

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

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 14, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Cameron Davis, Commissioner Kimberly Du Buclet, Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia, Vice-President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Josina Morita, Commissioner Chakena D. Perry, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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:** 6 - Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Josina Morita; Chakena D. Perry; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; and Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 3 - Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; and Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Chakena D. Perry, that the minutes from the last meeting of June 16, 2022 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*George Blakemore, 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 Chakena D. Perry, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

## Committee of the Whole

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 15

Item #15 was deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda at the request of Marcelino Garcia

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Cameron Davis, seconded by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of July 14, 2022 was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:15 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

### Memorial Resolution

- 1    [22-0646](#)    MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending our condolences to the city of Highland Park, Illinois  
**Adopted**

### Resolution

- 2    [22-0624](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Health Center Week and honoring Erie Family Health Center  
**Adopted**
- 3    [22-0645](#)    RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Abbey Murphy  
**Adopted**

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 4    [22-0631](#)    Report on the investment interest income during April 2022  
**Attachments:**    [Inv Int Inc 2022-04 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 5    [22-0633](#)    Report on the investment interest income during May 2022  
**Attachments:**    [Inv Int Inc 2022-05 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 6    [22-0634](#)    Report on investments purchased during April 2022  
**Attachments:**    [Inv Purch 2022-04 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**
- 7    [22-0635](#)    Report on investments purchased during May 2022  
**Attachments:**    [Inv Purch 2022-05 att.pdf](#)  
**Published and Filed**

- 8     [22-0636](#)     Report on payment of principal and interest for outstanding District bonds due on July 1, 2022

Attachments:   [DS 2022-07 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 9     [22-0594](#)     Report of bid opening of Tuesday, June 14, 2022

**Published and Filed**

- 10    [22-0597](#)     Report of bid opening of Tuesday, June 21, 2022

**Published and Filed**

- 11    [22-0609](#)     Report of bid opening of Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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### Authorization

- 12    [22-0600](#)     Authorization to amend Board Order of May 19, 2022 regarding issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Unum Life Insurance Company of America, a wholly owned subsidiary of Unum Group, to provide group term life insurance for employees for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, Account 101-25000-601250, 501-50000-601250, Agenda Item No. 14, File No. 22-0454

Attachments:   [Transmittal Letter for Board Meeting of May 19, 2022 - Agenda Item No. 14, File No. 22-0454](#)

**Approved**

- 13    [22-0607](#)     Authorization for payment to reimburse registration fees for Commissioners and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago employees to attend the 2022 Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibit and Conference, in an amount not to exceed \$20,070.00, Accounts 101-11000, 15000, 16000, 50000, 66000, 68000, 69000-601100

**Approved**

- 14 [22-0614](#) Authorization to decrease cost estimate and re-advertise Contract 20-859-3SR Drop Shaft Modifications and Collection Facilities Work, NSA, estimated cost between \$1,995,000.00 and \$2,415,000.00, Account 401-50000-645600, Requisition 1570130

**Attachments:** [Contract 20-859-3SR Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)  
[Contract 20-859-3SR Supplier's Exception Approval](#)

**Approved**

- 15 [22-0625](#) Authorization to make payment to Current Innovation, NFP (*Current*) for the 2022 annual membership dues, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

**Deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda at the request of Marcelino Garcia**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 16 [22-0589](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-026-11 Furnish and Deliver PVC Pipe, Valves, and Fittings to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$44,000.00, Account 101-20000-623090

**Approved**

- 17 [22-0590](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-032-11 Furnish and Deliver Coveralls, Rainwear & Boots to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$43,000.00, Account 101-20000-623700

**Approved**

- 18 [22-0591](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-036-11 Furnish and Deliver Salt and Calcium Chloride to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, estimated cost \$45,000.00, Account 101-20000-623130

**Approved**

- 19 [22-0599](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-RFP-17 Farm Management Support Services, estimated cost \$375,000.00, Account 101-69000-612430, Requisition 1579049

**Attachments:** [Contract 22-RFP-17 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

- 20 [22-0608](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-RFP-15 State Legislative Consulting Services, estimated cost \$84,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisitions 1583924, 1583925, 1583926, and 1583927

**Approved**

- 22   [22-0612](#)   Authority to advertise Contract 22-738-11 Snow Plowing at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$69,000.00, Account 101-67000-612420, Requisition 1584021  
**Approved**
- 23   [22-0617](#)   Authority to advertise Contract 21-262-3S Calumet 18E Relief Connecting Structure & Sewer Work, CSA, estimated cost between \$2,365,700.00 and \$2,863,800.00, Account 401-50000-645600, Requisition 1584024 (As Revised)  
**Attachments:**   [Contract 21-262-3S Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)  
**Approved**
- 24   [22-0621](#)   Authority to advertise Contract 23-640-11, Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite, estimated cost \$1,872,270.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000-623560, Requisitions 1582813 and 1582982  
**Attachments:**   [Contract 23-640-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group A](#)  
                              [Contract 23-640-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report - Group B](#)  
**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 25   [22-0619](#)   Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with FluidClarity Ltd. for professional engineering services for Contract 14-065-5F Final Design for a Flood Control Project on Central Road from the Des Plaines River to Glenwood Lane, NSA, in an amount not to exceed \$3,007,951.00, Account 501-50000-612450, Requisition 1584022  
**Attachments:**   [Contract 14-065-5F Appendix A Report - Fluid Clarity Ltd](#)  
**Approved**
- 26   [22-0628](#)   Issue purchase order for Contract 21-622-12, Group B, Furnish and Deliver Electric Motors, Pumps, Drives, Breakers and Transformers at Various Locations, to Flow Technics, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$40,045.00, Account 101-69000-634650, Requisitions 1572764  
**Attachments:**   [Contract 21-622-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)  
**Approved**

**Award Contract**

- 27   [22-0592](#)   Authority to award Contract 22-083-11 Furnish and Deliver Sump Pumps to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, to Columbia Pipe & Supply, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$42,428.40, Accounts 101-20000-623090  
**Approved**

- 28    [22-0593](#)    Authority to award Contract 22-986-11, Locomotive Repair Services at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Professional Locomotive Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$315,000.00, Accounts 101-69000-612670, 623270 Requisition 1487312

Attachments:    [Contract 22-986-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 29    [22-0595](#)    Authority to award Contract 21-672-12, Furnishing and Delivering Tires for Heavy Equipment to Various Locations, (Group B), to Chicago Tire, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, Account 101-68000-623250, Requisition 1546521

**Approved**

- 30    [22-0603](#)    Authority to award Contract 22-667-12, Native Prairie Landscape Maintenance at the Calumet Service Area and Thornton Composite Reservoir, to Cardinal State, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420, Requisition 1570618

**Approved**

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

- 31    [22-0598](#)    Authority to increase purchase order for Azure Services in an amount of \$8,925.83, from an amount of \$20,272.97, to an amount not to exceed \$29,198.80, Account 101-27000-612820, Purchase Order 3116244 (*As Revised*)

**Approved**

- 32    [22-0610](#)    Authority to decrease purchase order to 72 Hour, LLC, DBA National Auto Fleet Group, to Furnish and Deliver One New 2021 International HV607 SBA Dump Truck and One 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 of \$215,178.00 from an amount of \$307,348.96 to an amount not to exceed \$92,170.96, Account 101-69000-634860, Purchase Order 3112872

**Approved**

- 33    [22-0616](#)    Authority to increase Contract 17-080-3E Switchgear and Motor Control Center Replacement, OWRP, to Broadway Electric, Inc., in an amount of \$47,701.00, from an amount of \$3,745,484.63, to an amount not to exceed \$3,793,185.63, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000064 (*As Revised*)

Attachments:    [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000064](#)

**Approved**

- 34 [22-0618](#) Authority to increase Contract 17-844-3P Furnish and Install Odor Control System at Calumet, Hanover Park and Kirie Water Reclamation Plants, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$79,370.15, from an amount of \$4,238,328.95, to an amount not to exceed \$4,317,699.10, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 4000069 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 4000069](#)

**Approved**

- 35 [22-0644](#) Authority to increase emergency Contract 22-700-01, Repair of Sludge Line on Devon Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, with Reliable Contracting and Equipment Company, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, from an amount of \$50,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, Account 901-67000-667220, Purchase Order 3119740

**Approved**

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Report

- 36 [22-0641](#) Report on Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the second quarter of 2022, ended June 30, 2022

**Attachments:** [2022 Budget Summary Report Q2.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 37 [22-0640](#) Authority to transfer 2022 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$318,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

**Attachments:** [07.14.22 Board Transfer BF5.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 38 [22-0622](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claims of Carl Malinowski vs. MWRDGC, Case 18 WC 26623, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$518,000.00, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

- 39 [22-0632](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Steven Kost vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number 22WC016096 in the sum of \$15,255.28, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**



## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 40   [22-0623](#)   Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of June 2022

Attachments:   [R-98 Report June 2022.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

## Monitoring & Research Committee

### Authorization

- 41   [22-0606](#)   Authorization to enter into an Agreement with Gross-Wen Technologies, Inc. to Conduct a Pilot-Scale Demonstration of Carbon Capture and Nutrient Recovery from Wastewater Using Revolving Algae Biofilm System at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant

Approved

## Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

### Report

- 42   [22-0630](#)   Report on the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund

Attachments:   [2021 ACFR PRESENTATION](#)

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## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 43   [22-0627](#)   Authority to purchase the real estate commonly known as 9630 West Golf Road in Des Plaines, Illinois, for the construction of the Flood Control Project on Farmers and Prairie Creeks, NSA (Contract 12-056-5F) and authority for payment to Gerilanne Reding Zern, the owner of said real estate, in an amount of \$270,000.00, plus closing costs, Account 501-50000-667330, Stormwater Management Fund

Attachments:   [RE - Purchase RE at 9630 West Golf Road in Des Plaines Contract 12-056-5F - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

- 44 [22-0647](#) Authority to commence statutory procedures to lease approximately 4,397 square feet of District real estate located at Irving Park Road and Long Meadow Lane in Hanover Park, Illinois.

Attachments: [RE - US Bank Lease in Hanover Park - Aerial.pdf](#)  
[RE - US Bank Lease in Hanover Park - Hanover Park Letter of Support.pdf](#)

Approved

- 45 [22-0650](#) Authority to issue a one and a half (1.5) month permit extension to United Parcel Service, Inc. to continue to store and park trucks and trailers on 8 acres of District real estate located at the Cal-Sag Channel and Ridgeland Avenue in Alsip, Illinois and known as the Ridgeland Avenue Drying Facilities; Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 10.04 (portion). Consideration shall be \$48,000.00

Attachments: [RE - UPS Permit Extension - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

- 46 [22-0637](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Calumet City for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alleys Project in Calumet City (22-IGA-01) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1584025

Attachments: [22-IGA-01 BL Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 47 [22-0638](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Countryside for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Parking Lot Improvements in Countryside, SSA (22-IGA-02) in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1583913

Attachments: [Countryside Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

- 48 [22-0639](#) Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Village of Lyons for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Green Alleys Water Management Project 2 in Lyons, SSA (22-IGA-04) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1583908

Attachments: [22-IGA-04 Lyons IGA Exhibit.pdf](#)

Approved

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item: 15**

**A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Chakena D. Perry, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 3 - Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

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

*James Mohler, Executive Director of the Retirement Fund, gave a presentation to the Board on the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the MWRD Retirement Fund*

**Summary of Requests**

*Committee on Procurement Items #26 and #35*

- 1. Cameron Davis requested staff look into how to be more creative so the District doesn't continue to reject bids that could be good deals before inflation kicked in*
- 2. Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda requested more information in the board letters when these situations occur*

*Miscellaneous and New Business*

- 1. Chakena D. Perry requested efforts be taken to increase awareness regarding PFAS*

**Study Session**

*A Study Session will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Study Session is to discuss the Disparity Study.*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2022, 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: July 27, 2022**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., August 3, 2022**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, August 11, 2022 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:** 5 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 4 - Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**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 July 14, 2022, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

July 14, 2022