

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 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 10:35 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 Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that the minutes from the last meeting of March 21, 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: 14

Item # 14 was deferred by Cameron Davis

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4, 2024 was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:50 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Procurement Committee

### Report

1 [24-0250](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Published and Filed

- 2 [24-0256](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 26, 2024

**Published and Filed**

#### Authority to Advertise

- 3 [24-0233](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-360-11 for public tender of bids a 5-year permit on 19.67± acres of District real estate located north of I-294 and south of LaGrange Road, between the Des Plaines River and the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal in Willow Springs, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 31.01. The minimum initial annual rental bid shall be established at \$493,000.00

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-360-11 Main Channel Parcel 31.01 Aerial View](#)  
[Letter of Support from Village of Willow Springs](#)

**Approved**

- 4 [24-0236](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-107-11 Analysis of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Wastewater Samples, estimated cost \$98,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1615585

**Approved**

- 5 [24-0243](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-936-11, Furnishing and Delivering Citric Acid, estimated cost \$248,200.00, Account 101-69000-623560, Requisition 1615493

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-936-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 6 [24-0248](#) Authority to advertise Contract 24-053-11, Furnish and Deliver Lamps & Emergency Lighting to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$70,000.00, Account 101-20000-623070, 623110

**Approved**

#### Issue Purchase Order

- 7 [24-0228](#) Issue purchase order to Carahsoft Technology Corporation for Smartsheet Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$23,442.40, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1616800

**Approved**

- 8 [24-0229](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for License Renewal of Bluebeam Software, in an amount not to exceed \$11,147.44, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1616549

**Approved**

- 9 [24-0230](#) Issue purchase order to DLT Solutions, LLC for Oracle Primavera Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$36,003.35, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1616550  
**Approved**
- 10 [24-0234](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with McCrometer, Inc. for Preventive Maintenance, Service, and Parts for the Hach FL1500 Series Flowmeters in an amount not to exceed \$20,360.00, Accounts 101-16000-612970, 623570, Requisition 1616201  
**Approved**
- 11 [24-0235](#) Issue purchase order to Interpersonal Frequency LLC for post-website go-live support services in an amount not to exceed \$12,790.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1616898  
**Approved**
- 12 [24-0240](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Tungsten Automation Corporation (formerly Kofax, Inc) to provide services to upgrade the existing Tungsten ReadSoft Solution in an amount not to exceed \$65,443.00, Account 101-40000-612430, Requisition 1614825  
**Approved**
- 13 [24-0241](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 23-RFP-18, Remote Storage of District Records for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period with R4 Services LLC in an amount not to exceed \$213,876.00, Account 101-15000-612490, Requisition 1606526 *(As Revised)*  
**Attachments:** [Contract 23-RFP-18 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)  
**Approved**
- 14 [24-0244](#) Issue Purchase Order and amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County authorizing Cook County's Office of the Independent Inspector General to serve as the District's Inspector General for an additional one-year period in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, Account 101-11000-612430, Requisition 1614941 *(As Revised)(Deferred from the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting)*  
**Deferred by Cameron Davis**

- 15 [24-0254](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 24-622-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Electrical and Mechanical Equipment to Various Locations, to Integrated Power System, LLC (Items 1,2,6,7,8, and 9), in an amount not to exceed \$658,507.00; to Affiliated Steam Equipment Co. dba Affiliated Steam and Hot Water (Items 5,11,12, and 14), in an amount not to exceed \$203,176.38; to Industrial Electric Supply, Inc. (Item 10), in an amount not to exceed \$166,099.20; and to Gunn & Pegelow, Inc. (Item 13) in an amount not to exceed \$64,300.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623270/634650/623070/623090, Requisitions 1603038, 1602122, 1601847, 1603221, 1603222, 1603297, 1605032, and 1605026 (As Revised)

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-622-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
[Contract 24-622-11 Tabulation of Bids Received](#)

**Approved**

- 16 [24-0257](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP to represent the District before the Civil Service Board and any related litigation, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. Account 101-30000-612430, Requisition 1616900

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 17 [24-0249](#) Authority to award Contract 24-625-11, Diving Services at Various Locations, to Global Infrastructure LLC dba Chicago Underwater, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1607771

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

**Approved**

- 18 [24-0252](#) Authority to award Contract 24-697-11, Services of Tractors with Rotavators and Sludge Pumps with Operators, Groups A and B, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,797,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1610007, 1610579

**Attachments:** [Contract 24-697-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 19 [24-0231](#) Authority to increase purchase order and extend the agreement with SLG Innovation, Inc. for Contract 19-RFP-24, IT Project Management Office Consulting, in an amount of \$55,000.00, from an amount of \$475,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$530,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Purchase Order 3111940

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3111940](#)

**Approved**

- 20 [24-0242](#) Authority to decrease purchase order to Graybar Electric Company, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Four Digital Power Meters to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$19,479.96, from an amount of \$19,479.96, to an amount not to exceed \$0.00, Account 101-69000-623070, Purchase Order 3122356

**Approved**

- 21 [24-0247](#) Authority to increase Contract 21-617-11, Furnishing and Delivering Refurbished Low Voltage AC and DC Motors to Various Locations, to L&S Electric, Inc., in an amount of \$35,481.60, from an amount of \$197,120.00, to an amount not to exceed \$232,601.60, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612650, Purchase Order 3114918

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3114918](#)

**Approved**

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Report

- 22 [24-0251](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2023

**Attachments:** [2023 Q4 Budget Summary Report.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 23 [24-0246](#) Authority to settle Show Cause Complaint filed in *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. City of Blue Island, Decker Bros. Construction, Inc., and Heritage County Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee under Trust #1562, Case No. 23B-003*

**Approved**

## Real Estate Development Committee

**Authorization**

- 24 [24-0245](#) Authority to extend the easement agreement dated February 7, 2002, between the District and the United States Army Corps of Engineers for two additional years to allow the continued use of District land located east and west of the Main Channel near Romeo Road/135th Street in Will County, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcels 18.03, 19.01, 19.02 and 19.04, for operation and maintenance of aquatic nuisance species barriers. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [RE - US Army Corps 2-year Easement Extension Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 14, 25, and 26**

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, 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, Daniel Pogorzelski, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

**Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions**

- 25 [24-0184](#) MOTION to suspend Article III, Section 3.2(A) of the Rules of the Board of Commissioners of the MWRDGC to allow a motion to amend and accept the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Assignments for the remainder of 2024 calendar year Standing Committees

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

- 26 [24-0182](#) MOTION to amend the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Assignments for the remainder 2024 calendar year Standing Committees

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Marcelino Garcia

### Executive Session

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Pension, Human Resources, and Civil Service to discuss two matters involving the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: 8:0

### Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 3:05 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

### Miscellaneous and New Business

#### Meeting Summary

##### Speakers

*None*

##### Summary of Requests

*None*

##### Study Session

*None*

##### Announcements

*None*

##### Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 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: April 5, 2024

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., April 10, 2024

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Precious Brady-Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, April 18, 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 April 4, 2024, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

April 4, 2024