

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 4, 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

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, 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

*None*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, 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 Items: 11, 15, 20 and 28

Item #11 was deferred by Barbara J. McGowan

Item #15 was deferred by Marcelino Garcia

Item #20 was deferred by Cameron Davis

Item #28 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 Mariyana T. Spyropoulos. 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 February 4, 2021 was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:00 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Memorial Resolution

- 1    [21-0101](#)    MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Mrs. Irene Crayton-Unokiwe  
**Adopted**

### Ordinance

- 2    [O21-001](#)    Ordinance O21-001 An Ordinance directing the County Clerk to reduce the levy of taxes on Capital Improvement Bonds for the levy year 2020

**Attachments:**    [Ordinance O21-001 BTL 2021-02-04v2.pdf](#)  
[Ord O21-001v2](#)

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Ordinance 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

## Resolution

- 3     [21-0126](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as Black History Month

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Cameron Davis, that this Resolution 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

- 4     [21-0127](#)     RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as Black History Month and honoring Dr. Elizabeth Lockhart

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Cameron Davis, that this Resolution 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

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 5     [21-0123](#)     Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 26, 2021

**Published and Filed**

- 6     [21-0125](#)     Report on rejection of proposals for 19-RFP-20, Application Development Consulting Services, estimated cost \$360,000.00

**A motion was made by Josina Morita, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Report be Published and Filed. 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

### Authorization

- 7     [21-0109](#)     Authorization for payment to JULIE, Inc., for participation in underground project coordination, in an amount not to exceed \$40,406.52, Account 101-50000-612430

**Approved**

**9**    [21-0115](#)

Authorization to amend an agreement between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the DuPage River/Salt Creek Workgroup

**Approved**

**10**    [21-0124](#)

Authorization to execute change orders to decrease purchase orders or carryforward FY2020 encumbrances to FY2021 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:**    [Board of Commissioners - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Engineering Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Finance Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[General Administration Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Human Resources Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Law Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Maintenance and Operations Department 66 - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Maintenance and Operations Department 67 - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Maintenance and Operations Department 68 - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Maintenance and Operations Department 69 - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Monitoring and Research Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Procurement and Materials Management Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)  
[Information Technology Department - FY2020 Purchase Orders](#)

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Cameron Davis, 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

**Authority to Advertise****11**    [21-0007](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 21-685-51 Furnishing, Delivering and Administration of Rain Barrels, estimated cost \$169,500.00, Account 501-50000-623990, Requisition 1529300

**Attachments:**    [Contract 20-685-51 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan**

- 12    [21-0111](#)    Authority to advertise Contract 21-103-11 Furnish and Deliver MIDI-VAP 4000 Phenol Units, estimated cost \$32,800.00, Accounts 101-16000-623570, 634970, Requisition 1553653

**Approved**

- 13    [21-0112](#)    Authority to Advertise Contract 21-RFP-08, GASB 87 Lease Accounting Software, estimated cost \$85,000.00, Accounts 101-40000-612430/612820, Requisition 1528174

**Approved**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 14    [21-0105](#)    Issue purchase order to R.S. Means Company, LLC, for RSMeans Online Annual License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$19,365.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1556906

**Approved**

- 15    [21-0106](#)    Issue purchase order to Equipment Depot of Illinois, Inc., to furnish and deliver a new 2021 Mitsubishi FBCS18N electric forklift to the Lockport Powerhouse, under Sourcwell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No. 091520-MCF, in an amount not to exceed \$34,786.50, Account 101-66000-634760, Requisition 1554941

**Deferred by Marcelino Garcia**

- 16    [21-0108](#)    Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with enfoTech & Consulting, Inc. for iPacs Software Maintenance Support Services, in an amount not to exceed \$295,162.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1556905

**Approved**

- 17    [21-0116](#)    Issue purchase order for Contract 20-860-5F, Furnish and Deliver One Digital Wide Format Scanner and Printer/Copier, Main Office Building Annex to Clifford Wald & Co., in an amount not to exceed \$27,295.00, Accounts 501-50000-634990 and 612990, Requisition 1545224

**Approved**

- 18    [21-0117](#)    Issue purchase order for Contract 21-101-11, Furnish and Deliver Replacement Uniforms and Items for Pollution Control Personnel, to V.C.G. Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$27,036.00, Account 101-16000-623700, Requisition 1548125

**Approved**

- 19    [21-0119](#)    Issue purchase order to Howden Roots, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver a Blower and Bearings for Various Locations, in a total amount not to exceed \$196,180.00, Account 101-67000, 69000-623270, Requisitions 1556325, 1556326

**Approved**

- 20    [21-0120](#)    Issue purchase order to 72 Hour LLC, DBA National Auto Fleet Group, to Furnish and Deliver Three (3) New 2022 Ford F-650 Crew Cab Trucks with Aluminum Van Bodies, One (1) New 2021 International HV607 SBA Dump Truck, and One (1) New 2021 Ford Super Duty F-550 Stake Bed Truck to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, under Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Purchasing Contract No.'s 120716-NAF and 060920-NAF, in an amount not to exceed \$808,231.96, Accounts 101, 501-50000, 69000-634860, Requisitions 1554933, 1555816

**Deferred by Cameron Davis**

#### **Award Contract**

- 21    [21-0110](#)    Authority to award Contract 21-022-11, Furnish and Deliver Diesel Fuel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period to Avalon Petroleum Company, in an amount not to exceed \$296,000.00, Accounts 101-16000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623820 and 501-50000-623820, Requisitions 1545512, 1545541, 1545551, 1545857, 1545875, and 1545878

**Approved**

- 22    [21-0118](#)    Authority to award Contract 21-646-51, Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, Group A to J & L Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000.00, and Group B to Thornton Equipment Services, Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Requisition 1544167

**Attachments:**    [Contract 21-646-51 Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D Report - Group A.pdf](#)  
[Contract 21-646-51 Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D Report - Group B.pdf](#)

**Approved**

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

- 23    [21-0081](#)    Authority to increase Contract 17-842-3H Modifications to TARP Control Structures & Drop Shafts, SSA and CSA to IHC Construction Companies, Inc. in an amount of \$321,566.44, from an amount of \$3,226,745.33, to an amount not to exceed \$3,548,311.77, Account 401-50000-645600, Purchase Order 4000072 (*Deferred from the January 21, 2021 Board Meeting*)

**Attachments:**    [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000072.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 8    [21-0114](#)    Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Sirius Automation Group Inc., for preventive maintenance and consumable supplies for Sirius Automation robotic weighing systems in an amount of \$3,298.00, from an amount of \$9,980.00, to an amount not to exceed \$13,278.00, Accounts 101-16000-612970, 623570, Purchase Order 3112192 (*As Revised*)

**Approved**

## Engineering Committee

### Authorization

- 24    [21-0104](#)    Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois to Engage in University of Illinois Chicago's Energy Resource Center Services

**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

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 25    [21-0102](#)    Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Adam Fischer vs. MWRDGC, Claim 15 WC 030571, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$82,275.98, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 26    [21-0121](#)    Authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$2,521.00 to acquire permanent and temporary easements on the real estate commonly known as 709 - 723 Suffolk Avenue in Westchester, Illinois, through summary judgment in the eminent domain lawsuit entitled *The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee, et al.*, Case No. 20L050183 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Account 501-50000-667340, Stormwater Management Fund

**Attachments:** [RE - Final Compensation MWRD v Chicago Title , 709 - 723 Suffolk Avenue Parcels 167-171 - Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 27    [21-0122](#)    Authority to pay preliminary just compensation in the amount of \$90,000.00 to acquire the permanent and temporary easements in the eminent domain lawsuit entitled *The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Prime33 Development LLC, et al.*, Case No. 20L050009 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Account 501-50000-667340, Stormwater Management Fund

**Attachments:** [RE- Easements, MWRD v Prime33, Parcel 84-100 - Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**



**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 15, 20, 24 and 28**

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Debra Shore, 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

**Stormwater Management Committee****Authorization**

28    [21-0103](#)    Authority to Subsidize the Cost of Rain Barrels

Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan

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

*None*

**Summary of Requests**

*Debra Shore requested Section 5.25 of the Rules of the Board be followed for callers and eComments to identify themselves by first and last name*

*Procurement Committee Item #11*

- 1. Cameron Davis requested partnering with community based groups in disproportionately impacted areas on this program*
- 2. Josina Morita requested working with the vendor to provide notifications on maintenance of the rain barrels*
- 3. Barbara J. McGowan requested a report of the number of rain barrels distributed for free, the communities who benefited and the cost to the District*

*Procurement Committee Item #15*

- 1. Marcelino Garcia requested information on whether the forklift was built in the US*
- 2. Barbara J. McGowan requested the details of the companies who bid on the contract and at what price*

*Procurement Committee Item #20*

- 1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested an analysis report on the District fleet in regards to electric vehicles*

*Engineering Committee Item #24*

- 1. Marcelino Garcia requested a copy of the agreement*

*Stormwater Management Committee Item #28*

- 1. The Board urged partnering with community groups in disproportionately impacted areas to help with the cost and utilizing District public information resources to educate and inform residents on the maintenance and upkeep of rain barrels*

*Miscellaneous and New Business Items*

- 1. Barbara J. McGowan requested the communication regarding agenda item 39 from the last board meeting be sent to her office*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 18, 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: February 5, 2021**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: February 9, 2021**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, February 18, 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 February 4, 2021, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

February 4, 2021