



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Robert Chorzepa vs. MWRDGC, Claim number 22WC18377, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$17,805.09, Account 901-30000-601090

Dear Sir:

Robert Chorzepa is a Machinist working at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant. On July 5, 2022, the employee reported that he was removing a chain off a sprocket and his left middle and ring fingers were caught up in the chain, causing the left tip of the middle finger to be severed. The employee was initially seen at the emergency room on July 5, 2022, where he had his fingers surgically repaired. Unfortunately, they were not able to reattach the tip of the middle left finger. At this time the employee is disabled from work and still receiving medical care from a hand specialist.

Mr. Chorzepa has been paid a total of 5.60 weeks of lost time benefits totaling \$7,571.12 through August 14, 2022.

Mr. Chorzepa filed an Application of Adjustment of Claim with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) through his counsel. Subject to the Illinois Worker's Compensation Act we are now obligated to pay the statutory loss amount of 50% loss of use of the left middle finger which represents \$17,805.09. This settlement does not close out future lost time and medical benefits associated with this injury, however, failure to pay this statutory loss on a timely basis can result in substantial financial penalties.

The Director of Human Resources believes this settlement is in the best interest of the District and requests payment of that sum be approved and she be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Requested, Beverly K. Sanders, Director of Human Resources, BKS:BLW:RG
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for September 1, 2022