

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 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 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

None

Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

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

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 February 18, 2021 was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Josina Morita, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss one matter of pending litigation. 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 1:20 p.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

Motion

- 1 [21-0141](#) MOTION to appoint Marcelino Garcia to the Deferred Compensation Committee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, 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

- 2 [21-0142](#) MOTION to appoint Marcelino Garcia to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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

Resolution

- 3 [21-0157](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as Black History Month and honoring Dr. Ngozi Ogbunamiri Ezike, MD

Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 4 [21-0149](#) Report on Baker Tilly US, LLP's, Audit Planning Communication Letters of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust

Attachments: [2020 MWRD Planning Letter](#)
 [2020 MWRD Retiree Health Care Trust Planning Letter](#)

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

- 5 [21-0169](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of January 2021, in the amount of \$32,848,605.77

Attachments: [January 2021 Cash Disbursements Summary.](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 6 [21-0151](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 7 [21-0152](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of May 21, 2020, regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 19-RFP-10 Mobile Data & Cellular Communications, with AT&T Mobility National Accounts LLC. in an amount not to exceed \$902,929.04 and with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless in an amount not to exceed \$6,910.27, Account 101-27000-612210, Requisitions 1514041, 1542952, Agenda Item No. 26, File No. 20-0426

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of May 21, 2020, Agenda Item No. 26, File No. 20-0426.pdf](#)

Approved

- 8 [21-0155](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of June 18, 2020, regarding Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 19-RFP-25 Communications Services, with AT&T Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$1,315,496.09, Account 101-27000-612210, Requisitions 1525219, 1543346, 1543347, Agenda Item No. 19, File No. 20-0478

Attachments: [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of June 18, 2020, Agenda Item No. 19, File No. 20-0478](#)

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 9 [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 (*Deferred from the February 4, 2021 Board Meeting*)

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

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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

- 10 [21-0132](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-RFP-05 Vision Plan Administrator, for a three-year period, effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024, Account 101-25000-601250

Attachments: [Contract 21-RFP-05 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 11 [21-0133](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-006-11 Furnish and Deliver Janitorial Supplies to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$170,000.00, Accounts 101-20000-623170, 623660

Approved

- 12 [21-0147](#) Authority to advertise Contract 21-672-11 Furnishing and Delivering Tires for Heavy Equipment to Various Locations, estimated cost \$200,000.00, Accounts 101-68000/69000-623250, Requisitions 1546517 and 1546521

Attachments: [Contract 21-672-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 13 [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 from the February 4, 2021 Board Meeting*)

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

- 14 [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 from the February 4, 2021 Board Meeting*)

Approved

- 15 [21-0137](#) Issue purchase order to CDW Government LLC, for ManageEngine ADManager and ADAudit Software License Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$13,073.50, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1557852

Approved

- 16 [21-0143](#) Issue purchase order to Dell Marketing LP, to Furnish and Deliver Enterprise Mobility Security licenses and Security patching for Windows 7 PCs in an amount not to exceed \$125,611.50 Account 101-27000-623800, Requisition 1557861

A motion was made by Kimberly Du Buclet, 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

- 17 [21-0146](#) Issue purchase order to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for Furnishing Government Crime Insurance Coverage for the District in an amount not to exceed \$39,608.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1557383

Attachments: [Contract 17-RFP-32 Affirmative Action Appendix A Report - Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc..pdf](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 18 [21-0131](#) Authority to award Contract 18-142-3H, Six Access Shafts Infiltration Mitigation, MSPS, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C., in an amount not to exceed \$2,022,000.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$101,100.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,123,100.00, Account 401-50000-645700, Requisition 1546063

Attachments: [Contract 18-142-3H Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report.pdf](#)
[Contract 18-142-3H Project View.pdf](#)

Approved

- 19 [21-0158](#) Authority to award Contract 20-701-31, Installation of Disc Filters and Other Improvements at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, Group A to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,078,000.00, and Group B to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C., in an amount not to exceed \$448,000.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Requisition 1513787

Attachments: [Contract 20-701-31 Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports, Group A.pdf](#)
[Contract 20-701-31 Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Reports, Group B.pdf](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 20 [21-0145](#) Authority to increase Contract 15-830-3D Replacement of Tailrace Stop Logs, Headrace Gates, and Equipment at Lockport Powerhouse, Stickney Service Area, to IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C. in an amount of \$920,932.03, from an amount of \$12,153,854.05, to an amount not to exceed \$13,074,786.08, Account 401-50000- 645720, Purchase Order 4000070

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000070](#)

Approved

- 21 [21-0159](#) Authority to increase purchase order with AT&T Corporation, for Contract 16-RFP-05 Point to Point Communications, in an amount of \$14,552.40, from an amount of \$438,866.78, to an amount not to exceed \$453,419.18, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3091667

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3091667.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, 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

- 22 [21-0160](#) Authority to increase purchase order to AT&T Mobility National Accounts LLC., to Furnish and Deliver Cellular Telephones, Accessories and Wireless Communications Services in an amount of \$56,927.99, from an amount of \$1,047,393.16, to an amount not to exceed \$1,104,321.15, Account 101-27000-612210,623850, Purchase Order 3093104

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3093104.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [21-0161](#) Authority to increase purchase order with AT&T Corporation, for Contract 16-RFP-06, Internet Services, in an amount of \$36,222.85, from an amount of \$348,876.66, to an amount not to exceed \$385,099.51, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3093695

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3093695.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [21-0162](#) Authority to increase purchase order with AT&T Corporation, for Contract 18-RFP-16 POTs Local and Long Distance Services, in an amount of \$53,923.14, from an amount of \$437,600.22, to an amount not to exceed \$491,523.36, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3103834

Attachments: [Change Order - Purchase Order 3103834.pdf](#)

Approved

- 25 [21-0163](#) Authority to decrease purchase order to AT&T Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Point to Point Switched Ethernet Service in an amount of \$374,515.20, from an amount of \$1,615,071.24, to an amount not to exceed \$1,240,556.04, Account 101-27000-612210, Purchase Order 3112516

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 26 [21-0150](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of January 2021

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report January 2021 5% Contingency.pdf](#)
 [Attachment 2 CO Status Report January 2021.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 27 [21-0129](#) Authority to settle the Bodily Injury Claim of Tarina Riley # AP 1488, in the sum of \$15,000.00, arising from a January 9, 2020 vehicle accident, Account 901-30000-667220

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 28 [21-0136](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of January 2021

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

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 29 [21-0153](#) Authority to approve, execute, and make payment to the owner of 2001 West Cermak Road in Broadview, Illinois for permanent and temporary easements in connection with the Addison Creek Channel Improvements Project (Contract 11-187-3F). Consideration shall be a one-time fee of \$124,370.40, Account 501-50000-667340, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - Payment for Easements at 2001 w Cermak, Broadview, Parcel 280 - Aerial.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, 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

- 30 [21-0154](#) Authority to pay final just compensation in the amount of \$1,114.00 to acquire a permanent easement on the real estate commonly known as 9940 West Roosevelt Road in Westchester, Illinois, through summary judgment in the eminent domain lawsuit entitled *The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Gladstone Real Estate Company, et al.*, Case No. 20L050142 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Account 501-50000-667340, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments: [RE - MWRD v Gladstone 9940 W Roosevelt, Parcel 220-221 - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Report

- 31 [21-0135](#) Report on Green Infrastructure, Detention, and Compensatory Storage Volumes Required by the Watershed Management Ordinance

Attachments: [2020 Q3 & Q4-Tables 1 & 2.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Kimberly Du Buclet, seconded by Josina Morita, 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

- 32** [21-0103](#) Authority to Subsidize the Cost of Rain Barrels (*Deferred from the February 4, 2021 Board Meeting*)

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, 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

- 33** [21-0168](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Elmwood Park for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Elmwood Park Stormwater Treatment Train, SSA (21-IGA-05), in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1558141

Attachments: [21-IGA-05 Exhibit ElmwoodPkgI.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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

- 34** [21-0173](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners acknowledging Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Emanuel "Chris" Welch
Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 2, 4, 9, 13, 16, 21, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35 and 36

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, 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

- 35** [21-0174](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Blacks in Green

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Debra Shore, 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

36 [21-0175](#)

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring the life of Mrs. Karen Lewis

A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Josina Morita, 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

Finance Committee Item #4

1. Debra Shore requested staff plan how to provide a response

Procurement Committee Items #13

1. Marcelino Garcia requested if the facility is union or not

Procurement Committee Items #21

1. Cameron Davis and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a summary report of the services the District utilizes under the AT&T contract and the associated costs to the District

Procurement Committee Item #9

1. Debra Shore requested staff look into the possibility of incorporating installation to the furnish and deliver contract in order to ensure the implementation of the District's rain barrel program as intended by the Consent Decree
2. Kimberley Du Buclet requested including community engagement as part of the Strategic Plan

Stormwater Management Committee Item #32

1. Several board members requested data collection and analysis of the amount of rain captured through the District's rain barrel program as intended by the Consent Decree establishing the program. The analysis should also be used to make the necessary changes to the implementation of the program in the Strategic Plan
2. Josina Morita requested to see what the site will look like before it goes live
3. Kari K. Steele requested all the information used in the past rain barrel program be provided for the new Commissioners
4. Barbara J. McGowan requested a memo on the past Consent Decree data

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 4, 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 19, 2021

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., February 24, 2021

Adjournment

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, March 4, 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: 7 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Barbara J. McGowan, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Absent: 2 - Marcelino Garcia, Josina Morita

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 18, 2021, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

February 18, 2021