

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2021

10:30 AM

Remote Meeting

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Cameron Davis, Commissioner Kimberly Du Buclet, Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia, Vice-President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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.

Announcements

The Clerk made an announcement regarding the procedures for the remote conference meeting

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

Election of Officers

- 1 [21-0018](#) MOTION to nominate Kari K. Steele as President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

 A motion was made by Josina Morita, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 2 [21-0019](#) MOTION to nominate Barbara J. McGowan as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

 A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 3 [21-0020](#) MOTION to nominate Marcelino Garcia as Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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

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

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Public Comments

Sarah Bury, resident of Cook County, addressed the Board regarding agenda item 27

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 27

Item #27 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 Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Marcelino Garcia. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Aye: 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

The Committee of the Whole meeting of January 7, 2021 was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Executive Session

None

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:35 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Motion

- 4 [21-0021](#) MOTION to suspend Article III, Section 3.2 (A) of the Rules of the Board of Commissioners of the MWRDGC and move the appointment of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each standing Committee to the next Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Finance Committee

Report

- 5 [20-1175](#) Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on January 1, 2021

Attachments: [DS 2021-01 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 6 [21-0012](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Published and Filed

- 7 [21-0013](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 20-689-11, Test and Repair Underground Storage Tanks at Various Locations, estimated cost \$236,800.00

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 8 [21-0023](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of November 19, 2020, regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Verizon Connect NWF Inc., for maintenance a of a Vehicle Location System and the installation of approximately 30 Vehicle Location Devices, in an amount not to exceed \$46,569.90, Account 101-15000-612860, Requisition 1551521, Agenda Item No. 23, File No.20-0996

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of November 19 2020, Agenda Item No. 23, File No. 20-0996](#)

Approved

- 9 [21-0024](#) Authorization for Payment to the Water Research Foundation for the 2021 Annual Research Commitment in an amount not to exceed \$152,290.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Attachments: [Projects Supported by the Water Research Foundation During 2020.pdf](#)

Approved

- 10 [21-0029](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement for Contract 20-RFP-17 Energy Curtailment Services, with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC to provide energy curtailment services (As Revised)

Approved

- 11 [21-0038](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement for Contract 20-RFP-12, Provide Vending Machines at Various Locations for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period with Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Canteen Division.

Attachments: [Contract 20-RFP-12 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 12 [21-0003](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-027-11 Furnish and Deliver Glass and Plastic Lab Ware to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$220,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

Approved

- 13 [21-0004](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-028-11 Furnish and Deliver Paper Filters, Crucibles, and Petri Dishes to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$120,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

Approved

- 14 [21-0005](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-639-11, Furnish and Deliver Process Water Chemicals, in an amount not to exceed \$314,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623560, Requisitions 1552458, 1552459, and 1552460

Attachments: [Contract 21-639-11 Affirmative Action Goals Review](#)

Approved

- 15 [21-0006](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-666-11, Security Services at the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois, estimated cost \$157,400.00, Account 101-69000-612490, Requisition 1543126

Attachments: [Contract 21-666-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 16 [21-0010](#) Issue a purchase order to APG-Neuros Corporation to Furnish and Deliver an APG-Neuros Turbo Blower to the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$137,187.00, Account 101-68000-634650, Requisition 1551981

 Approved
- 17 [21-0011](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 19-RFP-23 SAP Consulting Services with V3IT Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1519898

 Attachments: [19-RFP-23 Affirmative Action Goals Report - V3iT Consulting, Inc..pdf](#)
 [19-RFP-23 Appendix A Report - V3iT Consulting, Inc.](#)

 Approved
- 18 [21-0015](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 20-RFP-06, Professional Services to Furnish, Deliver and Deploy a Process Optimization Platform for the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant in Des Plaines, Illinois, with Pure Technologies U.S., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$112,217.85, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisition 1541017

 Attachments: [Contract 20-RFP-06 Appendix A Report - Pure Technologies U.S., Inc..pdf](#)

 Approved
- 19 [21-0025](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 20-RFP-23, Remote Storage of District Records for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period with R-4 Services LLC in an amount not to exceed \$99,914.40, Account 101-15000-612490, Requisition 1548124

 Attachments: [20-RFP-23 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

 Approved
- 20 [21-0027](#) Issue purchase order to Kofax, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver Software Maintenance and Support for the Kofax Network Fax Software, in an amount not to exceed \$32,159.56, Accounts 101-27000-612840, Requisition 1554667

 Approved

- 21 [21-0030](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 21-100-11, Collection, Shipment, and Analysis of Water Samples from the Thornton Composite Reservoir and Monitoring Wells and Analysis of Monitoring Well Samples from the McCook Reservoir Site, to A3 Environmental LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$131,975.94, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1551282

Attachments: [Contract 21-100-11 Appendix A Report - A3 Environmental LLC](#)

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Award Contract

- 22 [21-0008](#) Authority to award Contract 20-613-12 (Re-Bid), Scavenger Services at Various Service Areas, Groups D and E to Flood Bros Disposal Co., in an amount not to exceed \$462,000.00, Account 101-67000-612520 Requisitions 1538459 and 1538445

Attachments: [Contract 20-613-12 \(Re-Bid\) Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D Report - Group D.pdf](#)
[Contract 20-613-12 \(Re-Bid\) Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D Report - Group E.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 23 [21-0016](#) Authority to award Contract 21-063-11, Furnish and Deliver V-Belts, Conveyor Belts, and Bearings to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Groups A, B, and C to Accent Bearings Co, Inc., in a total amount not to exceed \$52,965.11, Account 101-20000-623270

Attachments: [Contract 21-063-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A, B and C.pdf](#)

Approved

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 24 [21-0032](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Letrice Ray vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number W002139022 in the sum of \$55,344.80, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 25 [21-0022](#) Authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$5,220.00 to acquire permanent and temporary easements on the real estate commonly known as 735 - 807 Suffolk Avenue in Westchester, Illinois, through summary judgment in the eminent domain lawsuit entitled *The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. The Estate of Homer Stevenson, et al.*, Case No. 20L050070 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Account 501-50000-667340, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - MWRD v Homer Stevenson 735-807 Suffolk, Westchester Parcel 175-185 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 26 [21-0035](#) Authority to enter into a 37-year lease with the Chicago Park District on approximately 78.68 acres of District real estate located south of 122nd Street, east of Stoney Island Avenue, and along the northern bank of the Calumet River in Chicago, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Auth to lease to Chicago Park District Deadstick Pond Aerial.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Josina Morita, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 27 [21-0037](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease approximately 21± acres of the eastern portion of Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 10.04 located east of Ridgeland Avenue in Alsip, Illinois

Attachments: [RE - Authority to Commence Statutory Procedures - 7EZ Constulting CSC Parcel 10.04 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Deferred by Cameron Davis

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 28 [21-0036](#) Authority to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Chicago Ridge for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Permeable Paver Parking Lot in Chicago Ridge, CSA (20-IGA-07), in an amount not to exceed \$227,847.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1537632

Attachments: [20-IGA-07_Requisition.pdf](#)

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

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

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

None

Summary of Requests

Procurement Committee Item #21

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested staff look into pricing and other factors to see if the process could be performed in-house

Miscellaneous & New Business

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a report on the effects of the recently passed Water Resources Development Act on District projects

Study Session

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2021, 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 8, 2021

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 13, 2021

Adjournment

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Cameron Davis, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, January 21, 2021 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 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, 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 January 7, 2021, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

January 7, 2021