

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

*100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611*



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023

10:30 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, 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: 6 - Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown; and Daniel Pogorzelski

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that the minutes from the last meeting of May 4, 2023 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Public Comments

George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the board regarding various issues

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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 with the exception of Items: 19, 21 and 24

Items #19, 21, and 24 were deferred by Marcelino Garcia

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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 May 18, 2023 was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:45 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [23-0500](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month

Adopted

- 2 [23-0501](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Haitian Heritage Month

Adopted

- 3 [23-0508](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Environmental Law & Policy Center

Adopted**Finance Committee****Report**

- 5 [23-0464](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of April 2023, in the amount of \$24,465,166.08

Attachments: [April 2023 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

- 6 [23-0492](#) Report on investments purchased during March 2023

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2023-03 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 7 [23-0494](#) Report on investments purchased during April 2023

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2023-04 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 8 [23-0495](#) Report on the investment interest income during March 2023

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2023-03 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 9 [23-0496](#) Report on the investment interest income during April 2023

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2023-04 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 10 [23-0497](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at March 31, 2023

Attachments: [Inv Stat 2023 Q1 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 11 [23-0469](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Published and Filed
- 12 [23-0489](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 22-902-22 (Re-Bid), Influent Gate Demolition at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$739,000.00
Published and Filed
- 13 [23-0502](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 14 [23-0458](#) Authorization to amend agreement with Deloitte & Touche, LLP for Contract 21-RFP-08, GASB 87 Lease Accounting Software, Account 101-27000-612820, Purchase Order 3116397
Approved
- 15 [23-0470](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 23-363-11 Proposal to Lease 2.5 acres of District real estate located at 15680 Canal Bank Road in Lemont, Illinois, and known as Main Channel Parcel 23.10, for a three (3) year term from DCC Propane, LLC, in the amount of \$70,100.00
Attachments: [Contract 23-363-11 Aerial View - Main Channel Parcel 23.10](#)
[Nov. 17, 2022 Village of Lemont Letter - Main Channel Parcel 23.10](#)
Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 16 [23-0474](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-115-11 Furnish and Deliver Label Printers, Barcode Scanners, and Accessories, estimated cost \$120,000.00, Account 101-16000-623810, Requisition 1598916
Attachments: [Contract 23-115-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)
Approved
- 17 [23-0488](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-025-11, Furnish and Deliver Plumbing Pipe, Fittings, and Valves to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$658,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623090, 623170, 623270, 623570
Attachments: [Contract 23-025-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

- 18 [23-0504](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-863-2C Master Plan for Salt Creek at Fullersburg Woods, estimated cost between \$5,709,500.00 and \$6,911,500.00, Account 201-50000-612400, Requisition 1599071

Attachments: [Contract 21-863-2C Affirmative Action 98% Review Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved**Issue Purchase Order**

- 19 [23-0459](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-RFP-23 Benefits Consulting Services with Deloitte Consulting LLP in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 101-25000-612430, Requisition 1591571

Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-23 Affirmative Action Appendix A Report - Deloitte Consulting, LLC](#)

Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

- 20 [23-0463](#) Issue purchase order to The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. for IEEE Standards Library Online Software Licensing Maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$33,270.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1599845

Approved

- 21 [23-0467](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-RFP-13 Intranet Development and Platform Support, with WM Reply, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$380,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1584520

Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-13 Affirmative Action Appendix A and Appendix V Report - WM Reply, Inc.](#)

Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

- 22 [23-0472](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Agilent Technologies, Inc., for repairs, technical support, and consumable supplies for Agilent equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$90,069.90, Accounts 101-16000-612970, 623570, Requisition 1599950

Approved

- 23 [23-0473](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with the law firm of Neal and Leroy, L.L.C. to represent the District in acquiring certain property rights in connection with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey, Illinois (Contract 18-249-AF), in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, Account 501-50000-612430, Requisition 1599400

Approved

- 24 [23-0475](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Princeton University,

for greenhouse gas monitoring and quantification at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$100,414.00, Account 101-16000-612430, Requisition 1598272 *(As Revised)*

Attachments: [Affirmative Action Goals Report for Contract for Monitoring and Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#)

Deferred by Marcelino Garcia

- 25 [23-0479](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with the University of Illinois, for hydraulic modeling of the Mainstream Tunnel System in an amount not to exceed \$380,311.00, Account 401-50000-612430, Requisition 1600052

Approved

- 26 [23-0483](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP to represent the District in Civil Service Board Case No. 23-03, MWRD v. Regina Berry and any related litigation, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. Account 101-30000-612430, Requisition 1600082

Approved

- 27 [23-0487](#) Issue purchase order to Early Morning Software, Inc. for a PRISM Compliance Management Software expansion of five (5) new modules and the configuration and implementation fees, in an amount not to exceed \$60,760.00, Accounts 101-27000-612430, 623800, Requisition 1598763

Approved

Award Contract

- 28 [23-0490](#) Authority to award Contract 23-612-11 Street Sweepers at Various Locations, to Advance Sweeping Services, Inc., Groups A and B, in an amount not to exceed \$222,000.00, Account 101-69000, 68000-612420, Requisition 1580716, 1589635

Attachments: [Contract 23-612-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report \(Group A\) - Revised.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 29 [23-0476](#) Authority to decrease Contract 15-266-4H5 Decommissioning of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, CSA, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$7,748.50, from an amount of \$26,100,447.16, to an amount not to exceed \$26,092,698.66, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000082

Attachments: [Change Order Log Contract 15-266-4H5.pdf](#)

Approved

- 30 [23-0477](#) Authority to increase Contract 14-253-AF Diversion Channel for Midlothian Creek in Robbins, to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC in an

amount of \$414,300.00, from an amount of \$10,581,167.46, to an amount not to exceed \$10,995,467.46, Account 501-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000089

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000089.pdf](#)

Approved

- 31 [23-0478](#) Authority to increase Contract 15-829-1S Television Inspection and Recording of Sewers and Manholes at Various Locations, to National Power Rodding Corporation in an amount of \$85,000.00, from an amount of \$2,832,720.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,917,720.00, Account 101-50000-612240, Purchase Order 5001768

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 5001768.pdf](#)

Approved

- 32 [23-0486](#) Authority to decrease Contract 21-630-11, Furnishing and Delivering Ferric Chloride, to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., in an amount of \$474,239.80 from an amount of \$1,481,414.20 to an amount not to exceed \$1,007,174.40, Accounts 101-67000/69000-623560, Purchase Orders 3112583 and 3112585

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 3112583 and 3112585f](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Report

- 33 [23-0499](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the first quarter of 2023, ended March 31, 2023

Attachments: [2023 Budget Summary Report_Q1.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Engineering Committee

Report

- 34 [23-0480](#) Report on termination of Project 20-IGA-03, 119th Place Bioswale and Permeable Alley Project, approved in an amount of \$250,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Purchase Order 3116825

Attachments: [04.28.23 Blue Island Cancellation Letter.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 35 [23-0505](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of April 2023

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

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 36 [23-0493](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Francis Jesuit vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 22WC004002, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$32,798.85, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 37 [23-0498](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of April 2023

Attachments: [R-98 Report April 2023.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 38 [23-0465](#) Authority to issue a four-month construction staging permit to Michels Pipeline, Inc. to use 3± acres of Main Channel Parcel 35.02 located west of Harlem Avenue and north of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in Forest View, Illinois for its project to upgrade an existing pipeline for Kinder Morgan. Consideration shall be a one-time permit fee of \$28,180.00

Attachments: [RE - Michels Pipeline Permit MCP 35.02 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 39 [23-0466](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease 22,722± sq. ft. of District real estate located at 413 West Taylor Street in Chicago, Illinois, known as Main Channel Parcel 45.01 (portion)

Attachments: [RE - Amtrak Request to Lease MCP 45.01 aerial.pdf](#)
[RE - Amtrak Request to Lease MCP 45.01 letter of support.pdf](#)

Approved

- 40 [23-0468](#) Authority to issue a five (5) year permit extension to the Tri-State Fire Protection District to continue to use the dock facility/boat launch located on Main Channel Parcel 30.05, the access road on Main Channel Parcels 30.05,

30.06, 31.01, 31.05, and 31.06, and the “knox box” on the District’s gate on Main Channel Parcel 30.06 in Willow Springs, Illinois, to conduct routine training and rescue operations in the Main Channel. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE – Tri-State Fire Permit MCP 30.05 Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 41 [23-0471](#) Authority to grant to the City of Evanston a 75-year, non-exclusive easement to continue to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair, and remove a storm sewer and appurtenances thereto on the north and south banks of the North Shore Channel where Green Bay Road intersects with Noyes Street and McCormick Boulevard in Evanston, Illinois; North Shore Channel Parcels 2.08, 2.11, 2.12 and 2.13. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE – Evanston 75-year Sewer Easement Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 42 [23-0484](#) Authority to pay 2022 real estate taxes in the amount of \$519,629.68 for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago’s real estate located in Will County, Illinois. Account 101-30000-667130

Approved

- 43 [23-0485](#) Authority to pay 2022 real estate taxes in the amount of \$180,052.40 for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago’s real estate located in Fulton County, Illinois. Account 101-30000-667130

Approved

- 44 [23-0503](#) Authority to grant a 25-year, 15’ x 129’ non-exclusive easement to Commonwealth Edison Company to install, construct, operate, maintain, repair, remove, and replace poles, electrical transmission lines, and related facilities over, under, across, and through District real estate located west of the District’s Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant along Barrington Road in the Village of Hanover Park. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$5,000.00

Attachments: [RE - ComEd Easement at Hanover Park WRP Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

State Legislation & Rules Committee

Authorization

- 45 [23-0510](#) Formation of the 2023-2024 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago’s Committee on Local Government Efficiency

Approved

- 46 [23-0513](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1 Green Janitor Education Program

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 19, 21, and 24

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Daniel Pogorzelski

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropolous, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss the minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: 6:0

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:20 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Mary Ann Boyle, Treasurer and Shellie Riedle, Administrative Services Officer gave a brief overview on the District's investment, revenue and expenditure results through March 31, 2023 (Re: Agenda Items #5-10, and 33)

Summary of Requests

Finance Committee Items #5-10, and Budget and Employment Committee Item #33

1. Marcelino Garcia recommended that a PowerPoint presentation be provided in the future

Procurement Committee Item #18

1. Mariyana T. Spyropolous requested a report outlining what other members are paying for this project & how our work on this project benefits the people of Cook County

Procurement Committee Item #19

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a report on everything done to contact companies and what the District is doing to improve registration

3. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda recommended sending letters on the modified process to Cook County and City of Chicago lists of registered vendors

4. Kari K. Steele requested an e-mail to the board with next steps on process for

additional communication

Procurement Committee Item #21

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a report on open and closed bidding

Procurement Committee Item #27

1. Marcelino Garcia requested a report on the current status and future direction

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 1, 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: May 19, 2023.

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., May 24, 2023.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, June 1, 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: 6 - Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Yumeka Brown, Daniel Pogorzelski

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 May 18, 2023, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

May 18, 2023