

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**10:30 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Commissioner Kimberly Du Buclet, Commissioner Marcelino Garcia, Vice-President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Debra Shore, 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 - Frank Avila; Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

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

## Public Comments

*Sally Stone and Rob Sulski addressed the Board regarding concerns for District parcel 32B*

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding various concerns*

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Resolution

- 1    [20-0165](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as Black History Month and honoring the Montford Point Marines  
**Adopted**
- 2    [20-0166](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as Black History Month and honoring Kathryn Harris  
**Adopted**
- 3    [20-0167](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council  
**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 4    [20-0168](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as American Heart Month  
**A motion was made by Kimberly Du Buclet, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 5    [20-0173](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 65th Anniversary of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day parade  
**Adopted**

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Frank Avila, 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: 3, 4, 7, 10 and 20

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, authorizing the Executive Director to Delete Agenda Item #10. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Item #20 was deferred by Barbara J. McGowan

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 Barbara J. McGowan. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of February 20, 2020 was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:55 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 6    [20-0142](#)    Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of January 2020, in the amount of \$29,086,302.32

Attachments:    [January 2020 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

### Authorization

- 7    [20-0164](#)    Authority to Approve Travel Expenses for Members of the Board of Commissioners and the Executive Director, in the estimated amount of \$477.45, Accounts 101-11000-612010, 101-15000-612010, and 101-15000-612030

**A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

## Procurement Committee

### Authorization

- 8    [20-0127](#)    Authorization for payment to the Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group for Fiscal Year 2020 Membership Dues in an amount not to exceed \$127,844.80, Account 101-15000-612280

**Approved**

- 9    [20-0138](#)    Authorization to amend Board Order of September 19, 2019, regarding issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Hach Company for preventive maintenance and consumable supplies for flow injection analyzers and a spectrophotometer, in an amount not to exceed \$47,502.25, Accounts 101-16000-612970, 623570, Requisition 1527676, Agenda Item No. 30, File No. 19-0869

**Attachments:** [02-20-20 Hach 9-19-19 BTL.pdf](#)

**Approved**

### Authority to Advertise

- 10    [20-0149](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 20-640-11 Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite, estimated cost \$1,667,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000-623560, Requisitions 1532426, 1528872, 1533914 and 1528463

**A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, authorizing the Executive Director to Delete this Agenda Item. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

- 11    [20-0155](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 20-006-11 Furnish and Deliver Janitorial Supplies to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$135,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623170, 623660

**Approved**

### Issue Purchase Order

- 12 [20-0139](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Skalar, Inc. to furnish, deliver, and install a Total Organic Carbon Analyzer with all associated accessories, in an amount not to exceed \$41,825.00, Account 101-16000-634970, Requisition 1538740  
**Approved**
- 13 [20-0140](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Ametek Arizona Instrument, LLC d/b/a AMETEK Brookfield, for calibration and repair services on Jerome Hydrogen Sulfide Analyzers and a Jerome Function Test Module, in an amount not to exceed \$13,522.00, Accounts 101-16000-612970, 623990, Requisition 1526703  
**Approved**
- 14 [20-0143](#) Issue purchase order to R.S. Means Company, LLC, for RSMeans Online Annual License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$18,449.85, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1539242  
**Approved**
- 15 [20-0145](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation, for Contract 19-RFP-28 professional engineering services for Contract 19-151-4C Geotechnical Related Work Associated with the McCook and Thornton Reservoirs in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, Account 401-50000-612430, Requisition 1538913  
  
**Attachments:** [19-151-4C Fact Sheet.pdf](#)  
[19-151-4C \(19-RFP-28\) Appendix A Report](#)  
  
**Approved**
- 16 [20-0147](#) Issue purchase orders and enter into agreements for Contract 20-RFP-01 State Legislative Consulting Services, with Blaida and Associates LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, Nekritz Amdor Consulting LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, Law Offices of Paul L. Williams & Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, and Miguel A. Santiago Consulting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisition 1534080  
**Approved**
- 17 [20-0151](#) Issue purchase order to exercise an option to renew for a five (5) year term on the agreement dated June 1, 2010, with 500 West Monroe Owner LLC, successor to Piedmont 500 West Monroe Fee, LLC for leasing space where a TARP back-up repeater is installed at 500 West Monroe Street in Chicago in an amount not to exceed \$283,578.00. Account 101-69000-612330, Requisition 1393744 (*As Revised*)  
**Approved**

- 18    [20-0152](#)    Issue purchase order to Red Sky Technologies Inc., for Software Maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$49,992.00 Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1538915

**Approved**

- 19    [20-0154](#)    Issue purchase order for Contract 19-487-12 (Re-Bid), Provide Web Hosting and Support of Oracle Primavera Software for a Three-Year Period, to LoadSpring Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$69,336.00, Account 101-27000-612820, 612430, Requisition 1526697

**Approved**

#### **Award Contract**

- 20    [20-0170](#)    Authority to award Contract 19-717-22 (Re-Bid), Furnish, Deliver, and Install an Upgraded Operator for TARP Gate I at the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, to Ornelas Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$775,201.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 1518109 *(As Revised)*

**Attachments:**    [Contract 19-717-22 \(Re-Bid\) Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report](#)

**Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan**

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

- 21    [20-0156](#)    Authority to increase and extend purchase order with AT&T Corporation, for Contract 18-RFP-16, POTs Local and Long Distance Services, in an amount of \$210,000.00, from an amount of \$211,800.00, to an amount not to exceed \$421,800.00, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3103834

**Attachments:**    [3103834 Change Log 2-20-20.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 22    [20-0162](#)    Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with ABB, Inc., to provide ABB ServiceGrid Coverage at the O'Brien and Stickney Water Reclamation Plants and the North Branch Pumping Station, in an amount of \$66,598.57, from an amount of \$372,698.25, to an amount not to exceed \$439,296.82, Accounts 101-67000/69000-612650, Purchase Order 3092199

**Attachments:**    [PO 3092199 ABB Inc Summary Spreadsheet.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### **Engineering Committee**

#### **Report**

- 23   [20-0153](#)   Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of January 2020

Attachments:   [Attachment 1 CO Report January 2020 5% Contingency.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report January 2020.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 24   [20-0159](#)   Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Andrew Swider vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 16 WC 03363, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$37,761.00, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 25   [20-0150](#)   Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of January 2020

Attachments:   [R-98 Report January 2020.pdf](#)

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## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 26   [20-0157](#)   Authority to purchase the real estate commonly known as 1507 North 39th Avenue in Stone Park, Illinois for the construction of the Addison Creek Channel Improvement Project (Contract 11-187-3F) and authority for payment to the Second Revocable Living Trust of Mario M. Rivosecchi dated March 14, 2018, the owner of said real estate, in an amount of \$220,000.00, plus closing costs, and relocation costs to the tenants in an amount not to exceed \$51,794.00, Account 501-50000-656010, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments:   [Authority to purchase - 1507 North 39th Avenue, Stone Park - aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 27 [20-0160](#) Authority to grant to the Village of Robbins a 25-year, approximately 8,843 square foot non-exclusive easement to continue to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair and remove a stormwater outlet sewer located near 135th Street and Kedzie Avenue in Robbins, Illinois on a portion of Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 13.03. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [Authoirty to Grant - Village of Robbins, 135th Street and Kedzie Avenue - Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 28 [20-0161](#) Authority to grant to the Village of Robbins a 25-year, approximately 7,492 square foot non-exclusive easement to continue to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair and remove a 42-inch storm sewer outlet into the Cal-Sag Channel located east of Kostner Avenue in Robbins, Illinois on Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 12.09. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [Authoirty to Grant - Village of Robbins, Cal Sag Channel and Kostner Ave - Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 29 [20-0169](#) Authority to issue a 3-month permit to Commonwealth Edison Company to use 10,000 sq. ft. portions on each of Main Channel Parcels 32.04, 33.01 and 33.03 as helicopter landing zones and to traverse the subject parcels to access its transmission line located in Bedford Park, Illinois. Consideration shall be an annual fee of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [Authority to issue a 3-month permit to ComEd - Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 30 [20-0171](#) Authority to issue a 2-year permit to Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company to use a 28,800 sq. ft. portion of North Shore Channel Parcels 8.01 and 8.03 located between Lincoln and Peterson Avenues in Chicago, Illinois as construction staging areas and to dewater a utility tunnel. Consideration shall be an annual fee of \$9,600.00

**Attachments:** [Authority to issue a 2-yr permit - Peoples Gas NSC Parcels 8.01 & 8.03 - Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 31 [20-0172](#) Authority to issue a 10-month permit to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to traverse Main Channel Parcels 29.04 and 31.01 to deliver large equipment and materials and to televise District sewers in connection with ISTHA's I-294 Mile Long Bridge Project. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

**Attachments:** [Issue 10-month Permit - ISTHA I-294 - Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Stormwater Management Committee



**Authorization**

- 32    [20-0146](#)    Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Town of Cicero for the construction, operation and maintenance of the 2020 Green Alley Paving Project in Cicero, Illinois (20-IGA-08) in an amount not to exceed \$236,452.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1539239

**Approved**

- 33    [20-0163](#)    Authority to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with and make payment to the City of Chicago, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, for Emergency Shoreline Repairs at Morgan Shoal (45th to 51st Street), 20-IGA-21 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1539714

**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 3, 4, 7, 10 and 20**

**A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Debra Shore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:**    8 -    Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:**    1 -    Marcelino Garcia

**Miscellaneous and New Business****Meeting Summary****Speakers**

*Phillip Barreda accepted the resolution recognizing the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council (Re: Resolution Item #3)*

*Alex Meixner accepted the resolution recognizing February as American Heart Month (Re: Resolution Item #4)*

**Summary of Requests***Procurement Committee Item #11*

1. Cameron Davis requested a follow up on the progress toward safer and more environmentally friendly janitorial supplies

*Procurement Committee Item #16*

1. Josina Morita requested a memo on the ideal time frame for legislative process and what the individual roles are

*Procurement Committee Item #20*

1. Barbara J. McGowan requested a change in the ordinance so bidders don't take credit for PCEs

*Real Estate Development Committee Item #33*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the District's involvement in the bigger picture, what is our future involvement, what other stakeholders are involved, what is our duty in terms of infrastructure and to assist monetarily, and what is the plan in terms of repair and preventative work

2. Barbara J. McGowan requested a report on the contractors that benefited and how much to be included in the ordinance

**Study Session**

A Study Session will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Study Session is to discuss Stormwater Management Green Infrastructure projects outside District corporate boundaries.

**Announcements**

None

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2020, 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 21, 2020

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., February 26, 2020

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Frank Avila, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 5, 2020 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 - Frank Avila, Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - 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 February 20, 2020, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

February 20, 2020