



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2018

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a two-week soil boring permit to the Illinois Department of Transportation on District real estate located adjacent to the Majewski Reservoir in unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, in connection with the construction of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") has requested a two-week soil boring permit on District real estate located adjacent to the Majewski Reservoir ("Reservoir") and identified as Site B in unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, in connection with the construction of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project ("Project"). The soil is planned to be used by the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways ("CCDOTH") for the Touhy Avenue portion of the Project.

On June 15, 2017, the Board of Commissioners authorized the issuance of a 4-year permit to CCDOTH to test and remove the same spoil material at Site B. However, IDOT must conduct its own testing before CCDOTH is permitted to use the material for the roadway.

The Mt. Prospect Park District ("MPPD") leases the 50 acre area of land adjacent to the Reservoir under a lease that commenced in 2000 and expires in 2050 for public recreational use. Considering that the removal of the spoil and fill is beneficial to the District and ultimately to the development of the site by the MPPD under its lease, it is recommended that IDOT be allowed to perform testing so that CCDOTH may obtain approval to export it for road building purposes. The soil will be removed at no cost to the District or to MPPD. The permit is subject to MPPD's consent, to which it already indicated it is amenable.

The District's technical departments have reviewed IDOT's request to test and remove the soil located on Site B, and have no objections thereto. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as is customary for governmental entities using District property for a public purpose.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it issue a two-week soil boring permit to the Illinois Department of Transportation on District real estate located adjacent to the Majewski Reservoir in unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, in connection with the construction of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk to execute the permit agreement on behalf of the District after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, CMM:BJD:vp

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for January 4, 2018

Attachment