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COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Robbins to acquire properties in connection with the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Illinois (17-IGA-02), Account 501-50000-612400, Purchase Order 3099105

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Robbins (Village) for the acquisition of up to 20 properties needed to implement the flooding solutions in connection with the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Illinois (17-IGA-02).

On July 6, 2017, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Robbins (Village) to assist the Village in acquiring up to 20 properties needed to implement the flooding solutions in connection with the Flood Control Project on Midlothian Creek in Robbins, Illinois.

On December 1, 2017, the District executed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village. The IGA provides for the Village, acting through the Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA), to acquire up to 20 tax-delinquent vacant properties needed for the project, and for the District to reimburse the reasonable costs of acquiring clear title to the properties. Ultimately, CCLBA was able to make successful no-cash bids on seven (7) of the 20 properties. CCLBA then encountered COVID-19-related and other delays in obtaining tax deeds and otherwise finalizing the acquisition of these seven properties, including recording the deeds with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds.

The IGA expired by its terms before CCLBA could secure clear title, as is required for District reimbursement. To ensure the land rights for these seven properties can be fully secured, the District and the Village agree it is in their best interests to amend the IGA to extend the agreement until the full acquisition of the seven properties is completed, or December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. In addition, the parties agree to amend the IGA to limit to seven the number of acquired properties for which the District will reimburse the Village. Because the District expects to obtain title to the remaining 13 properties in a shorter timeframe than the tax deed process allows, it is agreed that the District will acquire those properties along with other, non-delinquent vacant properties that are also needed for the project.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize the amendment to the IGA with the Village for the completed acquisition of the seven properties secured through no-cash bids. It is further requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Executive Director, and Clerk to execute said amendment to the IGA, as well as any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction, upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, KMF:JK

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for September 2, 2021