



# Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

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## Meeting Minutes Policy, Finance & Personnel Committee

*Eugene Manzanet, Chair*  
*Kathy Ehley, Vice Chair*  
*Ben Gramling, José G. Pérez, John Swan, III*  
*John R. Hermes, Ex-Officio*

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Monday, October 10, 2016

9:05 AM

Dennis M. Grzezinski Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

*Committee Chair Commissioner Manzanet called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.*

### RECORD ROLL

**Present** 5 - Kathy Ehley, Ben Gramling, Eugene Manzanet, José G. Pérez, and John Swan III  
**Excused** 1 - John R. Hermes

*Other Commissioners Present: James A. Bohl, Nikiya Harris Dodd, Carl Krueger, Kris Martinsek, and Michael A. West.*

### Approval of Proceedings of Regular Committee Meeting held September 12, 2016

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Ehley. The motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

*Without objection, Items 15-16 were heard out of order.*

**15**     [16-140-10](#)     Approval of the Milwaukee River Watercourse Management Plan

*The Committee received a PowerPoint presentation from Michael Martin, Director of Technical Services.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Ehley, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

16 [16-141-10](#)

Approval of the Acquisition Plat for the Milwaukee River Flood Management Project, W10001, Including Acquisition of Land for Estabrook Dam Removal

*The Committee received a presentation from Kevin L. Shafer, P.E., Executive Director, with comments by Susan Anthony, Director of Legal Services.*

*Commissioner Manzanet opened the floor for public comments.*

*Herbert W. Oechler (8220 Harwood Avenue, #138, Wauwatosa) spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that he was a board member for the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and this board was in favor of removing the Estabrook Dam to improve fish passage. He stated that dam removal was good for taxpayers and money saved could be used to benefit other parks.*

*Jennifer Bolger Breceda (1845 N. Farwell Avenue, #100, Milwaukee) spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated that she was the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Riverkeeper. She stated that MMSD should be in charge of abating the nuisance caused by the dam since removal will reduce flood impacts.*

*Dain Maddox (105 N. 88 Street, Wauwatosa) spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that dam removal makes sense ecologically, financially, and recreationally.*

*Harold Schmidt (1230 N. 46 Street, Milwaukee) spoke for information on this matter. He stated that he represented the Friends of Estabrook Park, which supports dam removal. The group has concerns about the proposed transition of the land. He questioned why all land was being transferred and asked that the amount of land being transferred be minimized. He asked what would happen to park services during the land transfers. He expressed concern about the land not being transferred back to the County or parkland after the dam removal project is complete.*

*Martha Spencer (6116 N. Sunny Point Road, Glendale) spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated that her property is within the floodplain and supported dam removal.*

*Lilith Fowler (2961 N. Marietta Avenue, Milwaukee) spoke in favor of the resolution. She thanked MMSD staff and the Commission for its work on this matter.*

*Dennis Grzezinski (3025 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee) spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that the removal is good for its impact to the taxpayers, water quality, reducing flood risks, and improving fish passage.*

*Cheryl Nenn (1845 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee) spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated that she works for the Milwaukee Riverkeeper and supports dam removal. She stated that dam removal will reduce flood risks and will help residents. She indicated that there was strong public support for this action and it is best for the river and the taxpayers. She stated that the Milwaukee Riverkeeper will help fundraise for restoration activities after the dam is removed.*

*Esperanza Gutierrez, Stephen Delaney, Mariann Maris, and Robert Wilson registered to speak, but did not address the Committee.*

*Commissioner Manzanet referred the Committee to written correspondence received from Will Warzyn, supporting the resolution.*

*Commissioner West requested that the legislative file for this matter be modified to clarify the Commission's intent to transfer all land back to the County upon completion of the project.*

*Commissioner Manzanet requested that the legislative file also be modified to include the project schedule.*

*Commissioner Gramling requested that amendments to the resolution be made on the floor at the Commission meeting and noted that the Commissioners' requests could be addressed in the background information.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Swan, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**4**      [16-129-10](#)

Approval of the 2016 Building Fresh Coast Green Infrastructure Network Program Contracts P-2684 and P-2688

*The Committee received a PowerPoint presentation from Karen Sands, Director of Planning, Research, and Sustainability.*

*Commissioner Gramling stated that he would abstain from voting on this matter in Committee and Commission.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ehley, seconded by Commissioner Manzanet, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

**5**      [16-130-10](#)

Award of Contract M03064P30, Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation Support Project

*The Committee received a PowerPoint presentation from Karen Sands, Director of Planning, Research, and Sustainability.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Swan, seconded by Commissioner Gramling, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**6**      [16-131-10](#)

Executive Director Authorization for Future Contract Modifications, Contract M01012C03, Milwaukee River Flushing Station Building Restoration

*The Committee received a PowerPoint presentation from Michael Martin, Director of Technical Services.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Ehley, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

7      [16-132-10](#)      Adopting the Operations and Maintenance Budget for the 2017 Fiscal Year

*The Committee received a presentation from Mark Kaminski, Director of Finance/Treasurer.*

*Mark Kaminski and Commissioner Bohl presented Operations and Maintenance Budget Amendment #1, which requests an additional \$35,000 be added to the District's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to support a two-year pilot program for a medicine collection mail-back program with the City of Milwaukee and CVS Pharmacy.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Manzanet, to approve Operations and Maintenance Budget Amendment #1. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Swan, that this matter be approved as amended by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

8      [16-133-10](#)      Adopting the Capital Budget for the 2017 Fiscal Year

*The Committee received a presentation from Mark Kaminski, Director of Finance/Treasurer, with comments by Kevin L. Shafer, P.E., Executive Director.*

*Mark Kaminski presented Capital Budget Amendment #1, which requests to advance the design and engineering for the Wilson Park Creek project to the 2017 budget in an amount of \$98,000.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Swan, to approve Capital Budget Amendment #1. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

*Mark Kaminski and Commissioner Bohl presented Capital Budget Amendment #2, which requests to add the Estabrook Dam Removal project to the 2017 budget in an amount of \$2 million.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Ehley, to approve Capital Budget Amendment #2. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Swan, that this matter be approved as amended by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

9      [16-134-10](#)      Levying of Taxes for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Capital Purposes for the 2017 Fiscal Year

*The Committee received a presentation from Mark Kaminski, Director of Finance/Treasurer.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Pérez, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

- 10     [16-135-10](#)     Adoption of Commission Policy 1-73.27, Business Continuity Plan, and Revision of Commission Policy 1-77.47, Authorizing the Executive Director to Create Temporary Positions
- The Committee received a presentation from Mark Kaminski, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Don Nehmer, Controller, and Tom Traynor, Risk Manager.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Ehley, seconded by Commissioner Swan, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- 11     [16-136-10](#)     Donation of Land to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
- The Committee received a presentation from Mark Kaminski, Director of Finance/Treasurer, and Don Nehmer, Controller, with comments by Kevin L. Shafer, P.E., Executive Director.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Ehley, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- 12     [16-137-10](#)     Approval of Job Content Values and Job Titles
- The Committee received a presentation from Candace Richards, Human Resources Manager, with comments by Kevin L. Shafer, P.E., Executive Director.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Swan, that this resolution be adopted by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- 13     [16-138-10](#)     Award Contract P-2675 to Plastic Development Group, LLC, to Provide Rain Barrels
- The Committee received a presentation from Jeff Spence, Director of Community Outreach and Business Engagement.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Ehley, seconded by Commissioner Gramling, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- 14     [16-139-10](#)     Rescission of District Residency Policy, Commission Policy 1-77.30
- The Committee received a presentation from Susan Anthony, Director of Legal Services, with comments by Kevin L. Shafer, P.E., Executive Director, and Scott Royer, General Manager, Veolia Water Milwaukee, LLC.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Ehley, seconded by Commissioner Swan, that this matter be approved by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

## ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION

[16-002-1](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Monthly Reports

*A. No report.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

*The Committee did not convene into closed session.*

**CS1** [16-141-10](#)

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**Did Not Convene In Closed Session**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*It was moved by Commissioner Gramling, seconded by Commissioner Ehley, to adjourn.*

*As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.*

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Anna Kettlewell, Commission Secretary  
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District