of the firms the District is currently using

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 15, 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 2, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., February 7, 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, February 15, 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 1, 2024, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:
/s/ Kari K. Steele
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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