

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 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 Debra Shore, 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 Barbara J. McGowan, 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: 19**

**Item #19 was deleted by the Executive Director**

**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 March 4, 2021 was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:20 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Motion

- 1    [21-0206](#)    MOTION to re-appoint Kimberly du Buclet as trustee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Retirement Fund
- A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:**    8 -    Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Josina Morita, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele
- Absent:**    1 -    Barbara J. McGowan

### Resolution

- 2    [21-0185](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week
- Adopted**
- 3    [21-0200](#)    RESOLUTION Adopting a Schedule for the Execution and Completion of the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Cook County, Illinois, Contract 14-253-5C, and Authorizing the Immediate Vesting of Title to Real Estate for the Execution Thereof
- Attachments:**    [Misc NB - RESOLUTION Adopting a Schedule for the Execution and Completion of the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Cook County, Illinois, Contract 14-253-5C.pdf](#)
- A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:**    8 -    Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Josina Morita, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele
- Absent:**    1 -    Barbara J. McGowan
- 4    [21-0201](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing International Women's Day and honoring the accomplishments of the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
- Adopted**

- 5    [21-0209](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of March as Women's History Month
- A motion was made by Kimberly Du Buclet, seconded by Josina Morita, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:**    8 -    Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Josina Morita, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele
- Absent:**    1 -    Barbara J. McGowan
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- 6    [21-0210](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Dorothy Jean Tillman
- A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, 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

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 7    [21-0190](#)    Report on investments purchased during December 2020
- Attachments:**    [Inv Purch 2020-12 att.pdf](#)
- Published and Filed**
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- 8    [21-0191](#)    Report on investments purchased during January 2021
- Attachments:**    [Inv Purch 2021-01 att.pdf](#)
- Published and Filed**
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- 9    [21-0192](#)    Report on the investment interest income during December 2020
- Attachments:**    [Inv Int Inc 2020-12 att.pdf](#)
- Published and Filed**
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- 10    [21-0195](#)    Report on the investment interest income during January 2021
- Attachments:**    [Inv Int Inc 2021-01 att.pdf](#)
- Published and Filed**
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- 11    [21-0196](#)    Report on investment inventory statistics at December 31, 2020
- Attachments:**    [Inv Stat 2020 Q4 att.pdf](#)
- Published and Filed**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 12 [21-0170](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 9, 2021

**Published and Filed**

- 13 [21-0205](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 23, 2021

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 14 [21-0194](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 20-363-11 Proposal to Lease for 39 years, 14.048± acres of improved District real estate located at 6400 South Archer Avenue in Bedford Park, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 33.01 from Ingredion, Inc. in the amount of \$107,100.00

**Attachments:** [Contract 20-363-11 Aerial View.pdf](#)

**Approved**

### Authority to Advertise

- 15 [21-0172](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-073-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Lab Accessories to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$52,000.00, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

- 16 [21-0177](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-070-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Batteries to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$40,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623250

**Approved**

- 17 [21-0179](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-004-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Steel and Stainless Steel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$127,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623030, 623090, 623130

**Approved**

- 18 [21-0180](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-017-11 Furnish and Deliver Electrical Supplies, Wire, and Cable to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$240,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623070, 623170, 623190, 623250, 623680, 623850

**Approved**

**19** [21-0181](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 20-689-12, Test and Repair Underground Storage Tanks at Various Locations, estimated cost \$236,800.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612240/612490/623070/623270, Requisitions 1543344, 1543351 and 1543352

**Attachments:** [Contract 20-689-12 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Deleted by the Executive Director**

**20** [21-0186](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 21-673-11, Heavy Equipment Repairs at Various Locations, estimated cost \$548,600.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612760, Requisitions 1546936 and 1546518

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-673-11 \(Group A\) Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
[Contract 21-673-11 \(Group B\) Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**21** [21-0187](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 21-697-11, Services of Tractors with Rotavators and Sludge Pumps with Operators, estimated cost \$1,455,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612520, Requisitions 1546523 and 1546514

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-697-11 \(Groups A and B\) Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**22** [21-0204](#)

Authority to advertise Contract 11-187-AF Demolition for Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA, estimated cost between \$622,250.00 and \$753,250.00, Account 501-50000-645620, Requisition 1558472

**Attachments:** [Contract 11-187-AF Project Fact Sheet.pdf](#)  
[Contract 11-187-AF Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

**23** [21-0207](#)

Authority to Advertise Contract 21-RFP-07 Enhancements to the District's new website, estimated cost \$300,000.00, Account 101-27000-612430, Requisition 1557866

**Attachments:** [Contract 21-RFP-07 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**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

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 24    [21-0171](#)    Issue purchase order to Han-Boone International, Inc. dba Fort Worth Gasket & Supply, to Furnish and Deliver One S M Seals Ltd. Water Turbine Shaft Seal to the Lockport Powerhouse, in a total amount not to exceed \$50,507.73, Account 101-66000-634620, Requisition 1556502

**Approved**

- 25    [21-0184](#)    Issue purchase order to Red Sky Technologies Inc., for Software Maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$64,216.00 Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1558160

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Josina Morita, 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

- 26    [21-0198](#)    Issue purchase order for Contract 20-425-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver Paper to Various District Locations for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period, to Bebon Office Machines Co., in an amount not to exceed \$173,703.48, Account 101-15000-623520, Requisition 1549040

**Approved**

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

- 27    [21-0182](#)    Authority to increase Contract 20-671-11, Services to Perform a Certified Rebuild of One Wheel Loader, to Altorfer Industries, Inc., in an amount of \$67,596.23 from an amount of \$428,724.36, to an amount not to exceed \$496,320.59, Account 101-69000-612760, Purchase Order 5001773

**Approved**

#### **Judiciary Committee**

##### **Authorization**

- 28    [21-0189](#)    Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Steven Dillon vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 19WC036197, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$19,766.00, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

#### **Real Estate Development Committee**

##### **Authorization**

- 29    [21-0199](#)    Authority to purchase the real estate commonly known as 3049 West 135th Street in Robbins, Illinois for the construction of the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in the Village of Robbins, Illinois (Contract 14-253-5F) and authority for payment to Melika Gray, the owner of said real estate, in an amount of \$6,800.00, plus closing costs, Account 501-50000-656010, Stormwater Management Fund

**Attachments:**    [RE - Authority to Purchase 3049 W 135th St, Robbins Parcel 10.pdf](#)

Approved

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 30    [21-0203](#)    Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to collaborate and share costs for Contract 14-111-5F, Flood Control Project on 1st Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Road, SSA

Approved

### Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 3, 5, 6, 23, 25 and 31

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, 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

- 31    [21-0211](#)    MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Terrence J. O'Brien

**A motion was made by the Board of Commissioners, seconded by the Board of Commissioners, that this Memorial 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

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Meeting Summary

#### Speakers

None



**Summary of Requests***Resolution Item #3*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a report on the portions of land to be acquired between the District and the Cook County Land Bank

*Procurement Committee Item #23*

1. Barbara J. McGowan requested the MBE/WBE/SBE/VBE participants be attached to the award board letter
2. Marcelino Garcia requested a memo explaining the differences between the previously deleted version and the current RFP

*Procurement Committee Item #25*

1. Cameron Davis requested a memo on whether the system would decrease MWRD liability insurance or result in any other cost savings

*Miscellaneous & New Business*

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the Board receive updates on the developments of testing new COVID-19 variants by MWRD research partners and universities

**Study Session**

None

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 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: March 5, 2021

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 10, 2021

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 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 March 4, 2021, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

March 4, 2021