



Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

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Meeting Minutes Commission

John R. Hermes, Chair
Kris Martinsek, Vice Chair
James A. Bohl, Kathy Ehley, Ben Gramling,
Nikiya Harris Dodd, Carl Krueger, Eugene Manzanet,
José G. Pérez, John Swan, III, Michael A. West

Monday, October 24, 2016

9:00 AM

Dennis M. Grzezinski Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Commissioner Hermes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RECORD ROLL

Present 10 - James A. Bohl, Kathy Ehley, Ben Gramling, Nikiya Harris Dodd, John R. Hermes, Carl Krueger, Eugene Manzanet, Kris Martinsek, John Swan III, and Michael A. West

Absent 1 - José G. Pérez

Approval of Proceedings of Regular Commission Meeting held September 26, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner West, seconded by Commissioner Manzanet. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

[16-004-1](#)

Operations and Maintenance Report for September 2016 - Pat Obenauf & Scott Royer

The Commission received a PowerPoint presentation from Patrick Obenauf, Manager of Contract Compliance, and Scott Royer, General Manager, Veolia Water Milwaukee, LLC, with comments by Kevin L. Shafer, P.E., Executive Director.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Items 1-3 were taken as a block

1 [16-126-10](#)

Award of Contract J06045C01, Jones Island Water Reclamation Facility Operations Building Basement Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Improvements

A motion was made by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner West, that this resolution be adopted by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- 2 [16-127-10](#) Contract S02008D01, Engineering Services for the South Shore Water Reclamation Facility Capacity Improvements - Preliminary and Secondary Treatment
- A motion was made by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner West, that this resolution be adopted by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- 3 [16-128-10](#) Approval of Funding Agreement ME02 under Project M03044, 2016 City of Mequon Private Property Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Pilot Project
- A motion was made by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner West, that this resolution be adopted by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

POLICY, FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Items 5-8, 10-11, and 13-15 were taken as a block.

- 4 [16-129-10](#) Approval of the 2016 Building Fresh Coast Green Infrastructure Network Program Contracts P-2684 and P-2688
- Commissioner Gramling noted his abstention to this item.*
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Ehley, that this resolution be adopted 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner West, that this resolution be adopted by a roll call vote. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Yes:** 10 - Commissioner Bohl, Commissioner Ehley, Commissioner Gramling, Commissioner Harris Dodd, Commissioner Hermes, Commissioner Krueger, Commissioner Manzanet, Commissioner Martinsek, Commissioner Swan III and Commissioner West
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Pérez
- 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted 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
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted by a voice vote. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- 15 [16-140-10](#) Approval of the Milwaukee River Watercourse Management Plan
- A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted 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**

Commissioner Hermes referred the Commissioners to written correspondence received from Rod DePue, supporting the resolution, and from Richard Yahr, opposing the resolution.

Commissioner Hermes opened the floor for public comments.

Martha Spencer (6116 N. Sunny Point Road, Glendale) spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated that her property was in the floodplain and spoke to the issues surrounding this. She thanked the Commission for becoming involved in this issue.

Herb Oechler (8220 Harwood Avenue, #138, Wauwatosa) spoke in favor of the resolution. He noted that he was a board member of the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He supported dam removal to improve fish passage. He stated that a free flowing river is better for ecology and that the money saved from dam removal should be used to improve the parks.

Cheryl Nenn of the Milwaukee Riverkeeper (1845 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee) spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated that the dam removal project was a generational opportunity for the river. The Milwaukee Riverkeeper had a petition for dam removal with over 1,800 signatures. She noted that the Milwaukee Riverkeeper had been fighting to remove the dam since 2012. She stated that the Milwaukee Riverkeeper believes that MMSD should take jurisdiction of this issue, as it is charged with flood management issues.

Paul Zovic (2504 E. Newton Avenue, Shorewood) spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that he was a Village Trustee in Shorewood and was speaking on behalf of the Village and the Village Board. He noted that The Village of Shorewood passed a resolution supporting dam removal. He commended the creative solution for dam removal, noting that it was a positive move for the environment and a good financial decision.

Jennifer Bolger, Executive Director of Milwaukee Riverkeeper (1845 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee) spoke in favor of the resolution.

Eric Peterson, Governmental Affairs Liaison, Milwaukee County Executive's office (901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee), spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that he was appearing on behalf of County Executive Chris Abele. He stated that the County Executive's intent is that the majority of the parcel in question will be immediately transferred back to the County. The office's intent is that the entire parcel will remain as parkland after the dam is removed. Mr. Peterson outlined the Wisconsin State Statutes that allow for the land transfer and how it relates to local zoning laws. He stated that the DNR has funding for dam removal, but nothing has been specifically designated for this project. The County has not applied for such funding to date.

Jeff Goulee registered to speak in opposition to the resolution, but did not address the Commission.

Commissioner Harris Dodd stated that she would vote against this matter to be consistent with her previous votes against dam removal as a County Board member.

A motion was made by Commissioner Manzanet, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, that this resolution be adopted by a voice vote. The motion carried by a voice vote.

ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION

[16-003-1](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Monthly Reports

B. Private Property Inflow and Infiltration Program Semiannual Report
(Jerome Fogel)

C. Water Resources Utility of the Future Today Award (Kevin Shafer)

D. Staff Recognitions (Kevin Shafer)

A. No report.

B. The Commission received a PowerPoint presentation and handout from Jerome Fogel, Senior Project Manager.

C. The Commission received a presentation from Michael Martin, Director of Technical Services, with comments by Kevin L. Shafer, P.E., Executive Director.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner West, seconded by Commissioner Manzanet, to adjourn.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Anna Kettlewell, Commission Secretary
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District