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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Report on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Miscellaneous Claims under \$10,000.00

Dear Sir:

The following matters were settled upon the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources and the approval of the Executive Director:

1. Settlement of General Liability Claim of Michael Garver, Claim No. A/P 1522, in the amount of \$294.54.

On September 30, 2021, Mr. Garver, Operating Engineer I, parked his personal vehicle at the Calumet WRP. Upon returning to his vehicle, Mr. Garver noticed that his windshield was cracked. The District was performing grass cutting in the area and staff determined that the windshield was likely broken due to a rock thrown by the lawn mower. This settlement amount represents the cost to repair the damaged windshield.

2. Settlement of Property Damage Claim of Tarina Riley, Claim No: A/P 1488, in the amount of \$5,142.95.

On January 9, 2020, Ms. Riley's vehicle was allegedly struck by a District owned vehicle while traveling westbound on I-290. Ms. Riley sustained multiple injuries which have been resolved in a previous settlement. This settlement amount represents the cost for vehicle repairs and vehicle rental.

3. Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims of James Mitchell, IWCC Case No. 21WC020498, in the amount of \$1,874.22.

Mr. Mitchell, a Laborer Foreman at the Stickney WRP, alleged a July 10, 2020 work related injury to his left index finger after it was caught in a maintenance truck door. The industrial clinic determined he had sustained a crush type injury, and he was treated with medication and physical therapy. Mr. Mitchell did not lose any time off from work for this accident. The settlement amount represents approximately 5% loss of use of the left index finger and will close out any future lost time benefits as well as any future medical benefits.

4. Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims of Robert Rovy, IWCC Case No. 14WC028514, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Mr. Rovy, a now retired Pipefitter at the Stickney WRP, alleged a March 11, 2014 work related injury to his right ankle when he mis-stepped while walking down the stairs carrying 50 pounds on a wheeled dolly. He was treated with medication and physical therapy. This settlement will close out any future lost time benefits as well as any future medical benefits.

5. Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims of Ruba Abozir, IWCC Case No. 20WC026693, in the amount of \$1.00.

Ms. Abozir, a Supervising Budget and Management Analyst, alleged an April 15, 2019 work related injury when she was struck by another employee driving their personal vehicle. Ms. Abozir went to the emergency room and was diagnosed with a fracture to her left leg, a mild concussion, a minimally displaced coccyx fracture and a septal hematoma. Treatment for Ms. Abozir's injuries was primarily conservative in nature consisting of physical therapy, medication, and rest, but she underwent surgery to repair her septum on August 10, 2020. Ms. Abozir was paid a total of \$23,705.65 in lost time benefits. She initially returned to work on August 5, 2019, but was off work again on August 10, 2020, before returning to work on August 27, 2020. Ms. Abozir retained an attorney for her third-party claim against the driver of the vehicle that struck her. It was determined that it was in our best interest to waive our subrogation lien with the understanding that the District would settle the permanency aspect of this claim for \$1.00. This settlement will close out any future lost time and medical benefits.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly K. Sanders, Director of Human Resources and Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, BKS:STM:EMA:JBM:JTM:mmv