

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 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.

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

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

Public Comments

John Smith, Wilmette concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding various concerns

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, 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 Items

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 Cameron Davis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Josina Morita

The Committee of the Whole meeting of May 6, 2021 was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made Kari K. Steele, moved by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Cameron Davis, that an executive session be held to discuss the performance of specific employees. 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

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 1:35 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution

- 1 [21-0385](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Mayor Arlene A. Juracek of Mount Prospect, Illinois

 A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

 Aye: 8 - Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

 Absent: 1 - Cameron Davis

- 2 [21-0417](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and honoring Asian American women elected officials

 Adopted

- 3 [21-0418](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and honoring Albert Chan

 Adopted

- 4 [21-0419](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and honoring Noah Tang

 Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 5 [21-0382](#) Report to the Board of Commissioners on the Boeing Company's Request for Reimbursement in the amount of \$125,966.64 pursuant to the terms of a Tax Reimbursement Agreement approved by the Board on September 6, 2001

 Published and Filed

- 6 [21-0409](#) Report on the investment interest income during February 2021

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2021-02 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 7 [21-0410](#) Report on the investment interest income during March 2021

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2021-03 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 8 [21-0411](#) Report on investments purchased during February 2021

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2021-02 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 9 [21-0412](#) Report on investments purchased during March 2021

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2021-03 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 10 [21-0413](#) Report on investment inventory statistics at March 31, 2021

Attachments: [Inv Stat 2021 Q1 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 11 [21-0369](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Published and Filed

- 12 [21-0370](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 20-656-12 (Re-Bid), Inspect and Maintain TARP Electrical Control Chambers and Tide Gate Monitoring Systems at Various Locations, estimated cost \$500,000.00

Published and Filed

- 13 [21-0390](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 20, 2021

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 1 - Cameron Davis

- 14 [21-0405](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 21-699-11, Services of Heavy Equipment with Operators, Groups A and B, estimated cost \$2,677,500.00

Published and Filed

- 15 [21-0406](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Published and Filed

- 16 [21-0415](#) Report on rejection of bid for Contract 15-266-4H4 (Re-Bid), Odor Control Systems at Two TARP Shafts and Decommissioning of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, Calumet Service Area, estimated cost range from \$14,598,000.00 to \$17,671,000.00

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

- 17 [21-0365](#) Authorization for payment to the Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group for Fiscal Year 2021 Membership Dues in an amount not to exceed \$127,844.80, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 18 [21-0368](#) Issue purchase order to DLT Solutions, LLC for Oracle Primavera Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$23,527.21, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1561720

Approved

- 19 [21-0376](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Greeley and Hansen LLC, for the finalization of Phosphorus Removal Feasibility Studies for the Hanover Park and Lemont Water Reclamation Plants in an amount not to exceed \$78,499.00, Account 201-50000-612430, Requisition 1560857

Approved

- 20 [21-0377](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Safety io LLC, (An MSA Company), to provide software hosting and solution support for the MSA Link Pro in an amount not to exceed \$40,988.00, Accounts 101-25000-612820 and 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1561140

Approved

- 21 [21-0378](#) Issue purchase order to Carahsoft Technology Corporation for Smartsheet Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$23,442.80, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1561996
Approved
- 22 [21-0379](#) Issue purchase order to HP Inc. for the purchase of new and replacement computer hardware and replacement toner, in an amount not to exceed \$414,000.00. Accounts 101-27000-623810 and 623520, Requisition 1561733
Approved
- 23 [21-0380](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for the finalization of Phosphorus Removal Feasibility Studies for the Kirie and Egan Water Reclamation Plants in an amount not to exceed \$78,221.00, Account 201-50000-612430, Requisition 1560855
Approved
- 24 [21-0387](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 21-304-12 (Re-Bid), Annual Maintenance, Repairing, Recharging, and Hydrostatic Pressure Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers for a Three (3) Year Period, to U.S. Fire and Safety Equipment Co., in an amount not to exceed \$133,519.00, Account 101-25000-612780, Requisition 1551979
Approved
- 25 [21-0388](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 21-639-11, Furnish and Deliver Process Water Chemicals to Global Water Technology, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$314,000.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623560, Requisitions 1552458, 1552459, and 1552460
Approved
- 26 [21-0393](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Emerson Process Management Power & Water Solutions, Inc., for the Multi-Year Evergreen Upgrade Agreement of the Waterways Distributed Control System (DCS), in a total amount not to exceed \$769,134.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Requisition 1553482 (*As Revised*)
Approved
- 27 [21-0394](#) Issue purchase orders to Serpentix Conveyor Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Conveyor Parts for various locations, in a total amount not to exceed \$46,914.55, Accounts 101-67000, 69000-623270, Requisitions 1554006, 1554944, 1555793
Approved

- 28 [21-0400](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 21-609-11, Furnishing and Delivering Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to Fulton County, Illinois, to Herr Petroleum Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$32,852.09, Account 101-69000-623820, Requisition 1543124

Approved

Award Contract

- 29 [21-0386](#) Authority to award Contract 21-073-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Lab Accessories to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, to Jade Scientific, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$45,704.26, Account 101-20000-623570

Attachments: [Contract 21-073-11 Item Descriptions.pdf](#)

Approved

- 30 [21-0404](#) Authority to award Contract 21-696-11, Services of Tractor Mounted Paddle Aerators and Rotavators with Operators, Groups A and B to Bechstein-Klatt Loading & Shredding, in an amount not to exceed \$4,915,855.00, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612520, Requisitions 1546519, 1546522 (As Revised)

Approved

- 31 [21-0407](#) Authority to award Contract 21-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, Groups A and B to Synagro Central, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$2,670,000.00, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612520, Requisitions 1546512 and 1546507

Attachments: [Contract 21-692-11 Revised Appendix D Report, Group A.pdf](#)
[Contract 21-692-11 Revised Appendix D Report, Group B.pdf](#)

Approved

- 32 [21-0408](#) Authority to award Contract 20-801-31, Furnish, Deliver and Install Replacement Gearboxes at SEPA Stations, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,898,000.00, Account 401-50000-645720, Requisition 1544394

Attachments: [Contract 20-801-31 Revised Appendix D Report](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 33 [21-0375](#) Authority to increase and extend purchase order to Canon Solutions America, Inc. for the leasing of multi-functional photocopier devices in an amount of \$12,000.00 from an amount of \$1,652,596.39 to an amount not to exceed \$1,664,596.39, Account 101-27000-612810, Purchase Order 3079801

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3079801](#)

Approved

- 34 [21-0391](#) Authority to decrease Intergovernmental Agreement for Project 03-606-3P Replacement of Heat Exchangers at the Fox River Water Reclamation District's Main Plant to the Fox River Water Reclamation District in an amount of \$26,885.67, from an amount of \$794,312.78, to an amount not to exceed \$767,427.11, Account 101-50000-612490, Purchase Order 3023547

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3023547.pdf](#)

Approved

- 35 [21-0392](#) Authority to decrease Intergovernmental Agreement for Project 05-607-1P Ammonia Removal Project at the Fox River Water Reclamation District's Main Plant to the Fox River Water Reclamation District in an amount of \$13,859.14, from an amount of \$757,178.81, to an amount not to exceed \$743,319.67, Account 101-50000-612490, Purchase Order 3033900

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3033900.pdf](#)

Approved

- 36 [21-0396](#) Authority to increase Contract 17-134-3MR (Re-Bid) Odor Control Facilities at Sludge Concentration, Southwest Coarse Screen, Overhead Weir, and Post-Centrifuge Building, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. in an amount of \$243,078.00, from an amount of \$16,535,331.63, to an amount not to exceed \$16,778,409.63, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000071

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000071.pdf](#)

Approved

- 37 [21-0397](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Ciorba Group, Inc., for professional engineering services for Contract 14-111-5F, Flood Control Project on 1st Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Cermak Road, SSA in an amount of \$58,000.00, from an amount of \$649,210.00, to an amount not to exceed \$707,210.00, Account 501-50000-612450, Purchase Order 3103987

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3103987.pdf](#)

Approved

- 38 [21-0401](#) Authority to increase Contract 11-186-3F Addison Creek Reservoir, Bellwood, Illinois, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. in an amount of \$202,040.44, from an amount of \$90,325,979.60 to an amount not to exceed \$90,528,020.04, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 4000068

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000068.pdf](#)

Approved

Budget & Employment Committee

Authorization

- 39 [21-0403](#) Authority to transfer 2021 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$2,981,300.00 in the Corporate Fund and Capital Improvements Bond Fund

Attachments: [05.06.21 Board Transfer BF5 #1.pdf](#)
 [05.06.21 Board Transfer BF5 #2.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee**Authorization**

- 40 [21-0398](#) Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with and make payment to the Illinois Department of Transportation for Conflict Manhole on Calumet 18B for IDOT Project 60Y72 (21-IGA-19) in an amount not to exceed \$277,150.00, Account to 201-50000-612400

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee**Reports**

- 41 [21-0395](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of March 2021

Attachments: [R-98 Report March 2021.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 42 [21-0372](#) Authority to purchase the real estate commonly known as 13644 South Albany Avenue 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 the Beverly Trust Company as Trustee, the owner of said real estate, in an amount of \$4,500.00, plus closing costs, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - 13644 South Albany Ave Robbins Parcel 24 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 43 [21-0373](#) Authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$1,886.00 to acquire the strip of vacant land located between 1531 and 1533 43rd Avenue in Stone Park, Illinois, through summary judgment in the eminent domain lawsuit entitled *The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Chicago Title Land Trust Company, et al.*, Case No. 20L050532 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - 1531 and 1533 43rd Avenue in Stone Park, Parcel 285 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 44 [21-0381](#) Authority to issue a 9-month confined space entry permit to the City of Evanston to install, monitor and remove five (5) flow meters within the District's North Shore Intercepting Sewer System in Evanston, Illinois to evaluate the flow of Evanston's sewer system. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Attachments: [RE - Auth. to Issue 9-month Confined Space Permit to Evanston.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 13, 16 and 45

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

Stormwater Management Committee

Report

- 45 [21-0399](#) Report on Green Infrastructure, Detention, and Compensatory Storage Volumes Required by the Watershed Management Ordinance

Attachments: [2021Q1 Tables12.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, 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

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests*Procurement Committee Item #13*

1. Debra Shore requested staff provide a list of locations that the grazing group will be deployed, the timeline for deployment and to work with birders to take into account ground nesting birds

Procurement Committee Item #16

1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested more information in regards to the timeline set and possibility for the District to maintain the project
2. Cameron Davis requested staff look into the possibility to segregate the components of the project

Stormwater Management Committee Item #45

1. Debra Shore suggested the District have a development plan to proactively reach out to developers

Miscellaneous & New Business

1. Debra Shore requested a memo detailing the vaccination rate within the District, approximate timeline for full vaccination and a detailed plan for staff to return to work

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 20, 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: May 7, 2021

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., May 12, 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, May 20, 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 May 6, 2021, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

May 6, 2021