

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 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: 9 - Cameron Davis; Kimberly Du Buclet; Marcelino Garcia; Barbara J. McGowan; Josina Morita; Chakena D. Perry; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Kari K. Steele

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis, that the minutes from the last meeting of October 6, 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 Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis, 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 Items: 8, 9, 10, 15, and 39

Items #8, #9, and #10 were deferred by Cameron Davis

Item #15 was deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Item #39 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 Cameron Davis. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of October 20, 2022 was adjourned at 11:10 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

Ordinance - User charge

- 1 [UC22-001](#) Request Authority to Review the Proposed Amended User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Attachments: [Board Letter - 2023 User Charge Ordinance.pdf](#)
[User Charge Ordinance 2023 - Clean.pdf](#)
[User Charge Ordinance 2023 - Redlined.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Kimberly Du Buclet, that this User Charge Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Marcelino Garcia

Resolution

- 2 [22-0930](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners acknowledging National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Honoring Breast Cancer Survivors
Adopted
- 3 [22-0936](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Cal-Sag Channel and the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant
Adopted
- 4 [22-0946](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners acknowledging the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act
Adopted

Finance Committee

Report

- 5 [22-0942](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of September 2022, in the amount of \$34,947,335.70

Attachments: [September 2022 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee

Report

- 6 [22-0941](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Published and Filed
- 7 [22-0944](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 8 [22-0931](#) Authorization for payment to WateReuse Association for 2023 membership dues, in the amount of \$16,725.00, Account 101-15000-612280
Deferred by Cameron Davis
- 9 [22-0932](#) Authorization for payment to National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for 2022-2023 membership dues in the amount of \$93,880.00, Account 101-15000-612280 (*As Revised*)
Deferred by Cameron Davis
- 10 [22-0933](#) Authorization for payment to American Water Works Association for 2023 membership dues, in the amount of \$24,426.00, Account 101-15000-612280
Deferred by Cameron Davis
- 11 [22-0938](#) Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 20-160-4H TARP Mainstream Dropshaft DS-M73E at Armitage Avenue, SSA, estimated revised cost between \$11,970,000.00 and \$14,490,000.00, Account 401-50000-645620, Requisition 1553647

Attachments: [98 Review of Contract 20-160-4H AA Goals Rev.pdf](#)

Approved
- 12 [22-0939](#) Authorization for payment to Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies (IAWA) for 2022/2023 membership dues in the amount of \$14,120.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 13 [22-0909](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-107-11, Preventive Maintenance for Aries Water Systems, estimated cost \$36,000.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1588693

Approved

- 14 [22-0917](#) Authority to advertise Contract 23-902-31, Pavement Rehabilitation at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area, estimated cost \$8,100,000.00, Account 401-50000-645750, Requisition 1577804

Attachments: [Contract 23-902-31 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 15 [22-0948](#) Authority to advertise Contract 22-RFP-24 Technical Assistance Program, estimated cost \$100,000.00, Account 101-15000-612430, Requisitions 1589283 and 1589284

Deferred by Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Issue Purchase Order

- 16 [22-0908](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Environmental Resource Associates, Inc. to furnish and deliver proficiency testing standards, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1588237

Approved

- 17 [22-0910](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Sirius Automation Group Inc. for preventive maintenance and technical support for Sirius automated robotic systems, in an amount not to exceed \$21,810.00, Account 101-16000-612970, Requisition 1588338

Approved

- 18 [22-0916](#) Issue purchase order to Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc. for furnishing property insurance coverage for District properties in an amount not to exceed \$2,565,000.00, Account 101-25000-612290, Requisition 1588790

Attachments: [Contract 17-RFP-32 Appendix A Report - Willis of Illinois, Inc.](#)

Approved

- 19 [22-0920](#) Issue purchase order to Superior Industrial Equipment, L.L.C., to furnish and deliver two replacement Flowserve mechanical seals and accessories at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$59,748.00, Account 101-68000-623270, Requisition 1588768

Approved

- 20 [22-0923](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-RFP-08 On-site Health Care Services with Concentra Health Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1580030

Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-08 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

- 21 [22-0928](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 22-RFP-11, Professional Legal Services for Bankruptcy and Collection Matters for a three-year period, with the law firm of Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered, a/k/a HMB Legal Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Account 101-30000-612430, Requisition 1579421 *(As Revised)*

Attachments: [Contract 22-RFP-11 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

Approved

Award Contract

- 22 [22-0919](#) Authority to award Contract 22-009-11, Furnish and Deliver Cloths, Paper Towels & Toilet Tissue to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups B and C, to Warehouse Direct, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$67,150.74, and Group D to The Standard Companies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,368.00, Account 101-20000-623660

Attachments: [Contract 22-009-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A, B, C and D](#)

Approved

- 23 [22-0922](#) Authority to award Contract 22-029-11, Furnish and Deliver Safety Apparel, Safety Equipment and Welding Apparel to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Groups B and E, to Cicero Mfg. & Supply Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8,578.74, and Groups C and D to Magid Glove and Safety Manufacturing Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$23,445.86, Account 101-20000-623680, 623570, 623700, 623780

Attachments: [Contract 22-029-11 Item Descriptions - Groups A, B, C and D.pdf](#)

Approved

- 24 [22-0940](#) Authority to award Contract 22-030-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Lubricants to Various Locations for a One-Year Period, Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 19, and 22 to Quimex, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$98,100.38; Items 3, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 21 to Al Warren Oil Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$57,132.20; Items 7, 20, and 23 to Rilco, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$44,435.00; Item 11 to Feece Oil Company, in an amount not to exceed \$2,244.00; and Item 18 to Chicago United Industries, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$38,139.75, Account 101-20000-623860

Attachments: [Contract 22-030-11 Item Descriptions - Items 1 through 23.pdf](#)

[Contract 22-030-11 Tab Sheet](#)

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 25 [22-0911](#) Authority to increase purchase order and exercise the second and final option to extend the agreement with Veritext LLC, for Contract 18-RFP-08, Court Reporting Services, in an amount of \$108,000.00, from an amount of \$255,299.19 to an amount not to exceed \$363,299.19, Accounts 101-25000-612250, 101-30000-612250, 101-40000-612250, 401-50000-612250, and 501-50000-612250, Purchase Orders 3101311, 3101313, 3101314, and 3101315

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Orders 3101311, 3101313, 3101314, and 3101315](#)

Approved

- 26 [22-0912](#) Authority to increase purchase order for LED Signs Maintenance with Sievert Electric Service and Sales Company, in an amount of \$9,800.00, from an amount of \$3,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$12,800.00, Accounts 101-25000-612780 and 101-25000-623780, Purchase Order 8010148

Approved

- 27 [22-0913](#) Authority to increase Contract 98-RFP-10 Design, Build, Own, Finance, Operate and Maintain a 150 Dry Tons Per Day Biosolids Processing Facility at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Beneficially Use the Final Product for a Period of 20 years, to Metropolitan Biosolids Management, L.L.C., in an amount of \$1,300,000.00 from an amount of \$190,610,363.72 to an amount not to exceed \$191,910,363.72, Account 101-69000-612590, Purchase Order 5000950

Attachments: [98-RFP-10-Pelletizer Operations 20221004.pdf](#)

Approved

- 28 [22-0914](#) Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 19-934-11, Furnishing and Delivering Magnesium Chloride, to EnviroTech Services, Inc., in an amount of \$318,737.47, from an amount of \$889,527.50, to an amount not to exceed \$570,790.03, Account 101-69000-623560, Purchase Order 3105556

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3105556](#)

Approved

- 29 [22-0925](#) Authority to decrease emergency Contract 22-700-01, Repair of Sludge Line on Devon Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, with Reliable Contracting and Equipment Company, in an amount of \$42,624.07, from an amount of \$90,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$47,375.93, Account 901-67000-667220, Purchase Order 3119740

Attachments: [Change Order Log - Purchase Order 3119740](#)

Approved

- 30 [22-0927](#) Authority to increase Contract 21-646-51, Small Stream Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, Group A, to J & L Contractors, Inc., in an amount of \$100,000.00, from an amount of \$2,800,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Purchase Order 5001788

Approved

- 31 [22-0929](#) Authority to increase Contract 20-653-12, Underground Infrastructure Cleaning at Various Locations, to National Power Rodding Corporation, in an amount of \$90,000.00 from an amount of \$1,850,100.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,940,100.00, Account 101-66000-612600, Purchase Order 5001740

Attachments: [20-653-12 Status Report PO 5001740 20221005.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Report

- 32 [22-0947](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions approved by the Director of Engineering during the months of June through September 2022

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CO Report June through September 2022 5% Contingency.pdf](#)
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report June through September 2022.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3 CO Report TER June through September 2022 5% Contingency.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Judiciary Committee

Authorization

- 33 [22-0915](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Vernon Hart vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number W003399693 in the sum of \$10,918.42, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 34 [22-0918](#) Authority to settle the Illinois Workers' Compensation Claim of Henry Koney vs. MWRDGC, Claim Number W003382054 in the sum of \$65,379.75, Account 901-30000-601090

Approved

- 35 [22-0934](#) Authority to settle Show Cause Complaint filed in *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. City of Harvey, APA Holdings LLC, Fore Transportation, Inc., Crown Enterprises, Inc., and Universal Specialized, LLC*, Case No. 22B-001

Approved

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 36 [22-0937](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Maintenance and Operations during the month of September 2022

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

Published and Filed

Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

Report

- 37 [22-0945](#) Annual Report for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust for 2021

Attachments: [Exhibit 1a - Deferred Comp Financial Statements.pdf](#)
[2022-10-20 Deferred Comp - Exhibit 1b.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 38 [22-0943](#) Authority to grant the Village of Oak Lawn a four (4) year, 124,972± sq. ft. temporary construction easement to continue to stage for the construction of a 60" diameter subterranean water main on and/or beneath Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 8.04 and 8.05 and the Cal-Sag Channel in Palos Heights, Illinois. Consideration shall be an initial annual fee of \$5,415.00

Attachments: [RE - Oak Lawn Easement Extd - Aerial.pdf](#)

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 1, 8, 9, 10, 15, and 39

A motion was made by Marcelino Garcia, seconded by Cameron Davis, 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, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele

Miscellaneous and New Business

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Committee on Procurement Item #15

- 1. Marcelino Garcia requested the Disparity study session be held soon*

Committee on Engineering Item #32

- 1. Cameron Davis requested a memo to the Board with recommendations for improvements*

Study Session

None

Announcements

Kari K. Steele announced the follow upcoming events. District events can be found at www.mwrd.org under Events.

- 1. Deep Tunnel 50th Birthday and Virtual Tour on October 26, 2022 at 10:00am*
- 2. 10th Annual Sustainability Summit on October 21, 2022 at 10:00am*

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 3, 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: October 21, 2022.

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., October 26, 2022.

39 [22-0950](#)

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners expressing gratitude to Patrick M. Blanchard

Deleted by the Executive Director

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cameron Davis, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, November 3, 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: 9 - Cameron Davis, Kimberly Du Buclet, Marcelino Garcia, Barbara J. McGowan, Josina Morita, Chakena D. Perry, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, 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 October 20, 2022, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kari K. Steele

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

October 20, 2022