



Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

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Meeting Minutes Ad Hoc Operations & Maintenance Contract Selection Committee

*Dennis M. Grzezinski, Chair
Kathy Ehley, Kris Martinsek, John Swan, III, Michael A. West*

Thursday, June 11, 2026

5:30 PM

Dennis M. Grzezinski Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Grzezinski called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

RECORD ROLL

Present 5 - Kathy Ehley, Dennis Grzezinski, Kris Martinsek, John Swan III, and Michael A. West

Approval of Proceedings of Committee Meeting held April 17, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Ms. Martinsek. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Presentation on Overview of Procurement Process on Contract P-3216, Operations and Maintenance of Water Reclamation Infrastructure

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

2 Public Hearing Regarding Firms Proposing on Contract P-3216, Operations and Maintenance of Water Reclamation Infrastructure

Mr. Grzezinski opened the public hearing.

Ruth Weill (2848 N. Booth Street, Milwaukee, WI) had no comments regarding the firms. She praised MMSD and its efforts in the community.

Marsha Sehler (1027 Ogden, Milwaukee, WI) had no comments regarding the firms. She offered praise for MMSD and Executive Director Kevin Shafer.

Jerome Flogel (3020 W. Mount Vernon Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) had no comments regarding the firms. He praised MMSD and its work.

Jennifer O'Hear (2831 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) spoke on behalf of Common Ground and 60 individuals at the hearing. She encouraged the Committee to pause the procurement process and provided the Committee with a copy of Common Ground's June 11, 2026, investigative report.

Dean Amhaus (344 W. Juniper Drive, Grafton, WI) had no comments regarding the firms. He offered praise for MMSD.

David Fowler (7549 Riverview, Franklin, WI) had no comments regarding the firms. He offered praise for MMSD and Executive Director Kevin Shafer.

Scott Royer (4120 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI) spoke in support of Veolia Water Milwaukee, noting that the staff members are trained professionals working to protect the environment.

Greg Gryskiewicz (2559 S. Greeley Street, Milwaukee, WI) noted he was indifferent on which firm received the contract, but encouraged an audit process of the operation of the MMSD system. He provided the Committee with a copy of his whistleblower complaint provided to Common Ground.

Paul Keppler (3255 S. Illinois Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) spoke in support of Veolia Water Milwaukee and praised the contract oversight and the employees at Veolia Water Milwaukee. He noted his appreciation for the procurement process.

Monique Charlier (2535 S. Delaware Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) had no comments regarding the firms. She offered praise and support for MMSD.

Franz Meyer (2828 S. Logan Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) had no comments regarding the firms, but he encouraged the Committee to pause the procurement process.

Darryl Johnson (526 E. Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) spoke on behalf of Riverworks Development Corporation. He had no comments regarding the firms, but he encouraged a performance audit.

Ted Chisholm (811 E. Vienna Avenue, Milwaukee, WI) spoke on behalf of Bublr Bikes and provided information on Veolia Water Milwaukee's efforts in expanding bike shares in Milwaukee.

Sharon DePue (728 E. Pleasant Street, #1309, Milwaukee, WI) had no comments

regarding the firms but questioned opposition to a performance audit.

Ed Johnson (2632 S. Fulton Street, Milwaukee, WI) had no comments regarding the firms. He highlighted his concerns about recent flooding and basement backups in Milwaukee.

Mr. Grzezinski entered written comments into the record received prior to the hearing, including:

Stacie Callies on behalf of Westown Association (310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1450E, Milwaukee, WI) with comments supporting Veolia Water Milwaukee and their investment in the downtown community.

Bill Koch, Jr., on behalf of Tour of America's Dairyland with comments supporting Veolia Water Milwaukee and their partnership in Tour of America's Dairyland.

Elizabeth Kyte Handle on behalf of Milwaukee Kayak Company with comments supporting Veolia Water Milwaukee and MMSD and their work in keeping waterways clean.

Jennifer Bolger Breceda on behalf of the Milwaukee Riverkeeper with comments not regarding either firm, but encouraging strong provisions for operational excellence and public transparency in the new contract.

Jon McAlpine on behalf of Royal Franchising, Inc., doing business as Jani-King of Milwaukee (200 N. Patrick Boulevard, Suite 900, Brookfield, WI) supporting Veolia Water Milwaukee and their maintenance of infrastructure.

Mary Jo Layden (923 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Unit 2901, Milwaukee, WI) supporting Veolia Water Milwaukee, noting improvements in water quality and partnerships in the community.

Allison Gipp (Milwaukee, WI) with comments not regarding either firm, but encouraging that sanctions be included in the contract should maintenance standards not be upheld.

Art Rice (Milwaukee, WI) with comments not regarding either firm, but encouraging a pause in the procurement process.

After three calls, Mr. Grzezinski closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Swan to adjourn. The motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Anna Kettlewell, Commission Secretary
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District