Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Daniel Pogorzelski; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown; and Marcelino Garcia

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Cameron Davis, that the minutes from the last Regular Board Meeting of January 4, 2024 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 Precious Brady- Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of January 10, 2024 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of January 11, 2024 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the Special Meeting of January 12, 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Cameron Davis, 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: 18 and 30

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Cameron Davis, to defer Agenda Item #18. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Daniel Pogorzelski; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele
Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown; and Marcelino Garcia

Item # 30 was deferred by Patricia Theresa Flynn

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 18, 2024 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

Motion

1 24-0014 MOTION to re-appoint Donald J. Storino as Member of the Civil Service Board of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

2 24-0037 MOTION to re-appoint President Kari K. Steele as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Board of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Pension Fund

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

3 24-0062 MOTION to appoint Wendy Sin as Acting Treasurer of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

4 24-0064 MOTION to appoint Wendy Sin to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

Ordinance

5 O24-001 Ordinance O24-001 An Ordinance directing the County Clerk to reduce the levy of taxes on Capital Improvement Bonds for the levy year 2023

Attachments: Ordinance O24-001 BTL 2024-01-18.pdf

Ord O24-001.pdf

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

6 O24-002

Ordinance O24-002 An Ordinance directing the County Clerk to reduce the levy of taxes on twenty-five series of Capital Improvement Bonds for the levy years 2023 through 2040

Attachments: FINAL BTL Ord O24-002 for 01182024.pdf

FINAL Ord O24-002.pdf

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Daniel Pogorzelski, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

Resolution

7 24-0029

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

8 24-0051

Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of December 2023, in the amount of $36,503,638.24

Attachments: December 2023 Cash Disbursements Summary

Published and Filed

9 24-0054

Report to the Board of Commissioners on payment of restricted interest earnings in the amount of $890,888.23 for the 2023 calendar year, pursuant to the terms of a Project Partnership Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers approved by the Board on January 24, 2019

Published and Filed

Authorization

10 24-0055

Authority to approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director in the amount of $1,360.95, Accounts 101-11000-612010, 612030 and 101-15000-612010, 612030

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

11 24-0056 Authority to Transfer up to $329,600,000.00 from the Corporate Working Cash Fund to Finance Corporate Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2024, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9b

Approved

12 24-0057 Authority to Transfer up to $6,650,000.00 from the Construction Working Cash Fund to Finance Construction Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2024, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9c

Approved

13 24-0058 Authority to Transfer up to $54,625,000.00 from the Stormwater Management Working Cash Fund to Finance Stormwater Management Fund Operations of the District in the Year 2024, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/9e

Approved

14 24-0059 Authority to Transfer $5,000,000.00 from the Corporate Fund to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust (101-25000-601250)

Approved

Procurement Committee

Report

15 24-0052 Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Published and Filed

Authorization

16 23-1220 Authorization to participate in the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Joint Purchasing Program *(Deferred from the December 21, 2023 Board Meeting) (Deferred from the January 4, 2024 Board Meeting)*

Approved

17 24-0027 Authorization to allow the Director of Procurement and Materials Management to accept pricing for the procurement of Renewable Energy Credits for 2024.

Approved

Authority to Advertise

18 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)*

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

A motion was made by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, seconded by Cameron Davis, that this Agenda Item be Deferred. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

19 24-0033 Authority to advertise Contract 24-617-11, Furnish and Deliver Refurbished Low Voltage AC and DC Motors to Various Locations, estimated cost $384,800.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612650, Requisitions 1611385, 1611387 and 1611388

Attachments: Contract 24-617-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

20 24-0034 Authority to advertise Contract 21-611-21, HVAC Improvements at Various Locations, estimated cost $24,002,655.00, Accounts 201-50000-645780, Requisitions 1611379, 1611381 and 1611382

Attachments: Contract 21-611-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A, B, and C

Approved

21 24-0035 Authority to advertise Contract 14-253-5F, Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Illinois, estimated cost between $17,225,823.70 and $20,852,312.90, Account 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1613092

Attachments: Contract 14-253-5F Project Fact Sheet

Contract 14-253-5F Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

22 24-0038 Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-24 Pre-employment Psychological Assessments for Police Officer Candidates, for a three-year period, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, estimated cost $41,000.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1612101

Attachments: Contract 23-RFP-24 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

23 24-0039 Authority to advertise Contract 24-613-11, Scavenger Services in the Stickney and Calumet Service Areas, estimated cost $3,359,500.00, Accounts 101/501-68000/69000/50000-612520, Requisitions 1610757 and 1610580

Attachments: Contract 24-613-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Groups A and B

Approved

24 24-0040 Authority to advertise Contract 23-RFP-06 Arc Flash Training - NFPA 70E estimated cost $35,000.00, Account 101-25000-601100, Requisition 1613193

Attachments: Contract 23-RFP-06 Affirmative Action Goals Report

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

25 24-0044 Issue purchase orders to Deere & Company, to furnish and deliver fourteen (14) 2024 John Deere Gator all-terrain utility vehicles to the North, Calumet and Stickney Service Areas, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 031121-DAC, in an amount not to exceed $280,061.74, Account 101-67000/68000/69000-634860, Requisitions 1611372, 1611398, and 1611551.

Approved

26 24-0045 Issue purchase order for Contract 24-630-11, Group A, Furnishing and Delivering Chemical Coagulants, to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $7,327,618.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1603451 and 1603558

Approved

27 24-0046 Issue purchase order to Burris Equipment to furnish and deliver three (3) Cushman Minute Miser Electric Carts to the North Service Area, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 122220-JCS-1, in an amount not to exceed $25,251.00, Account 101-67000-634860, Requisition 1611400

Approved

28 24-0047 Issue purchase order for Contract 23-119-12 (Re-Bid), Taxonomic Algal Assessment of the Upper North Shore Channel, to EcoAnalysts, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $26,168.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1602446

Approved

29 24-0050 Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Creative Information Systems, Inc., to provide maintenance and technical support for the SMSTurbo Scale Software at CALSMA and LASMA in an amount not to exceed $20,946.00, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612820, Requisition 1607446

Approved

Award Contract

30 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

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

Deferred by Patricia Theresa Flynn

31 24-0043 Authority to award Contract 10-047-3S, North Shore 1 Rehabilitation, NSA, to Inliner Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $44,987,654.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of $2,249,382.70, for a total amount not to exceed $47,237,036.70, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1603453

Attachments: Contract 10-047-3S Affirmative Action Goals Report (Revised) and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports - Inliner Solutions, LLC.pdf

Approved

32 24-0053 Authority to award Contract 22-601-21, Furnish, Deliver and Install Bag Filters at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to BCE-USA, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $218,000.00, Account 201-50000-645750, Requisition 1598263

Attachments: Contract 22-601-21 Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D Report - BCE.pdf

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

33 24-0036 Authority to increase Contract 19-542-3MR Central Boiler Facility and Electrical Updates, Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant (Re-Bid), to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of $124,971.11, from an amount of $13,911,359.30, to an amount not to exceed $14,036,330.41, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000081

Attachments: Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000081

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

34 24-0060 Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of December 2023

Attachments: Attachment 1 CO Report December 2023 5% Contingency

Attachment 2 CO Status Report December 2023

Published and Filed

35 24-0061 Report on change orders authorized and time extensions from July through December 2023 for contract 11-187-3F, Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Report

36 24-0049 Report on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Miscellaneous Claims under $10,000.00 *(As Revised)*

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Report

37 24-0048 2023 Annual Report of the Civil Service Board

Attachments: MWRD CSB Annual Report 2023 - Signed.pdf

Published and Filed

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 18, and 30

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Procurement Committee Item #17
1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested an update on the previous findings regarding renewable energy

Procurement Committee Item #18
1. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested information on demographic data breakdowns

Procurement Committee Item #28
1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested additional information on why the initial estimate was off
2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested details on how the initial estimate was verified

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 1, 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: January 19, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 24, 2024

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, February 1, 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: 7 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Marcelino Garcia

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 January 18, 2024, are hereby approved.

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

January 18, 2024