

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Committee Meetings**

**8:15 a.m.**

**October 5, 2022**

1. Safety Briefing
2. Roll Call
3. Open Meetings Act Notice

**Construction and Operations – Friend, Frost, Cavanaugh**

1. Capital Expenditures [Gina Langel - SVP, Chief Operations Officer] – **Tab 5**
2. Master Planning and Design Phase Services for Renovation of Construction Center 1 and to Build Construction Center 2 [John Velehradsky - Director, Facilities Management] - **Tab 6**
3. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates [Stephanie Henn – Director, Plant Engineering] – **Tab 7**
4. Change Order for Water Main Installation in Copper Creek Subdivision [Stephanie Henn – Director, Plant Engineering] – **Tab 8**
5. Bids on Materials and Contracts [Jon Zellars – VP, Procurement & Enterprise Services] – **Tab 9**

**Services & Extensions – Friend, Begley, Howard**

1. Main Extensions [Masa Niiya – Vice-President, Engineering] – **Tab 10**
2. Certification of Cost of Water Main District on Earl Avenue and Setting of Board of Equalization Date [Masa Niiya – Vice-President, Engineering] – **Tab 11**

**Personnel – Begley, Frost, Friend**

1. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications [Bonnie Savine – VP, Human Resources] - **Tab 12**

**Judicial and Legislative – Cook, Cavanaugh, Howard**

1. Settlement of Workers Compensation Case [Joseph Kehm – Assistant General Counsel] - **Tab 13**

**Public Comment**

***(Turn over for regular Board Meeting agenda)***

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

**9:00 a.m.**

**October 5, 2022**

1. Roll Call
2. Open Meetings Act Notice
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes –Committee Meetings & Regular Board Meeting for September 7, 2022
- CONSTRUCTION & OPERATIONS 5. Capital Expenditures
6. Master Planning and Design Phase Services for Renovation of Construction Center 1 and to Build Construction Center 2
7. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates
8. Change Order for Water Main Installation in Copper Creek Subdivision
9. Bids on Materials and Contracts
- SERVICES & EXTENSIONS 10. Main Extensions
11. Certification of Cost of Water Main District on Earl Avenue and Setting of Board of Equalization Date (RESOLUTIONS)
- PERSONNEL 12. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications
- JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE 13. Settlement of Workers Compensation Case
- BOARD 14. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion
15. CLOSED SESSION – Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate
16. Public Comment

**Adjourn Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

***(Turn over for Committee Meetings agenda)***

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of Committee Meetings**  
**September 7, 2022**

Chairperson Jack Frost called to order the Committee meetings of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 8:15 a.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the print version of *The Omaha World-Herald* on Sunday, August 28, 2022, and in the online version from August 28, 2022, through September 3, 2022. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at [www.mudomaha.com](http://www.mudomaha.com) and other social media platforms. Agendas and pertinent Board materials to be presented at the September 7, 2022, Board Meeting were emailed to Directors and posted to the MUD website on September 1, 2022.

Chairperson Frost announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and a recording of the meeting would be uploaded to the MUD website after the meeting's conclusion.

**Safety Briefing**

Vice-President of Safety, Security & Business Continuity Shane Hunter provided a safety briefing for all individuals attending the meeting in-person regarding protocol at the headquarters building in the event of an emergency.

**Roll Call**

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their presence: Dave Friend, Jack Frost, Mike McGowan, Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook. All attendees participated in-person.

**Open Meetings Act Notice**

Chairperson Frost announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

**Construction and Operations – Friend, Frost, Cavanaugh**

Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer Gina Langel presented the proposed capital expenditures as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated September 1, 2022.

Director of Plant Engineering Stephanie Henn reviewed the Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated August 29, 2022.



Ms. Henn reviewed Change Order No. 1 for the project being handled by Cedar Construction to install water mains in Belle Lago South Subdivision as outlined in her letter dated August 4, 2022.

Ms. Henn reviewed Change Order No. 1 for the project being handled by Cedar Construction to install water mains in Majestic Point southwest of 168<sup>th</sup> Street. Subdivision as outlined in her letter dated August 4, 2022.

Vice-President of Procurement and Enterprise Services Jon Zellars reviewed the bids on materials and contracts as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated August 25, 2022 from Director of Procurement Sherri Meisinger.

**Services & Extensions – Friend, Begley, Howard**

Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya reviewed the proposed main extensions as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated August 25, 2022.

**Personnel - Begley, Frost, Friend**

Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine reviewed the wage and/or salary increases and ratifications as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated August 25, 2022.

Ms. Savine provided the annual review and recommendations of the proposed group insurance contract renewals as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated August 30, 2022. The renewals included both PPO & HMO health plans administered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield, dental, vision, flexible spending accounts, basic life insurance, supplemental (voluntary) life insurance, accidental death & dismemberment (AD&D), long-term disability (LTD), and COBRA administration. Minor changes and newly negotiated rates were recommended for 2023. SilverStone Group/HUB served as the District's benefits consultant in reviewing and recommending any changes.

**Accounts, Expenditures, Finance and Rates – McGowan, Begley, Cook,**

Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Joseph Schaffart presented the proposal to authorize water system revenue bonds series 2022 as outlined in his letter dated August 30, 2022. The bond issuance will yield proceeds of \$66.3 million to fund spending over the 2022-2024 period associated with the following projects: the ongoing Florence Water Treatment Plan (WTP) capital improvement plan; the Platte South WTP capital improvement plan; the West Dodge Pumping Station and associated main piping; and other Water Department infrastructure needs.

Mr. Schaffart noted that the Board approved a Water Department Bond Reimbursement Resolution at the March 2021 MUD Board Meeting which enables the District to reimburse "operating cash" expended on the aforementioned "bondable projects" prior to the receipt of the bond proceeds. The Bond Resolution was prepared

to allow for an expanded bond offering up to \$93.0 million to address a possible refinancing of the 2012 bonds, if determined to be economically appropriate. Because the interest rate environment is very dynamic, an analysis to determine the viability of refinancing the 2012 bonds will be prepared nearer the time of the planned bond sale. Piper Sandler & Co. will serve as Financial Advisor, and Gilmore & Bell P.C., will serve as Bond Counsel for the bond issuance process. Representatives from both advisor companies were available "virtually" at the Board Meeting to address questions raised by the Board. Pursuant to Piper Sandler's role as Financial Advisor, an analysis was prepared on August 30<sup>th</sup> to address the economics of refinancing the 2012 bonds. If the interest rate at which the District can issue bonds remains unchanged between August 30<sup>th</sup> and the time of the bond sale, the refinancing would result in present value savings of approximately \$847,000.

Management is requesting that the Board approve the attached Bond Resolution to enable the District to move forward with the bond issuance according to a calendar that has been developed by Piper Sandler. Board approval will allow the District to immediately proceed with securing a credit rating for the Water Department Series 2022 bonds. The District will then focus on preparing all necessary documentation to market the offering in late September or early October to allow for "closing" and receipt of proceeds by October 31, 2022.

**Public Comment**

Chairperson Frost asked if any members of the public would like to address the Board. There were none.

Chairperson Frost announced that the Committee Meetings had concluded, and the Board would reconvene for the regular monthly Board Meeting in ten minutes at 9:10 a.m.



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Mark E. Doyle  
Secretary and President

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**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**September 7, 2022**

Chairperson Frost called to order the regular monthly Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 9:10 a.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the print version of *The Omaha World-Herald* on Sunday, August 28, 2022, and in the online version from August 28, 2022, through September 3, 2022. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at [www.mudomaha.com](http://www.mudomaha.com) and other social media platforms. Agendas and pertinent Board materials to be presented at the September 7, 2022, Board Meeting were emailed to Directors and posted to the MUD website on September 1, 2022.

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**AGENDA NO. 1**

**ROLL CALL**

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their presence: Dave Friend, Jack Frost, Mike McGowan, Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook. All attendees participated in-person.

**AGENDA NO. 2**

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE**

Chairperson Frost announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

**AGENDA NO. 3**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Frost invited all who wished to participate to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA NO. 4**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST 3, 2022**

Director Cavanaugh moved to approve the minutes for the Committee Meetings and regular monthly Board Meeting for August 3, 2022, which was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Cook, Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 5**  
**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Director Friend moved to approve the capital expenditures as presented by Senior Vice-President, Chief Operations Officer Gina Langel and as outlined in her letter dated September 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 6**  
**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES**

Director Friend moved to approve the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as presented at the Committee Meetings by Director of Plant Engineering Stephanie Henn and as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated August 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 7**  
**CHANGE ORDER FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATION IN BELLE LAGO SOUTH SUBDIVISION**

Director Friend moved to approve the change order for water main installation in Belle Lago South Subdivision as presented at the Committee Meetings by Director of Plant Engineering Stephanie Henn and as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated August 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 8**  
**CHANGE ORDER FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATION IN MAJESTIC POINT SUBDIVISION**

Director Friend moved to approve the change order for water main installation in Majestic Point Subdivision as presented at the Committee Meetings by Director of Plant Engineering Stephanie Henn and as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated August 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Cavanaugh and carried on a roll call vote.



Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 9**  
**BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS**

Director Friend moved to approve the bids on materials and contracts as presented by Vice-President of Procurement and Enterprise Services Jon Zellars and as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated August 25, 2022 from Director of Purchasing Sherri Meisinger. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 10**  
**NOTICE OF PURCHASES BETWEEN \$25,000 AND \$50,000**

Director Friend requested that the Notice of Purchases letter be placed on file.

**AGENDA NO. 11**  
**MAIN EXTENSIONS**

Director Friend moved to approve the main extensions as presented by Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated August 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Cavanaugh and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 12**  
**WAGE AND/OR SALARY INCREASES AND RATIFICATIONS**

Director Begley moved to approve the wage and/or salary increases and ratifications as presented by Ms. Savine in the Committee Meeting and as outlined in her letter dated August 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 13**  
**GROUP INSURANCE CONTRACT RENEWALS**

Director Begley moved to approve the group insurance contract renewals as presented by Ms. Savine in the Committee Meeting and as outlined in her letter dated August 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.



Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 14**

**PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2022**

Director McGowan moved to approve the proposal to authorize water system revenue bonds Series 2022 as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated August 30, 2022 from Mr. Schaffart and as presented by him at the Committee Meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 15**

**OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

Chairperson Frost announced that on behalf of the Board and Management, he wished to recognize the 84 District employees who are celebrating anniversaries this year ranging from 15 to 45 years of service to MUD customers and its community. The District typically hosts an Employee Service Awards Recognition dinner to honor the individual milestones but the event was canceled for this year. Chairperson Frost thanked each employee for the work they do every day for customer-owners and congratulated them on their achievements.

President Doyle addressed the topic of another recent company achievement as presented in the September 2022 issue of the OPFLOW Magazine publication in which MUD was named first place winner in its "Gimmicks and Gadgets" promotion. MUD's submission involved a Pipe Washing Station whereby water pipes to be installed underground are first cleaned in the MUD storage yard and capped which is combined with the typical flushing completed after the water main installation. The additional pre-cleaning process greatly improves overall efficiency by circumventing repeated sampling failures that are typically experienced in the field. The results have reduced failure rates by nearly 49%.

Vice-President of Gas Operations Jim Knight presented an update on natural gas supplies and pricing. He reported that in the time since he last addressed the Board in July of 2022, pricing continues to be volatile. Recent heat waves have gripped most of the U.S. over the past two months driving up the prices of natural gas. Temperatures last July were the third hottest for any July on record in the U.S. Mr. Knight noted that the higher temperatures increase the power industry's demand for natural gas which, for July and August, was 10% higher than last year. There were many days over the summer during which half of the natural gas production was burned to produce electricity. Natural gas production levels across the country are also increasing and are at record highs, exceeding the pre-pandemic measurements.

Along with the increased demand from the power industry is the reduction in storage levels which are 8% below last year and 11% below the last five-year average, and is another factor contributing to the elevated prices for natural gas. When questioned about MUD's current storage levels, Mr. Knight confirmed that the District is well-positioned for the winter months with its current storage supplies of natural gas, LNG and propane. Mr. Knight reported that though natural gas prices in the U.S. are considered high in the \$8 range, prices in Europe are in the \$70 to \$80 range.

**AGENDA NO. 16**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairperson Frost announced that there would be no Closed Session.

**AGENDA NO. 17**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Frost asked if any Board member had any comments to share. Director Begley offered condolences to President Doyle's family on his and the Board's behalf on the recent passing of his father Thomas Doyle. The elder Mr. Doyle enjoyed a long, distinguished career as a public servant in a number of roles including State Labor Commissioner, State Senator, a member of the Civil Service Commission, Douglas County Engineer and more. Director Begley stated that the number and variety of those attending Mr. Doyle's memorial service was a testament to the kind, good and generous man he was.

Chairperson Frost asked whether there were any members of the public who would like to address the Board. There were none.

Director Cook moved to adjourn the regular monthly Board Meeting, which was seconded by Director McGowan and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Frost, McGowan Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook

Voting No: None

The regular monthly Board meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



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Mark E. Doyle  
Secretary and President

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**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

*Inter-Department Communication*

September 27, 2022

**Subject:** CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations

cc: all Board Members, Doyle, Mendenhall, Schaffart, Ausdemore, Lobsiger, and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Gina Langel, Senior Vice President, Chief Operations Officer

The following item will be on the October 5, 2022, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:

**BUILDINGS, PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT**

**1. 100090001414 - \$80,000 – 10 radio detection locating machines, Utility Location.**

This project will purchase ten (10) locating machines to replace machines being used in the utility locating department. The existing machines are 4 to 5 years old. The current locating machines will be repurposed for use by Field Service Senior Technicians who perform emergency locates after business hours. Due to supply chain constraints, Field Service has been unable to purchase several replacement items budgeted for 2022. With expected price increases for future orders, it is requested to purchase Utility Locating's replacement locating machines in 2022.

**2. 100089000927 – RATIFICATION - \$157,000 – Purchase SCBA equipment for HazMat Response at all three water treatment facilities.** The District was recently informed the existing self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment used by all three water treatment facilities is being discontinued. Water Operations and Safety met with the manufacturer and some equipment used by the District is already unavailable and the remaining equipment is limited to what is in stock. Successful operation of the HazMat Response team requires interchangeability of gear when traveling between plants. Without interchangeable gear, HazMat members from different District facilities would be unable to use their personally fit gear with SCBA equipment at facilities other than their home base. This purchase will equip each facility with the appropriate number of backpacks and air bottles and purchase appropriately sized mask and appurtenances for everyone on the HazMat response team. To beat a 10% price increase effective October 1, 2022, and another anticipated 10% increase on January 1, 2023, approval was given to use unspent monies from the 2022 budget for purchase.



Gina Langel  
Senior Vice President, Chief Operations Officer

Approved:



Mark E. Doyle  
President



METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

*Inter-Department Communication*

September 29, 2022

**Subject:** MASTER PLANNING AND DESIGN PHASE SERVICES FOR RENOVATION OF CONSTRUCTION CENTER 1 AND TO BUILD CONSTRUCTION CENTER 2

**To:** Construction & Operations Committee  
cc: All Board Members, Doyle, Ausdemore, Langel, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Schaffart and all Vice Presidents

**From:** John E. Velehradsky, Director, Facilities Management

On April 6, 2022 the Board of Directors adopted a Resolution selecting the Construction Manager at Risk ("CMAR") delivery system for the renovation and site improvements for Construction Center 1 ("CC1") and to build Construction Center 2 ("CC2"). The Board subsequently approved a C&A, on May 4, 2022, in the amount of \$1,107,200 to hire Project Control as the District's Owner's Representative to assist with management of both projects. The next phase is to hire an architectural and engineering team for the site master planning and design services for CC1 and design services for CC2.

CC1 was constructed in the late 1950's with an addition constructed in the early 1960's. Since that time, no significant modifications or renovations have occurred to the facility. In its current state, CC1 does not have the capacity to adequately store modern vehicles and equipment or provide accommodations for an increased workforce. CC1 is also the only construction and field operations facility in which construction, gas distribution, water distribution, maintenance, fleet management, and material management operations occur with no backup facility to fully operate from in the event of a fire, flood, natural disaster, or other unforeseen event.

Renovating CC1 and constructing CC2 will provide the redundancy and flexibility to meet operational and business continuity objectives and allow for future growth. The addition of CC2 will provide redundancy in construction and field operations, fleet management, and material management operations and will allow options for dispatching crews for emergency response. Both facilities will provide for a healthy, safe, and secure work environment with adequate spacing and accommodations to meet operational needs. Employee development will also be provided through dedicated training areas and implementation of technology enhancements.

Facilities Management is seeking approval to hire an architectural and engineering team to conduct the planning and design services for both facilities. A capital expenditure of \$4,321,477 is requested to be approved for these services (100084001314, 100084001316, and 100084001271).

With the assistance of Project Control, requests for qualifications and proposal packages were developed and publicly advertised for the architectural and engineering planning and design services for the projects. Eight (8) firms submitted their qualifications and proposal of services,

with proposed fees ranging from \$2.9 million to \$4.7 million. Each were thoroughly reviewed by the project team taking specialized experience, project personnel, and approach to work into consideration. Upon completion of the review, four (4) firms, as follows, were invited for interview:

- HDR
- Holland Basham Architects/Davis Design
- JEO Consulting Group, Inc./Leo A Daly
- Schmemmer

Based on the submitted qualifications, proposals, and interviews, the review committee independently "scored" each firm and unanimously selected the project team of Holland Basham Architects ("HBA") and Davis Design as the best choice to perform the necessary master planning and design services. The two firms have successfully performed projects together in the past. Both firms also have a strong resume on designing Operation and Maintenance (O&M) facilities and have successfully completed multiple CMAR projects on time and within budget. Recently, HBA successfully completed the renovation of the District's Headquarters facility. Davis Design recently completed design services for Lincoln Electric System's Operation and Maintenance facility. In their project approach, both firms also demonstrated their willingness and ability to seek employee engagement to assess facility needs.

Approval of the aforementioned capital expenditure in the amount of \$4,321,477 will authorize the President to enter into an agreement with the project team of Holland Basham Architects and Davis Design for site master planning and design services of CC1 and design services for CC2.



John E. Velehradsky  
Director, Facilities Management  
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Approved:



Jon A. Zellars  
Vice President,  
Procurement and Enterprise Services



Steven E. Ausdemore  
Senior Vice President,  
Safety, Security and Field Operations



Mark E. Doyle  
President



**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

Inter-Department Communication

Approved by the Board  
October 5, 2022

September 24, 2022

**Subject:** ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations

cc: all Board Members, Doyle, Mendenhall, Schaffart, Ausdemore, Langel, Lobsiger, and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Stephanie L. Henn, Director, Plant Engineering

The following items will be on the October 5, 2022, Committee Meeting for consideration and the Board Meeting Agenda for approval. Work has been satisfactorily completed on the following contracts and final payment is recommended:

Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
		*Unit Price Bid	Actual
a. Cedar Construction, WP1858, 100055001384, Install Water Mains in Serenity Estates; Stanford St. & Skyline Dr.	11/3/2021	\$180,776.00	\$167,161.76

**Comments:** There was an overall net decrease in this project of \$13,614.24, primarily due to needing less fittings, and steel plates to cover excavations in paved areas. This overall net decrease includes Change Order No. 1 for an additional \$3,761.76 due to manufacturer price increases due to supply chain issues. **Approval of this final will also approve Change Order No. 1.**

Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
		*Unit Price Bid	Actual
b. Judds Bros Construction, R2019, 100053001425, 12-Inch Water Main Relocation; 204 <sup>th</sup> St. & West Dodge Rd.	1/5/2021	\$186,800.00	\$160,100.00

**Comments:** There was an overall net decrease in this project of \$26,700.00, primarily due to less boring of pipe than originally estimated, as the pipe was able to be installed by open cutting the trench for installation.

\*Based upon Engineering's estimated unit quantities.

Approved:

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Stephanie Henn

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Director, Plant Engineering

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Engineering

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Gina Langel

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Gina Langel  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Operations Officer

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Mark E. Doyle  
President



**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

*Inter-Department Communication*

September 9, 2022

**SUBJECT:** CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – INSTALL WATER MAINS IN COPPER CREEK;  
168<sup>TH</sup> ST. & MILITARY RD.; KERSTEN CONSTRUCTION;  
WP1619 (100055001270)

**To:** Committee on Construction & Operations  
**Cc:** All Board members and Messrs. Doyle, Langel, Schaffart, Lobsiger,  
Mendenhall, Ausdemore, and All Vice Presidents

**From:** Stephanie L. Henn, Director, Plant Engineering

On November 7, 2018, the Board awarded a contract to Kersten Construction to install water mains in Copper Creek Subdivision. The original contract price was \$302,033.00. Change Order No. 1 represents an increase of \$149,769.00 to the contract for a total cost of \$451,802.00.

Change Order No. 1 represents an additional cost of \$149,769.00 due to inflation costs of labor and materials. This project was originally bid in October of 2018 but was postponed. The developer would like to now proceed with the development.

The developer has been notified and approved this change order amount.

Your approval is requested.

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*Stephanie L. Henn*  
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Stephanie L. Henn  
Director, Plant Engineering

**Approved:**

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Vice President,  
Engineering

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Sr. Vice President,  
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General Counsel

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT  
*Inter-Department Communication*

September 23, 2022

**Subject:** BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**To:** Construction & Operations Committee  
cc: All Board Members, Doyle, Ausdemore, Langel, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Schaffart and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Sherri A Meisinger, Director, Procurement

The following items will be on the October 5, 2022, Committee Agenda for consideration and the October 5, 2022, Board Agenda for approval. The recommended bid is bolded and listed first. Nonlocal bidders have been indicated in italics.

**WATER/GAS MAIN CONTRACTS**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u></b>	<b><u>Bidders</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
Install Water Mains in Avante Subdivision Lots 1-272, NW. of N.195 <sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Street 100055001393 WP1894 *Non-Responsive Engineering Estimate: \$1,514,930.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$1,798,990.00 will be presented to the Board on October 5, 2022 for approval.)	18/3	<b>Cedar Construction</b> <i>Kersten Construction</i> <i>Pat Thomas Const.</i>	<b>\$1,506,148.00</b> 1,510,964.50 1,719,703.50*
Install Water Mains in Arcadia Ridge Lots 1-93, W. of 204 <sup>th</sup> Street and Kansas Avenue 100055001402 WP1911 Engineering Estimate: \$542,084.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$766,680.00 will be presented to the Board on October 5, 2022 for approval.)	18/2	<b>Cedar Construction</b> <i>Kersten Construction</i>	<b>\$490,473.50</b> 552,349.50

Install Water Mains in Iron Bluffs Lots 1-91, SW. of George B. Lake Parkway, and "F" Street 100055001411 WP1938 Engineering Estimate: \$939,450.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$1,055,231.00 will be presented to the Board on October 5, 2022 for approval.)	18/2	<b>Cedar Construction</b> Kersten Construction	<b>\$895,753.00</b> 931,963.00
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Install Water Mains in Bluestem Meadows Lots 110-114, NW. of 180 <sup>th</sup> Street and Blondo Street 100055001417 WP1953 *Non-Responsive Engineering Estimate: \$275,660.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$326,102.00 will be presented to the Board on October 5, 2022 for approval.)	18/3	<b>Cedar Construction</b> Kersten Construction Pat Thomas Const.	<b>\$272,131.00</b> 296,812.00 251,845.00*
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**RATIFICATION**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Camera Life Cycle Upgrade at District Facilities 100090001413 *Non-Responsive (C&A for 100090001413 approved September 7, 2022 in the amount of \$147,592.52.)	2/2	<b>Prime Comm.</b> VTI Security	<b>\$147,592.52</b> 162,003.99*

**OTHER**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Replace Roofs at Rainwood and Skyline Pump Stations 100083001167 WP 1968 100083001168 WP 1969 *Rejected	13/1	Independent Roofing Co.	\$864,800.00*



One (1) Truck Mounted Vacuum Excavator 100088000809 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 5, 2022 in the amount of \$16,953,750.00.)	2/2	<b>MacQueen Equip. Rose Equipment</b>	<b>\$438,158.00 632,970.97</b>
Two (2) Tandem Axle Field Office Trailers 100088000760 100088000800 *Rejected	2/1	<b>Ez Stak</b>	<b>\$232,232.00*</b>
Twenty-Six (26) Half Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Pickups 100088000797 *State of Nebraska bid, Contract #15733 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 5, 2022 in the amount of \$16,953,750.00.)	1/1	<b>Anderson Ford</b>	<b>\$1,182,870.00*</b>

**ANNUALS**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u></b>	<b><u>Bidders</u></b>	<b><u>Bid Amount</u></b>
ERT Modules for Gas Meters (35000 Units) (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025)	1/1	<b>Itron</b>	<b>\$3,013,084.00</b>
ERT Modules for Water Meters (35000 Units) (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025)	1/1	<b>Itron</b>	<b>\$2,961,584.00</b>

Liquid Nitrogen  
LNG Gas Production Plant  
(130,000 Gallons)  
(September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023)

3/1

**Matheson**

**\$70,200.00**



Sherri A. Meisinger  
Director, Procurement  
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Approved:



Jon Zellars  
Vice President, Procurement and Enterprise Services



Steven E. Ausdemore  
Senior Vice President. Safety, Security and Field Operations



Mark E. Doyle  
President

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
Inter-Department Communication

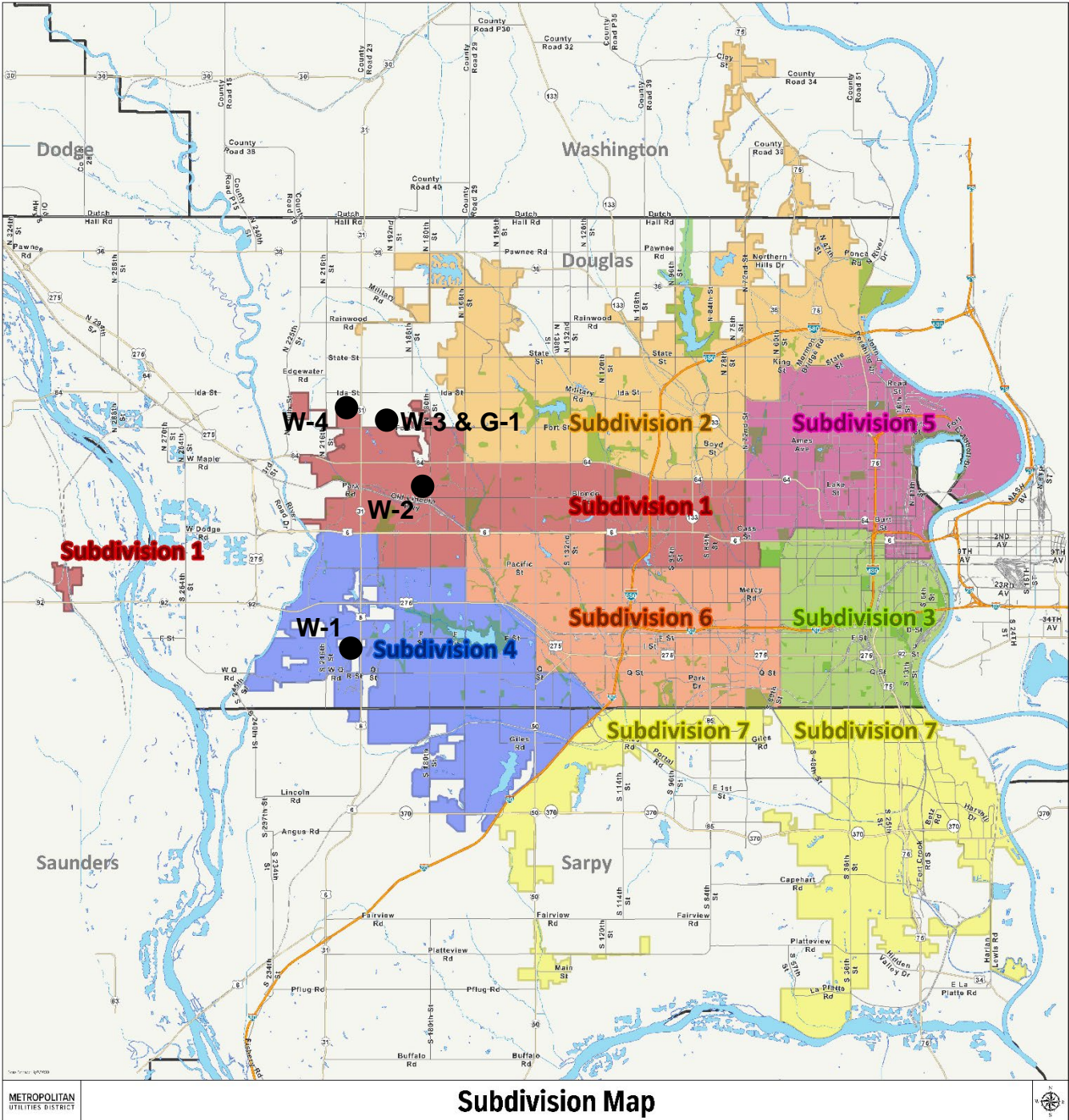
October 4, 2022

**Subject:** MAIN EXTENSIONS (REVISED)

**To:** Services and Extensions Committee  
cc: All Board Members, Doyle, Mendenhall, Schaffart, Ausdemore, Langel, Lobsiger, and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Masa Niiya, Vice President, Engineering

The following main extensions will be on the October 5, 2022, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:





## **WATER MAINS:**

- 1. IRON BLUFF SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 4, Cavanaugh:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to 92 single residence and one multiple residence lot in Iron Bluff Subdivision, George B. Lake Parkway and "F" Street. Work is requested to be completed by February 2023. Pioneer main fees are due to the existing 12-inch water mains in "F" Street in the amount of \$60,940. A connection charge is due to the existing 8-inch water main in "I" Street in the amount of \$69,955. (City of Omaha zoning jurisdiction, Lockwood Development)

**Subdivision:** Iron Bluff Subdivision  
**Project Number:** WP 1938  
**Project Cost:** \$1,055,231  
**Applicant Contribution:** \$1,186,126  
**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00  
**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

- 2. BLUESTEM MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 1, Begley:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to two multiple residence and three commercial lots in Bluestem Meadows Subdivision, 180<sup>th</sup> and Blondo Streets. Work is requested to be completed by July 2023. Pioneer main fees are due to the existing 12-, 16- and 30-inch water mains in West Maple Road, Blondo Street and 180<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$198,198. (City of Omaha zoning jurisdiction, Dan Mulhall)

**Subdivision:** Bluestem Meadows Subdivision  
**Project Number:** WP 1953  
**Project Cost:** \$326,102  
**Applicant Contribution:** \$524,300  
**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00  
**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

- 3. AVANTE SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 1, Begley:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to 272 single residence lots in Avante Subdivision, 195<sup>th</sup> and Fort Streets. Work is requested to be completed by January 2023. Pioneer main fees are due to the existing 30-inch water main in West Maple Road and the future 16-inch water main in Fort Street in the amount of \$337,288. (City of Omaha zoning jurisdiction, Christian Kloster)

**Subdivision:** Avante Subdivision  
**Project Number:** WP 1894  
**Project Cost:** \$1,833,067  
**Applicant Contribution:** \$2,092,596  
**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00  
**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

- 4. ARCADIA RIDGE SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 1, Begley:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to 114 single residence lots in Arcadia Ridge Subdivision, 204<sup>th</sup> Street and Kansas Avenue. Work is requested to be completed by February 2023. Pioneer main fees are due to the existing 24-inch water mains in 204<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$148,122. A connection charge is due to the existing 8-inch water main in Kansas Avenue in the amount of \$16,470. (City of Omaha zoning jurisdiction, The Land Co. – Dave Vogtman)

**Subdivision:** Arcadia Ridge Subdivision  
**Project Number:** WP 1911  
**Project Cost:** \$766,680  
**Applicant Contribution:** \$931,272  
**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00  
**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

**GAS MAINS:**

1. **AVANTE SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 1, Begley:** This work is being done to provide gas service to 272 single residence lots in Avante Subdivision, 195<sup>th</sup> and Fort Streets. Work is requested to be completed by February 2023. To properly expand our system to serve future developments, it is necessary to oversize 6,840 feet of 2-inch mains to 4-inch mains at a District cost of \$64,336. (City of Omaha's zoning jurisdiction, Christian Kloster).

**Subdivision:** Avante Subdivision  
**Project Number:** GP 2703  
**Project Cost:** \$384,658  
**Developer Equivalent Cost:** \$320,322  
**Developer Adjusted Estimated Cost:** \$285,937  
**Allowable Revenue Credits:** \$293,488  
**Deficiency:** \$0

Approved:



Gina Langel  
Sr. Vice President, Chief Operations Officer



Masa Niiya  
Vice President, Engineering



Mark E. Doyle  
President

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

Board Communication

September 29, 2022

Subject: CERTIFICATION OF COST OF WMD ON EARL AVENUE (100063000001 & 100065001666) AND SETTING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DATE

To: Services and Extensions Committee

Cc: All Board Members, Messrs. Doyle, Ausdemore, Mendenhall, Schaffart, Mses. Langel, Lobsiger

From: Masa Niiya, Vice President, Engineering

On September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 the Board of Directors created and authorized the installation of a 12 inch & 8 inch water main for Water Main District (WMD) 100063000001 & 100065001666 located in Bruhn Estates along Earl Avenue. The work has now been completed.

This letter is intended to certify that the installation of the aforementioned water mains in Earl Avenue north of Military Road in WMD 100063000001 & 100065001666 has been completed as of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in conformity with the plans and specifications, and that the total cost of the installation based on the actual contracted cost of the installation including all District direct costs related thereto is \$290,340.54, which, based on a total assessable footage of 2,348.64 feet, results in an assessment rate of \$123.62/ per foot.

Upon acceptance of the costs by the Board of Directors all property owners within the WMD will be notified that on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 members of the Board of Directors will convene from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. as a Board of Equalization to hear any affected property owner's argument of inequities in potential assessment to be levied as a result of the installation. The Board of Equalization will occur concurrent with the November 2, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

It is recommended that the attached resolutions accepting the final cost for WMD 100063000001 & 100065001666, the determination of benefits to each property within the WMD, setting the date and time for the Board of Equalization meeting and the order to publish notice of such meeting be approved at the regularly scheduled meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

APPROVED:



Gina Langel  
Sr. Vice President, Chief Operations Officer



Masa Niiya  
Vice President, Engineering



Mark E. Doyle  
President

RESOLUTIONS  
ACCEPTING A WATER MAIN EXTENSION IN  
WATER MAIN DISTRICT NO. 100063000001 & 100065001666 AND PROVIDING FOR  
ASSESSMENT AND EQUALIZATION OF SPECIAL TAX

WHEREAS, it has been certified to the Board of directors of Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha that the extension of a water main in Water Main District No. 100063000001 & 100065001666 has been completed in conformity to plans and specifications, and that the average cost per assessable foot for the work is \$123.62, the total assessable footage in the Water Main District is 2348.64 feet and the total assessments equals \$290,340.54.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT OF OMAHA:

Resolution 1: That the water main extension in Water Main District No. 100063000001 & 100065001666 be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolution 2: That the Board of Directors tentatively determines that the actual benefits to the lots and parcels of land abutting upon the water main extension within the Water Main District are equal and uniform per front foot and that the actual special benefits are equal to the sums listed below opposite each piece of real estate described, and that those are the sums which should be assessed respectively as special benefits, all as shown below.

Resolution 3: That the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha sit as a Board of Equalization in the Boardroom, Metropolitan Utilities District, 7350 World Communications Drive, Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022, from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., for the purpose of considering and equalizing the proposed levy of special taxes and assessments shown below, for the purpose of correcting any errors therein, and for hearing complaints that the owners of the property to be assessed and taxed may make against the special assessments proposed to be levied for the purpose of applying the proceeds towards the cost of the water main extension in Water Main District No. 100063000001 & 100065001666.

Resolution 4: That the Secretary of the Board of Directors publish in the Omaha World Herald, a legal newspaper in the City of Omaha, a notice to the property owners that the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha will sit as a Board of Equalization as stated above.

<u>PROPERTY DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ASSESSABLE FOOTAGE</u>	<u>BENEFIT ASSESSMENT</u>
Lot 1 Bruhn Acres on West Military	158.85'	\$19,637.15
Lot 2 Bruhn Acres on West Military	227.51'	\$28,124.95
South Pt. Lot 3 Bruhn Acres on West Military	100'	\$12,362.07



North Pt. Lot 3 Bruhn Acres on West Military	100'	\$12,362.07
Lot 4 Bruhn Acres on West Military	200'	\$24,724.14
Lot 5 Bruhn Acres on West Military	200'	\$24,724.14
Lot 6 Bruhn Acres on West Military	217.39'	\$26,873.91
Lot 7 Except E. 15' Bruhn Acres on West Military	205.89'	\$25,452.27
E. 15' of Lot 7 Bruhn Acres on West Military	117.5'	\$14,525.43
Lot 8 Bruhn Acres on West Military	200'	\$24,724.14
Lot 9 Bruhn Acres on West Military	200'	\$24,724.14
Lot 10 Bruhn Acres on West Military	200'	\$24,724.14
Lot 11 Bruhn Acres on West Military	<u>221.5'</u>	<u>\$27,381.99</u>
Total	2348.64'	\$290,340.54

Adopted:

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
*Inter-Department Communication*

September 22, 2022

**Subject: Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications, October 2022 Board Meeting**

**To:** Personnel Committee members Begley, Friend, and Frost

**cc:** Board Members Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard, and McGowan

President Doyle, and Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Langel, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, and Schaffart

**From:** Bonnie Savine, Vice President, Human Resources

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the wage or salary increases outlined below. All positions involve District employees earning more than \$10,000 per year and therefore require your approval.

**1. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Promotion**

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. These wage increases are based on a job selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

**Employee:** Jack Bowman  
**Current position (department):** Meter Mechanic (Meter Services)  
**New position (department):** Industrial Water Meter Mechanic (Meter Services)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$32.36; Step 2  
**Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$35.60; Step 3  
**Percent of increase:** 10.01%  
**District hire date:** September 9, 2019

**Employee:** Christian Kubat  
**Current position (department):** Pipe Layer Trainee (Construction)  
**New position (department):** Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker (Facilities Management)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$26.25; Step 2  
**Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$27.50; Step 4  
**Percent of increase:** 4.76%  
**District hire date:** August 30, 2021

**Employee:** Nathaniel Million  
**Current position (department):** Utility Worker (Construction)  
**New position (department):** Gas Plant Operator (Gas Production)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$39.19; Step 4  
**Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$40.19; Step 4  
**Percent of increase:** 2.55%  
**District hire date:** July 11, 2016

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Travis West</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	General Maintenance Mechanic (Water Distribution)
<b>New position (department):</b>	Valve Maintenance Mechanic (Water Distribution)
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$37.07; Step 4
<b>Proposed rate; step/grade:</b>	\$38.79; Step 4
<b>Percent of increase:</b>	4.64%
<b>District hire date:</b>	December 8, 2014

## **2. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Transfer**

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. A transferring employee who is at less than Standard Wage will be moved to an equal rate in the new job classification or, if there is not an identical wage rate, to the nearest higher wage rate in the new job classification. These wage increases are based on a formal selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

**There are no recommendations for approval this month**

## **3. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Progression**

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the following wage increases for the OAC employees who have successfully completed required training and who have been recommended by their supervisor for promotion as they progress within their job family. All increases are based on the bargaining unit wage structure. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following board approval.

**There are no recommendations for approval this month**

## **4. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) Salary Increases Due To Job Promotion**

The following SPA employees are selected for promotion. It is recommended the President be authorized to increase the salary of these employees. These SPA positions have been evaluated, graded, appropriate job descriptions completed, and posting guidelines fulfilled. The effective date for these salaries will be the beginning of the next SPA pay period following board approval.

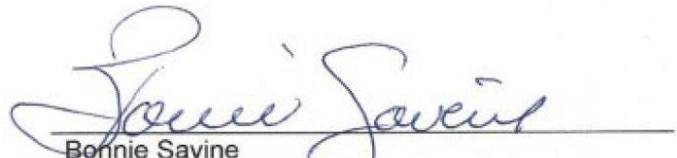
**There are no recommendations for approval this month**



**5. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) New Hire Ratification**

Board of Director Ratification of salaries, for new SPA employees hired from outside the District, is required to confirm the salary within the grade established for the position. Authorization to ratify the annual salary of SPA employees hired from outside the District will be requested each month, if appropriate.

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Chris Rhen</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	Director, Information Technology Infrastructure (Information Technology)
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$150,000; SPA – 8D
<b>District hire date:</b>	September 26, 2022



Bonnie Savine  
Vice President, Human Resources



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Mark A. Mendenhall  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel



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# West Dodge Pump Station

## October Board Meeting Update

**153<sup>rd</sup> & West Dodge Road**



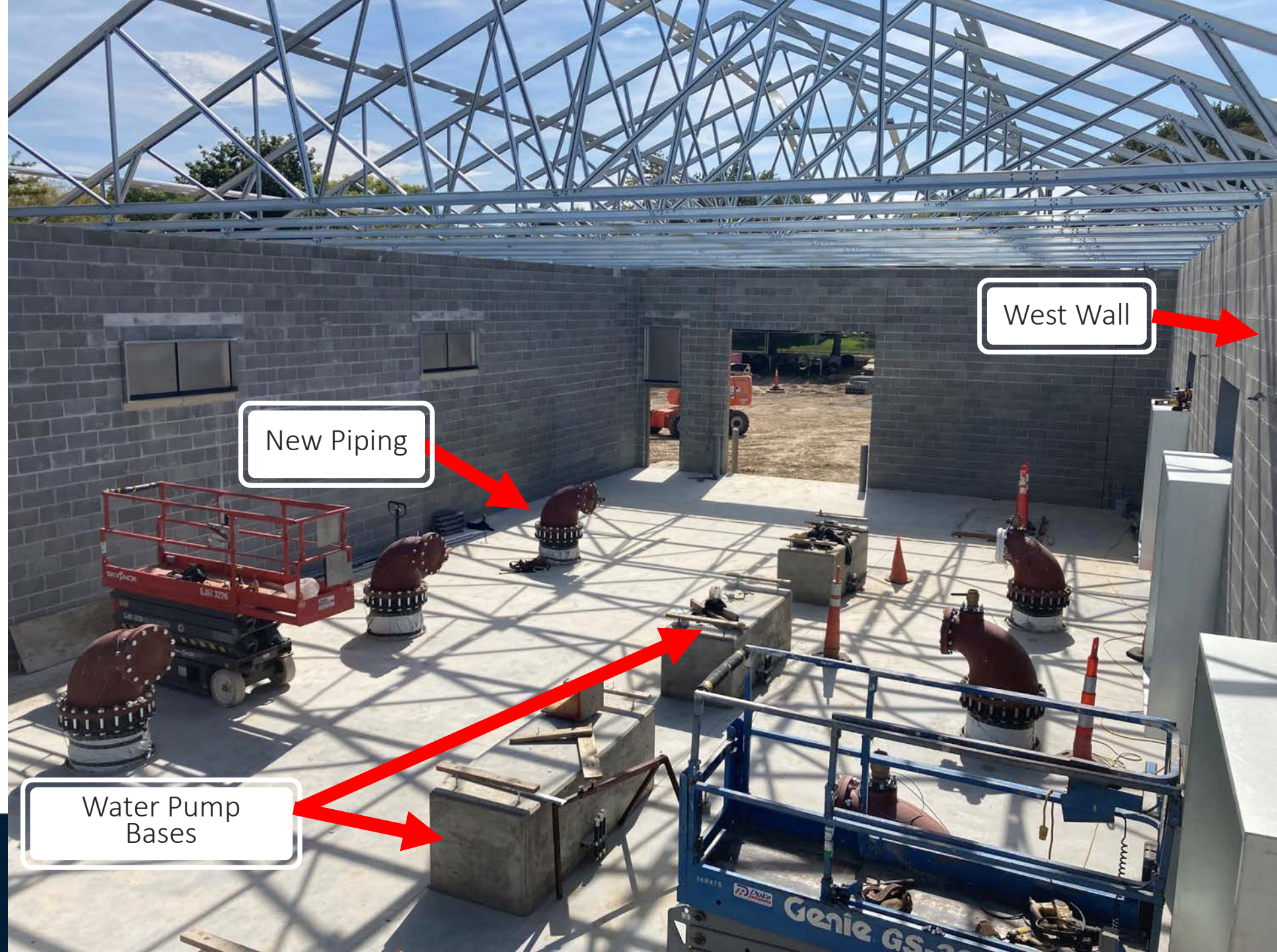


Roof Truss  
Installation –  
Looking East

9/30/22



View from  
Inside the Pump  
Station –  
Concrete Floor  
Poured – Truss  
Installation -  
Looking South



New Piping

West Wall

Water Pump  
Bases

9/30/22





New Piping

Looking North Towards  
West Dodge Road

New West  
Wall

Water Pump Bases

8/1/22





Roof Trusses Installed  
– Roof Installation  
Begins –  
Looking South

10/4/22





Roof Trusses  
Installed – Roof  
Installation –  
Looking North

10/4/22



# Rendering of West Dodge Pump Station



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