

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Public Hearing & Committee Meetings Agenda**

**8:15 a.m.**

**May 3, 2023**

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

**Public Hearing**

1. Proposed Updates to the Billing Price Book  
[Stephanie Lemonds – Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis] - **Tab 5**
2. Invitation for Public to Comment

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

1. Capital Expenditures [Mike Koenig - VP, Water Operations] – **Tab 6**
2. LNG Capital Improvement Project – Supplemental Capital Expenditure Approval  
[Jim Knight – VP, Gas Operations] – **Tab 7**
3. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates  
[Stephanie Henn – Director, Plant Engineering] – **Tab 8**
4. Bids on Materials and Contracts  
[Jon Zellars – Vice-President, Procurement & Enterprise Services] – **Tab 9**
5. Amendment No. 1 – Professional Services to Design Water Mains for Phase 1B of the Gemini Development Project [Masa Niiya –VP, Engineering] – **Tab 10**
6. Amendment No. 1 – Southeast Bellevue Water Main Extensions Project with HDR Engineering, Inc. [Masa Niiya –VP, Engineering] – **Tab 11**

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

1. Main Extensions [Masa Niiya –VP, Engineering] – **Tab 12**

**Personnel – Begley, Sidzyik, Friend**

1. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications  
[Bonnie Savine – VP, Human Resources] - **Tab 13**
2. Collective Bargaining Agreement  
[Bonnie Savine – VP, Human Resources] - **Tab 14**

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

1. Fourth Legislative Report for 2023  
[Rick Kubat – Governmental Relations Attorney] – **Tab 15**

**Public Comment**

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

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

**9:00 a.m.**

**May 3, 2023**

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|  | 1. Roll Call   |
|  | 2. Open Meetings Act Notice  |
|  | 3. Pledge of Allegiance  |
|  | 4. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings & Regular Board Meeting for April 5, 2023                            |
| ACCOUNTS,<br>EXPENDITURES,<br>FINANCE &<br>RATES | 5. Proposed Updates to the Billing Price Book (RESOLUTION)   |
| CONSTRUCTION<br>& OPERATIONS                     | 6. Capital Expenditures  |
|  | 7. LNG Capital Improvement Project – Supplemental Capital Expenditure Approval                                   |
|  | 8. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates  |
|  | 9. Bids on Materials and Contracts   |
|  | 10. Amendment No. 1 – Professional Services to Design Water Mains for Phase 1B of the Gemini Development Project |
|  | 11. Amendment No. 1 – Southeast Bellevue Water Main Extensions Project with HDR Engineering, Inc.                |
| SERVICES &<br>EXTENSIONS                         | 12. Main Extensions  |
| PERSONNEL  | 13. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications   |
|  | 14. Collective Bargaining Agreement  |
| JUDICIAL &<br>LEGISLATIVE                        | 15. Fourth Legislative Report for 2023   |
| BOARD  | 16. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion  |
|  | 17. Public Comment   |
|  | 18. CLOSED SESSION – Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate   |

**Adjourn Regular Board Meeting**

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

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of Committee Meetings**  
**April 5, 2023**

Chairperson Tanya Cook 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, March 26, 2023, and on its online platform for seven consecutive days beginning with the date of the first print publication. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at [www.mudomaha.com](http://www.mudomaha.com) and other social media platforms. Agendas and all pertinent Board materials to be presented at the April 5, 2023, Committee and Board Meetings were emailed to Directors and posted to the MUD website by April 3, 2023.

Chairperson Cook 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**

Safety Manager Shane Docken 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 attendance: Dave Friend, Bob Sidzyik, Mike McGowan, Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook.

**Open Meetings Act Notice**

Chairperson Cook 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, Sidzyik, Cavanaugh**

Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer Gina Langel presented the proposed capital expenditures as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated March 31, 2023.

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 March 24, 2023.

Vice-President of Procurement & Enterprise Services Jon Zellars reviewed the bids on materials and contracts as outlined in the letter to the Committee from Director of Procurement Sherri Meisinger dated March 24, 2023.

**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 March 27, 2023.

**Personnel - Begley, Sidzyik, 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 March 23, 2023.

**Judicial & Legislative - Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard**

Governmental Relations Attorney Rick Kubat presented the Third Legislative Report for 2023 as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 28, 2023. Mr. Kubat noted that LB 785 has been added to the Report due to a proposed amendment (AM 865) that has been offered which seeks to allocate \$30 million in ARPA grant funding to the District for removal of lead service lines. Management recommended taking a position in support of the amendment and the bill.

Senior Vice-President and General Counsel Mark Mendenhall presented the proposed condemnation authority for property located at 168<sup>th</sup> Street and Capehart Road in Sarpy County as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 29, 2023, and the accompanying Resolution. Development of the proposed Southwest Water Reservoir and associated pump station along with large diameter water main extensions along 168<sup>th</sup> Street are needed to support the surrounding commercial and residential growth in the 20-acre area. Multiple attempts at reaching a consensus with the property owners to obtain permanent and temporary easements have been unsuccessful but efforts to find a mutually agreeable resolution will be ongoing.

**Governance – Begley, Cook, Cavanaugh**

Mr. Mendenhall presented the proposed Rules of Order and Procedure, Statement of Values and Code of Ethics as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 29, 2023. Mr. Mendenhall noted that the proposed guidelines were first presented at the February 1, 2023, Board Meeting and Directors were encouraged to review them. The Governance Committee was convened on March 24, 2023, and the Committee offered further edits and also recommended that the guidelines be incorporated into the Board of

Directors' Bylaws. President Doyle commented that the purpose of the Rules of Order & Procedure is to commit current Board practice to written form.

**Insurance & Pensions - Howard, McGowan, Cook**

Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Myers introduced the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 28, 2023. He stated that this report contains two key pieces of information. The first item is the District's Actuarially Determined Contribution to the Pension Plan for 2023 which has been calculated to be \$10.2 million. However, management is recommending a contribution of \$11.1 million consistent with the amount assumed in the 2023 Budget. This is approximately \$900,000 above the required contribution level and is consistent with the District's historical practice of contributing more than the actuarially determined amount. This additional amount will contribute toward the unfunded actuarial liability and serve to offset the impact of any unfavorable results that may occur in 2023 compared to actuarial assumptions. The second item highlighted was the actuarial funded ratio which is 93.9%. This is slightly down from last year's ratio of 97%.

Mr. Myers introduced Pat Beckham, Principal and Consulting Actuary for Cavanaugh Macdonald, to review in greater detail the Retirement Plan for Employees of M.U.D. Director Begley noted that District retirees have a guaranteed 3% 'cost of living adjustment (COLA) and inquired as to how MUD compares to other companies. Ms. Beckham reported that many plans do not have guaranteed COLA's due to their expensiveness. It is more common for companies to have a guaranteed COLA at a 1% rate or alternatively, offer it on an ad hoc basis.

**Audit Committee - McGowan, Howard, Begley**

Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Myers introduced the 2022 Audited Financial Statement prepared by RSM, the District's external auditors, as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 28, 2023. He noted that the District received an unmodified or "clean" audit opinion, meaning that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of both the Gas and Water divisions as of December 31, 2022. Robert Kreiser, RSM Senior Assurance Manager, reported that the results of the audit were reviewed with the MUD Board's Audit Committee on March 20, 2023. He elaborated on the external audit findings and report and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

**Accounts, Expenditures, Finance & Rates - McGowan, Begley, Cook**

Mr. Myers provided an overview of the District's financial highlights in his 2022 Financial Recap presentation and thanked Accounting Department staff members for their valuable assistance in assembling the presentation materials. He noted that the District performed very well for the year with revenue exceeding budget for both the Gas and Water companies. He reviewed metrics that are used to measure the District's

financial condition. Of particular note was the debt service coverage ratio as it relates to the water and gas revenue bonds. Mr. Myers reported that the District continues to be in compliance with this requirement. Mr. Myers also reported on the District's pension and OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) funding, noting that the funding ratio for the pension plan is currently at 94% as was discussed earlier in the meeting, and that the District continues to bolster the OPEB trust which is responsible for retiree medical claims and fees. Another metric pointed out by Mr. Myers is the District's favorable credit rating given by the three primary rating agencies which is a positive indicator of the District's financial strength.

### **Committee of the Whole**

Director of Infrastructure Integrity Jared Svagera and Senior Infrastructure Engineer Evan Martin presented the Infrastructure Replacement (IR) Program Update.

Mr. Svagera presented a 2008 map of the gas distribution system when the IR Program was first launched, showing in stark contrast the 560 miles of low pressure and cast iron gas mains in need of replacement versus a 2022 map of the 134 miles that have yet to be replaced. The past year was marked by significant events, one being the supply chain disruptions that prevented the acquisition of much needed service materials during 2022. Though the main replacement mileage goal for 2022 was impacted, those projects that were delayed will be carried over into the current and next year (2023 and 2024). The goal for the current year is 40 miles of gas main replacements.

Mr. Svagera also discussed the comprehensive risk model, developed in 2020 and further refined in 2022, that is used to assess the risk of water main failures and ensures that decisions regarding renewal or replacement are better informed, strategic and less costly. The risk model employs multiple factors and assigns weighted importance to each variable which is used to calculate a total relative risk of failure. The District undertook an in-depth analysis of last year's 597 water main failures which revealed that pipe age was not the primary factor contributing to main breaks. Other factors to consider include break history, characteristics of the main, customer service impact, and community disruption.

Mr. Martin reviewed the District's Condition Assessment Program, pointing out various new technologies, techniques, inspection processes and materials that are being explored, piloted or deployed to expand the alternatives to main replacements when warranted. Mr. Martin provided a number of examples of various technologies to assess pipe condition currently being used in this regard such as the SeeSnake, HydraSnake, PipeDiver, leak loggers, and more. He also showed examples of some of the new leak detection technologies that are in the exploratory stage such as the Nautilus In-line inspection tool and the pCAT. The wide array of options for pipe condition and leak detection will continue to further advance the District's ability to craft a more strategic approach and dramatically improve cost and labor efficiencies.

**Public Comment**

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

Chairperson Cook asked if any Board Members had any comments they would like to share. There were none.

At 10:06 a.m., Chairperson Cook announced the Committee Meetings had concluded and that the Board would reconvene in ten minutes for the regular monthly Board Meeting.



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Mark Mendenhall  
Senior Vice-President & General Counsel

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**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**April 5, 2023**

Chairperson Tanya Cook called to order the regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 10:21 a.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

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**AGENDA NO.1**

**ROLL CALL**

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their attendance: Dave Friend, Bob Sidzyik, Mike McGowan, Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook.

**AGENDA NO. 2**

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE**

Chairperson Cook 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 Cook 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 MARCH 1, 2023**

Director Cavanaugh moved to approve the minutes for the Committee Meetings and regular monthly Board Meeting for March 1, 2023, which was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 5**

##### **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed capital expenditures as presented in the Committee Meetings by Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer Gina Langel and as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated March 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Friend, Sidzyik, 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 proposed acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as presented in the Committee Meetings by Director of Plant Engineering Stephanie Henn and as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated March 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 7**

##### **BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS**

Director Friend moved to approve the bids on materials and contracts as presented to the Committee by Vice-President of Procurement & Enterprise Services Jon Zellars and as outlined in the letter dated March 24, 2023 from Director of Purchasing Sherri Meisinger. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

**AGENDA NO. 8**  
**MAIN EXTENSIONS**

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed main extensions as presented by Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 27, 2023, which was seconded by Director Cavanaugh and carried on a roll call vote.

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

**AGENDA NO. 9**  
**WAGE AND/OR SALARY INCREASES AND RATIFICATIONS**

Director Begley moved to approve the wage and/or salary increases and ratifications as presented by Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine in the Committee Meeting and as outlined in her letter dated March 23, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

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

**AGENDA NO. 10**  
**THIRD LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR 2023**

Director Cavanaugh moved to approve the Third Legislative Report for 2023 as presented by Governmental Relations Attorney Rick Kubat, and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

**AGENDA NO. 11**  
**CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY FOR 168<sup>TH</sup> & CAPEHART ROAD IN SARPY COUNTY (RESOLUTION)**

Director Cavanaugh moved to approve the condemnation authority for property located at 168<sup>th</sup> & Capehart Road in Sarpy County as presented by Mr. Mendenhall in the Committee Meetings and as outlined in his letter dated March 29, 2023 and the accompanying Resolution. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

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

**AGENDA NO. 12**  
**RULES OF ORDER & PROCEDURE, STATEMENT OF VALUES & CODE OF ETHICS**

Director Begley moved to approve the Rules of Order and Procedure, Statement of Values and Code of Ethics as presented by Mr. Mendenhall in the Committee Meetings

and as outlined in his letter dated March 29, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

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

#### **AGENDA NO. 13**

##### **ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT ON THE RETIREMENT PLAN**

Director Howard requested that the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan and the GASB 67 & 68 Report be placed on file.

Director Howard moved to approve the contribution to the pension plan consistent with Management's recommendations as presented by Mr. Myers in the Committee meetings and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

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

#### **AGENDA NO. 14**

##### **2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Director McGowan requested that the 2022 Audited Financial Statement as presented in the Committee meetings and as outlined in the letter to the Committee from Mr. Myers dated March 28, 2023, be placed on file.

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

#### **AGENDA NO. 15**

##### **PRESIDENT'S PERFORMANCE & SALARY REVIEW**

Director Begley moved to approve a 4.5% general salary increase for President Doyle and any progression increase, consistent with the percentage for SPA employees for the 2023 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

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

#### **AGENDA NO. 16**

##### **OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

Chairperson Cook asked whether any Directors had any matters of District business for discussion. There were none.

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

Chairperson Cook asked whether any members of the public were present who wished to address the Board. There were none.

**AGENDA NO. 18**  
**CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION, PERSONNEL & REAL ESTATE**

At 10:33 a.m., Director Begley moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel and real estate, which was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

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

At 11:14 a.m., Director Begley moved to return to Open Session which was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

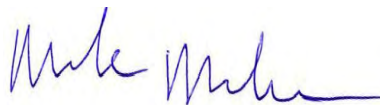
Voting Yes: Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook  
Voting No: None

Chairperson Cook asked if any Directors or members of the public had any comments to share. There were none.

Director Friend moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

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

The regular monthly Board meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



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Mark Mendenhall  
Senior Vice-President & General Counsel

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# **BILLING PRICE BOOK UPDATE**

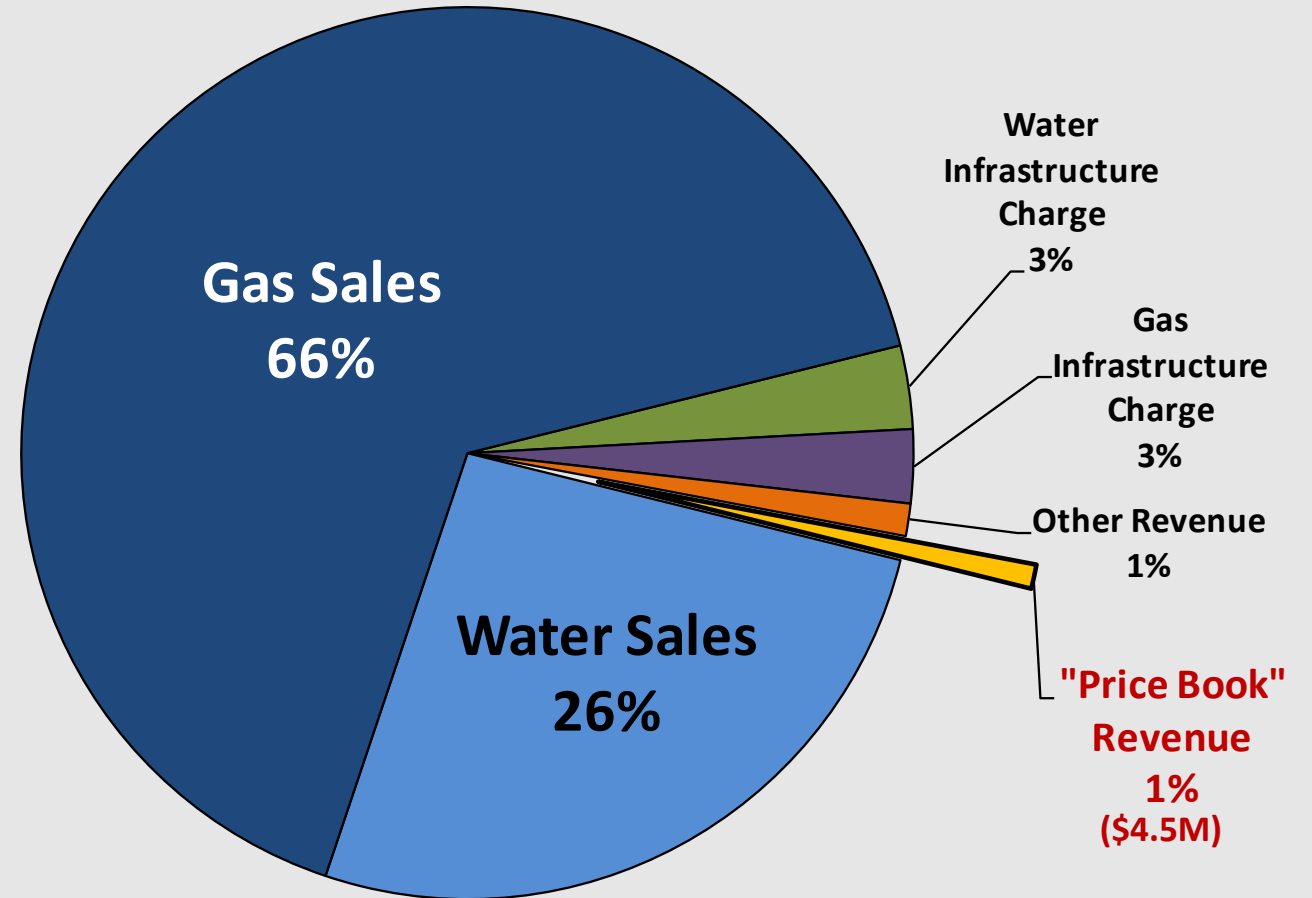
**MAY 3, 2023**

# BILLING PRICE BOOK - BACKGROUND

- Establishes prices for services and materials provided to customers and contractors
- Typically updated annually with revised pricing effective on June 1st
- Generally structured to recover the District's costs with certain exceptions, such as:
  - “Penalty” fees (i.e. Service Diversion charges)
  - Turn-on Charge for Collection Accounts
- No new billing items proposed in 2023

# COMPONENTS OF REVENUE

- Total Gas and Water revenue in 2022 was \$506.8 million
- “Price Book” revenue was \$4.5 million or 1% of total revenue



# FREQUENTLY BILLED SERVICES

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Field Services Labor				
Rate for 30 minutes (including travel)	\$ 121.00	\$ 121.00	\$ -	n/a
Hourly rate after 1/2 hour	\$ 176.00	\$ 176.00	\$ -	n/a
2) Turn on Gas and/or Water Service				
a) New accounts, transfers - Scheduled	\$ 98.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.00	2.0%
b) New accounts, transfers - Unscheduled-Priority	\$ 124.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 2.00	1.6%
c) Collection accounts - Priority	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	n/a
3) Water Meter Installation				
3/4" with ERT	\$ 344.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 6.00	1.7%
4) Water Main Tap and Inspection				
1" Corporation	\$ 439.00	\$ 439.00	\$ -	n/a



# PRICES INCREASING > 15%

RIISING COST OF MATERIALS IS DRIVING PRICE INCREASES

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Taps on PVC Mains 12 x 1	\$ 513.00	\$ 639.00	\$ 126.00	24.56%
2) Large Water Taps - Taps on All Mains 16 x 2	\$ 1,567.00	\$ 1,876.00	\$ 309.00	19.72%

# PRICES INCREASING > \$200

(ITEMS NOT PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED)

MATERIAL COSTS ALSO DRIVING THESE PRICE INCREASES

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Water Meter Pricing - Plumber installs meter 4" Compound with remote	\$ 3,069.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 241.00	7.85%

<u>New Billing Items</u>	None
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**UTILITIES DISTRICT**

# METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Departmental Communication

APPROVED BY BOARD

April 25, 2023

**Subject:** REVISION OF PRICES FOR SERVICE WORK AND MATERIALS-BILLING PRICE BOOK

**To:** Committee on Accounts, Expenditures, Finance and Rates  
cc: All Board Members; Doyle, Langel, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Ausdemore, Myers and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Stephanie Lemonds, Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis

A detailed review of the costs to perform various types of service work has recently been completed, the outcome of which is detailed on the attached schedules. These schedules, once approved, are assembled and become our Billing Price Book. To facilitate review, the detailed schedules are accompanied by two summary schedules, as follows:

- Schedule #1 - Frequently Billed Services;
- Schedule #2 - Most Significant Proposed Price Increases and New Billing Items

To provide some perspective, the revenue resulting from items contained in the Billing Price Book generated approximately 0.9% of the District's consolidated revenue in 2022. Despite this, we approach this process with considerable diligence to ensure we employ the best methodologies to derive the cost associated with these services, as it has been our practice to employ a "cost recovery" philosophy when deriving prices. Additionally, there are a few items that are not cost based, but rather serve as penalty fees to dissuade undesirable behavior (e.g. penalty fee for turning on service that has been disconnected).

These proposed prices will be reviewed at a Public Hearing as part of the May 3, 2023 Committee Meeting and will be on the agenda of the May 3, 2023 Board Meeting. It is recommended that the proposed updated prices for service work and materials be approved with an effective date of June 1, 2023. The proposed effective date should allow sufficient time to provide notice to local building contractors.

*Stephanie A. Lemonds*  
Stephanie A. Lemonds  
Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis



Mark F. Myers  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer



Mark E. Doyle  
President

Attachments

**Metropolitan Utilities District**  
**Billing Price Book**  
**Summary of Frequently Billed Services-Proposed Changes**  
**Public Hearing - May 3, 2023**

Schedule #1

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Field Services Labor				
Rate for 30 minutes (including travel)	\$ 121.00	\$ 121.00	\$ -	n/a
Hourly rate after 1/2 hour	\$ 176.00	\$ 176.00	\$ -	n/a
2) Turn on Gas and/or Water Service				
a) New accounts, transfers - Scheduled	\$ 98.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.00	2.0%
b) New accounts, transfers - Unscheduled-Priority	\$ 124.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 2.00	1.6%
c) Collection accounts - Priority	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	n/a
3) Water Meter Installation				
3/4" with ERT	\$ 344.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 6.00	1.7%
4) Water Main Tap and Inspection				
1" Corporation	\$ 439.00	\$ 439.00	\$ -	n/a

Metropolitan Utilities District  
Billing Price Book  
Summary of Most Significant Proposed Price Increases  
Public Hearing - May 3, 2023

Schedule #2

**% Increase > 15%**

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Taps on PVC Mains 12 x 1	\$ 513.00	\$ 639.00	\$ 126.00	24.56%
2) Large Water Taps - Taps on All Mains 16 x 2	\$ 1,567.00	\$ 1,876.00	\$ 309.00	19.72%

**Absolute Dollar Increases >\$200 Not Addressed Above**

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Water Meter Pricing - Plumber installs meter 4" Compound with remote	\$ 3,069.00	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 241.00	7.85%

**New Billing Items**

None

## Metropolitan Utilities District

### PROPOSED REVISIONS OF DISTRICT BILLING PRICES

It is recommended that the following hourly rates and fixed prices be adjusted as proposed effective June 1, 2023.

Current Billing Price <u>Book Page</u>		<u>Present Price</u>	<u>Proposed Price</u>
1	Field Services Labor:		
	<u>Rate for 30 minutes - on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	\$ 121.00	\$ 121.00
	One employee - overtime	143.00	143.00
	Two employees - straight time	235.00	235.00
	Two employees - overtime	280.00	280.00
	<u>Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	176.00	176.00
	One employee - overtime	209.00	209.00
	Two employees - straight time	344.00	344.00
	Two employees - overtime	410.00	410.00
1	Repeat CGI charge - second trip if CGI and subsequent trips if CGI	65.00	65.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the field:		
	<u>Minimum charge - up to 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	116.00	116.00
	One employee - overtime	134.00	135.00
	Two employees - straight time	208.00	210.00
	Two employees - overtime	243.00	244.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the field		
	<u>Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	169.00	170.00
	One employee - overtime	196.00	197.00
	Two employees - straight time	305.00	307.00
	Two employees - overtime	356.00	358.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the shop		
	Straight time rate per hour	134.00	134.00

**Current  
Billing Price  
Book Page**

**Present  
Price**

**Proposed  
Price**

5	Water Distribution labor rates for operating hydrants which includes furnishing hose		
	<u>Minimum charge - up to 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	\$ 82.00	\$ 82.00
	One employee - overtime	100.00	100.00
	Two employees - straight time	158.00	158.00
	Two employees - overtime	193.00	193.00
	<u>Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	121.00	121.00
	One employee - overtime	146.00	146.00
	Two employees - straight time	231.00	231.00
	Two employees - overtime	282.00	282.00
8	Replace flexible connector - per trip ( plus material )	61.00	61.00
8	Pilot lighting (furnace, water heater, etc.) (To include gas leak calls where there is none)	121.00	121.00
8	Repair and/ or Service Range or Dryer Connect / Disconnect Range or Dryer ( Does not include fuel line installations )	T &M 61.00	T &M 61.00
9	<u>Inspection fee - requiring two men - per unit charge - commercial and industrial</u>	150.00	150.00
	* Each additional unit - same address - same application	75.00	75.00
9	<u>Inspection fee - gas fired appliances - residential, commercial and industrial, requiring one man</u>		
	First unit each application	98.00	98.00
	* Each additional unit - same address - same application	48.00	48.00
9	<u>Failure to pass inspection for the third and each subsequent inspection</u>		
	First unit - each application	98.00	98.00
	* Each additional unit - same address - same application	48.00	48.00
	* Defined as 3 or more units. Discount for multiple inspections would apply to buildings with one accessible address. Multiple bays, duplexes, condos, and townhomes would not receive this discount.		
9	Air test gas fuel lines for commercial customers	124.00	124.00



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11	<u>Turn-on gas and/or water service</u>		
	Regular turn-on, MUD reads meter	\$ 98.00	\$ 100.00
	Regular turn-on, priority service, MUD reads meter	124.00	126.00
	Move in; service is on	15.00	15.00
	Leave on for default	15.00	15.00
11	Turn-on gas and/or water service after turn-off for non-payment of bills or violation of District rules	75.00	75.00
11	Damage to special locking device (gas/water)	57.00	58.00
11	Apartment ownership changes - per turn-on	98.00	100.00
	Apartment ownership changes - max per apartment address	209.00	209.00
12	Finders Fee - Payable to Person Reporting		
	Unauthorized use of water and/or gas	35.00	35.00
	Unauthorized use of hydrant	35.00	35.00
	Party striking water hydrant	35.00	35.00
	Vandalism which causes unmetered use	35.00	35.00
12	<u>Service diversion charge</u>		
	Residential - Water or Gas Service Bypass	486.00	486.00
	Commercial - Water or Gas Service Bypass	486.00	486.00
	Unauthorized use of hydrant - Bypass	486.00	486.00
	( Includes improper use of backflow meter assembly )		
	Unauthorized Turn on Fee	31.00	31.00
12	Trip Charge for Residential & Commercial Shut-off	52.00	53.00
	- Fee for sending a Collector out to shut off gas or water service on a residential or commercial account		
12	Monthly Manual Read Fee	25.00	25.00
	- For customer's electing not to have ERT on their meters.		
12	Submeter - monthly charge to read		
	Monthly Charge to Read - Water	10.00	10.00
	Monthly Charge to Read - Gas	9.00	9.00
12	Insufficient fund check charge	40.00	43.00
12	Default Notification/Revert Letters		\$2 additional fee to leave on agreement price
			(Addition to the "default" prices above)
12	Preparing Customer Documents		
	Costs may be charged pursuant to the provisions of the Public Records Statute.		

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**Water Meter Pricing**

**Prices with Couplings and Nipple**

**All New Construction Must Be 3/4" Meters Or Larger**

**1. MUD installs Meter (No sales tax)**

	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter</u>			
13	5/8"	Meter with ERT	\$	315.00	\$ 320.00
	3/4"	Meter with ERT		344.00	350.00
	1"	Meter with ERT		381.00	386.00
	ERTs in meter vaults - add \$70.00 to the above prices				

13	<b>2. Plumber installs meter (add sales tax)</b>				
	(Includes Flange)				
	1-1/2"	Disc w/ ERT		544.00	615.00
	2"	Disc w/ ERT		721.00	772.00
	2"	Turbo w/ Remote		993.00	1,008.00
	3"	Turbo w/ Remote		937.00	952.00
	3"	Compound w/ Remote		1,959.00	1,990.00
	4"	Turbo w/ Strainer and Remote		1,736.00	1,763.00
	4"	Compound w/ Remote		3,069.00	3,310.00
	6"	Turbo w/ Strainer and Remote		3,082.00	3,131.00
	ERTs in meter vaults - add \$70.00 to the above prices (plus sales tax)				

13	<b>3. Install water remote - over 3" meters</b>			T &M	T &M
	(when ERT installation is not compatible on compound/ large meters )				

14	<b>Riser and Box Covers</b>				
	5/8" X 9" riser			149.00	170.00
	24" Cover and ring for new service with outside meter box			267.00	267.00
	Vandal proof box for post-mounted remote index for water meter in pit			10.00	10.00

**14 Cash Allowances**

			<b>Trade-in allowance</b>	
	5/8"	Disc	5.00	5.00
	3/4"	Disc	5.50	5.50
	1"	Disc	7.00	7.00

The above allowances are for meters originally purchased by the District and for meters purchased by water systems now operated by the District. Meters 1-1/2" and larger must be appraised by the Measurement Division to determine cash or trade-in allowance.

The full sales price for water meters will be collected at the time of sale unless prior appraisal for the trade-in has been received from the Measurement Division.

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14	<u>Testing Water Meters at Customer's Request</u> Meter determined to be 2% fast or less Meter more than 2% fast Water meter 1-1/2" or larger	\$ 113.00 No charge T &M	\$ 113.00 No charge T &M
15	<u>Hydrant Backflow Assembly</u>  1. Hydrant Use Agreement, Rental Fees & Deposits a) License requirement - all firms or persons requesting use of District fire hydrants must sign a hydrant equipment license agreement and adhere to the District's operating instructions for use of hydrants. b) All firms or persons using District fire hydrants must rent a hydrant backflow assembly from the District or purchase and install a meter in accordance with the District's Vehicle-Mounted Water Meter Agreement. c) All water used through meters installed in accordance with the District's Vehicle-Mounted Water Meter Agreement will be billed at regular Schedule W-2 water rates plus sales tax which is in addition to rental fees.		
15	2. Rental Fees - Hydrant Assembly Processing & testing charge Daily fee plus sales tax (March 1 - November 30) Daily fee plus sales tax (December 1 - February 28)  Deposit* * Not required if applicant is a current customer residing in MUD service area with active business account with a good credit experience.	150.00 15.00 25.00  750.00	150.00 15.00 25.00  750.00
17	<u>Water Main Connection Charges</u> Connection charge rate for mains installed prior to 1989 Contact Builder & Contractor Services for rate  Connection charge rate for mains installed in 1989 through 1993 (price per foot)  Residential lots or parcel Commercial lots or parcel - 6" Main Commercial lots or parcel - 8" Main or larger  Connection charge rate for mains installed after 1993 Charge is based on the actual cost of the main. Contact Accounting for rate.		

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17	<u>Private Water Line Fees</u> Residential Lot	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 4,985.00
	No additional charges will be made against the original applicant if and when a main is extended to abut their property.		
	Commercial Lot	6,035.00	6,230.00
	The flat charge will be credited towards future connection charges and if and when a main is extended to abut their property.		
18	<u>Hydrant Flow Test</u> Fee for performing a hydrant flow test at customer's request	351.00	351.00
18	<u>Florence Water Sales</u> (sales tax inc.)	0.25 120 gallons	0.25 110 gallons
18	<u>Operating Water Curb Stop Valves for Turn-off/on Requests</u> Emergency turn-off Turn-on following emergency Customers convenience water off request at stop-box	No charge 98.00 98.00	No charge 100.00 100.00
	<u>Locating Water Stop Boxes</u>		
18	Tracing out water lines - Commercial - Minimum Charge	T&M 121.00	T&M 121.00
19	<u>Tap and Inspection</u> 3/4" corporation 1" corporation - 6" to 18" main Inspection of service - pretapped mains	421.00 439.00 79.00	421.00 439.00 79.00
	Once approved, an additional water inspection fee will apply to any service connections made by a licensed master plumber on a master water service. Normal tapping fees will apply if the connection to the private water main is made by MUD.	79.00	79.00
	Inspection of existing service approved for reuse	79.00	79.00
	Taps not ready when called for	261.00	266.00
	Extra charge for special tap (taps not called for by 2:00 p.m. the previous day)	79.00	79.00
	4 x 1 taps	533.00	607.00
19	<del>Corporation Price (not including labor)</del> <del>3/4"</del> <del>1"</del> <del>1 1/2"</del> <del>2"</del>	<del>74.00</del> <del>99.00</del> <del>212.00</del> <del>407.00</del>	

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20	Taps on PVC Mains (includes saddle)		
	4x3/4"	\$ 531.00	\$ 523.00
	4X1	502.00	561.00
	6x3/4"	527.00	519.00
	6X1	567.00	550.00
	8x3/4"	556.00	533.00
	8X1	580.00	587.00
	10x3/4"	595.00	576.00
	10X1	538.00	534.00
	12X1	513.00	639.00
20	Taps on HDPE Mains		
	6x3/4"	T&M	T&M
	6X1	T&M	T&M
	8x3/4"	T&M	T&M
	8X1	T&M	T&M
	12X1	T&M	T&M
	<u>Large Water Taps</u>		
	Taps on All Mains (excluding PVC)		
21	1-1/2" and 2" Water Taps (by size)		
	6 x 1-1/2	723.00	748.00
	6 x 2	925.00	1,003.00
	8 x 1-1/2	751.00	797.00
	8 x 2	970.00	1,004.00
	10 x 1-1/2	704.00	731.00
	10 x 2	936.00	973.00
	12 x 1-1/2	825.00	858.00
	12 x 2	1,019.00	1,141.00
	14 x 1-1/2	767.00	781.00
	14 x 2	1,338.00	1,368.00
	16 x 1-1/2	1,345.00	1,399.00
	16 x 2	1,567.00	1,876.00

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22	Large Water Taps *		
	4 x 4	\$ 4,031.00	\$ 4,022.00 **
	6 x 4	2,703.00	2,753.00
	6 x 6	5,035.00	4,933.00 **
	8 x 4	2,902.00	2,905.00
	8 x 6	3,381.00	3,275.00
	8 x 8	5,901.00	5,676.00 **
	10 x 4	2,905.00	2,916.00
	10 x 6	3,130.00	3,111.00
	10 x 8	4,435.00	4,146.00
	12 x 4	3,054.00	2,971.00
	12 x 6	3,460.00	3,302.00
	12 x 8	4,212.00	4,029.00
	12 x 12	8,476.00	7,833.00 **
	16 x 4	3,359.00	3,332.00
	16 x 6	3,597.00	3,565.00
	16 x 8	4,352.00	4,381.00
	16 x 12	6,432.00	5,586.00

\* material for taps includes tapping sleeve, MJX flange gate valve, machine bolts and nuts for valve, full face gasket, MJ plug and/or equivalent material.

\*\* price includes cutting in tee - instead of using tapping sleeve.

**Note: The above prices are for tapping existing water mains, or for installation with a new main. Prices for sizes not listed are to be obtained from the Engineering Division on an individual basis.**

23	<u>Large Water Service Cut Offs</u>		
	The following prices apply when a contractor excavates the main and MUD only does the cut off.		
	4"	4,935.00	5,130.00
	6"	5,029.00	5,198.00
	8"	5,085.00	5,280.00
	10"	5,784.00	5,979.00
	12"	5,877.00	6,072.00
	14"	6,798.00	6,993.00
	16"	7,401.00	7,596.00
25	Backflow prevention testing	102.00	102.00
	Testing multiple backflow devices under same ownership and same general vicinity	T & M	T & M
	- Minimum charge	102.00	102.00
26	Valves and valve boxes - repair or replacement of private valves and valve boxes	T & M	T & M
26	Test water for possible lead contamination	196.00	199.00

27 - 28 IMPACT FEE

As new water demands are connected to the distribution system, additional capacity is needed to assure adequate flows and pressures from source of supply to general areas of consumption. Such capacity may be achieved through the building of reservoirs and/or pump stations in addition to looping, oversizing, enlarging, and reinforcing portions of the water distribution system. The purpose of the impact fee is to pay for a major portion of these growth related costs without placing additional undue burden on existing customers.

The impact fee is based on the added demand to the water system, as measured by the size of the water meter.

Effective June 1, 2023

METER		CONTINUOUS * FLOW RATING		
SIZE	TYPE		CURRENT	NEW
		Rate per gpm	\$ 93.91	\$ 100.58
5/8"	Disc	10 gpm	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,006.00
3/4"	Disc	15 gpm	\$ 1,409.00	\$ 1,509.00
1"	Disc	25 gpm	\$ 2,348.00	\$ 2,515.00
1 1/2"	Disc	50 gpm	\$ 4,696.00	\$ 5,029.00
2"	Disc	80 gpm	\$ 7,513.00	\$ 8,046.00
2"	Turbo	160 gpm	\$ 15,026.00	\$ 16,093.00
3"	Compound	160 gpm	\$ 15,026.00	\$ 16,093.00
3"	Turbo	350 gpm	\$ 32,869.00	\$ 35,203.00
4"	Compound	250 gpm	\$ 23,478.00	\$ 25,145.00
4"	Turbo	1000 gpm	\$ 93,910.00	\$ 100,580.00
6"	Compound	500 gpm	\$ 46,955.00	\$ 50,290.00
6"	Turbo	2000 gpm	\$ 187,820.00	\$ 201,160.00
8"	Turbo	2800 gpm	\$ 262,948.00	\$ 281,624.00
10"	Turbo	3200 gpm	\$ 300,512.00	\$ 321,856.00

\* Manufacturer's rating

Impact Fees will be assessed on each water meter purchased from the District. The fees will be assessed on the size of the meter. When upgrading to any larger size meter, the applicant will pay the difference in impact fees, at the current rates, between the existing meter and the larger meter.

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29 Gas Service Installation, Service and Meter Enlargement

A. General Requirements

1. Fixed or firm prices and deposits for estimated T&M installations will be payable at the time application is made.
2. The first 100 feet of service from property line to the meter location will be provided at no charge to the customer providing the following requirements are met :
  - The meter is installed and account activated within six months of the service installation date. If this requirement is not met, the cost of the service is \$1,485.00 (to be evaluated each year). \$ 1,485.00 \$ 1,485.00
  - The meter is located on the side of the house. However, the District reserves the right to place the service and meter in the most economical location. If this requirement is not met (i.e.-the applicant requests the meter to be placed in a non-standard location which will cause increased costs for the District), the cost of the service will be based on a firm price provided by the District. Firm Firm
3. Single dwelling unit - all above requirements are met - No charge.
4. Duplex - per service - all above requirements met - No Charge.
5. Rehab houses - new application needed - all above requirements are met - No Charge.
6. All units - excess footage charge:
  - Summer (March 16 - December 14) - \$15.30/ft (to be evaluated each year) 15.30 15.30
  - Winter (December 15 - March 15) - \$18.80/ft (to be evaluated each year) 18.80 18.80
7. A priority schedule fee of \$200.00 (to be evaluated each year) shall be billed only in those instances where the applicant requests priority scheduling. 200.00 200.00  
Gas service shall be installed within 10 working days from receipt of application.

30 B. Residential - Detached Building/Separate Service

Gas service installation shall be provided in accordance with Section A, General Requirements, Part 2 (listed above). M.U.D. shall determine if a separate service or branch service off the house service line shall be installed to supply gas to the detached building.



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30	C. <u>Other Firm Service Billings</u>		
	1. All other firm service installations and enlargements - new installation		
	a) Where installation is to provide additional gas load includes underground service piping from main to the meter.		
30	2. <u>Service and/or meter relocation</u>		
	a) when no increase in load made	Firm	Firm
	b) when gas load and gas usage is increased	*	*
	c) Residential Only - Move service riser and meter to outside - same location	Firm	Firm
30	3. <u>Meter Enlargement, Meter Sets, Resets, Reconnections of Gas Load</u>		
	a) where installation results in increased gas load and gas usage	*	*
	b) where installation results in increased gas load but no increase in gas usage	Firm	Firm
	c) Reset residential gas meters if removed for District's convenience	No Charge	No Charge
	d) Reset commercial gas meter if removed for District's convenience	No Charge	No Charge
	e) Reconnect residential gas service cut off less than one year ago	No Charge	No Charge
31	f) Meter sets for old buildings converted to apartments, condominiums, offices and shops	No Charge	No Charge
	g) Reconnect due to condemnation - same owner.	\$ 743.00	\$ 743.00
	h) Installation of meter sets to divide building load among tenants when gas service has been previously inactive.	No Charge	No Charge
	i) Where meter installation is for dividing building load among tenants or for any other customer convenience	Firm	Firm
	j) Installation of additional gas meter in existing duplexes	Firm	Firm
	k) Consolidate load (eliminate meter)	Firm	Firm
	* Evaluate on individual basis based on projected load		
31	4. Priority Gas Service Cut-off		
	- Expedited Service: 7 working days	500.00	500.00
31	5. <u>Sub-meters</u>		
	a) Residential multiple housing units (includes ERT meter)	T & M	T & M
	b) Other	T & M	T & M
31	6. Excess Flow Valve		
	- Installation of Excess Flow Valve at customer's request	800.00	800.00
32	D. <u>Commercial-Firm New Service Installation with Main Abutting Property, Service Enlargement, Conversions and Relocations</u>		
	Marketing/Engineering will evaluate on an individual basis based on project load.		

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32	E. <u>Interruptible Service Installations, Enlargements or Relocations with Main Abutting Property</u>		
	1. New installations and enlargements	*	*
	a. Underground service piping from main to the meter	No Charge	No Charge
	b. Metering equipment and installation		
	c. Meter Reading equipment (i.e. Metretek) - customer to provide phone line and power	T &M	T &M
	2. Service Relocation	T &M	T &M
	3. Meter Relocation	T &M	T &M
	* Evaluate on individual basis based on projected load.		
	<u>METER PRICES - GAS</u>		
33	A. <u>Testing Gas Meters at Customer's Request</u>		
	Meter determined to be 2% fast or less	\$ 113.00	\$ 113.00
	Meter more than 2% fast	No Charge	No Charge
	Gas meter over 750 cubic feet per hour	T &M	T &M
33	B. <u>ERT Reading Devices</u>		
	Install ERT reading device on existing gas meter	107.00	103.00
	- scheduled or unscheduled meter change		
	D. Gas Meter Replacement	421.00	421.00
	Replacement of broken or damaged gas meter		

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha that the revision of billing prices for service work and materials as recommended by Management in a letter dated April 25, 2023, signed by Stephanie A. Lemonds, Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis, together with the attachments thereto, be and are hereby adopted, and all rates for service work and materials shall be effective June 1, 2023.

Adopted:

# METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

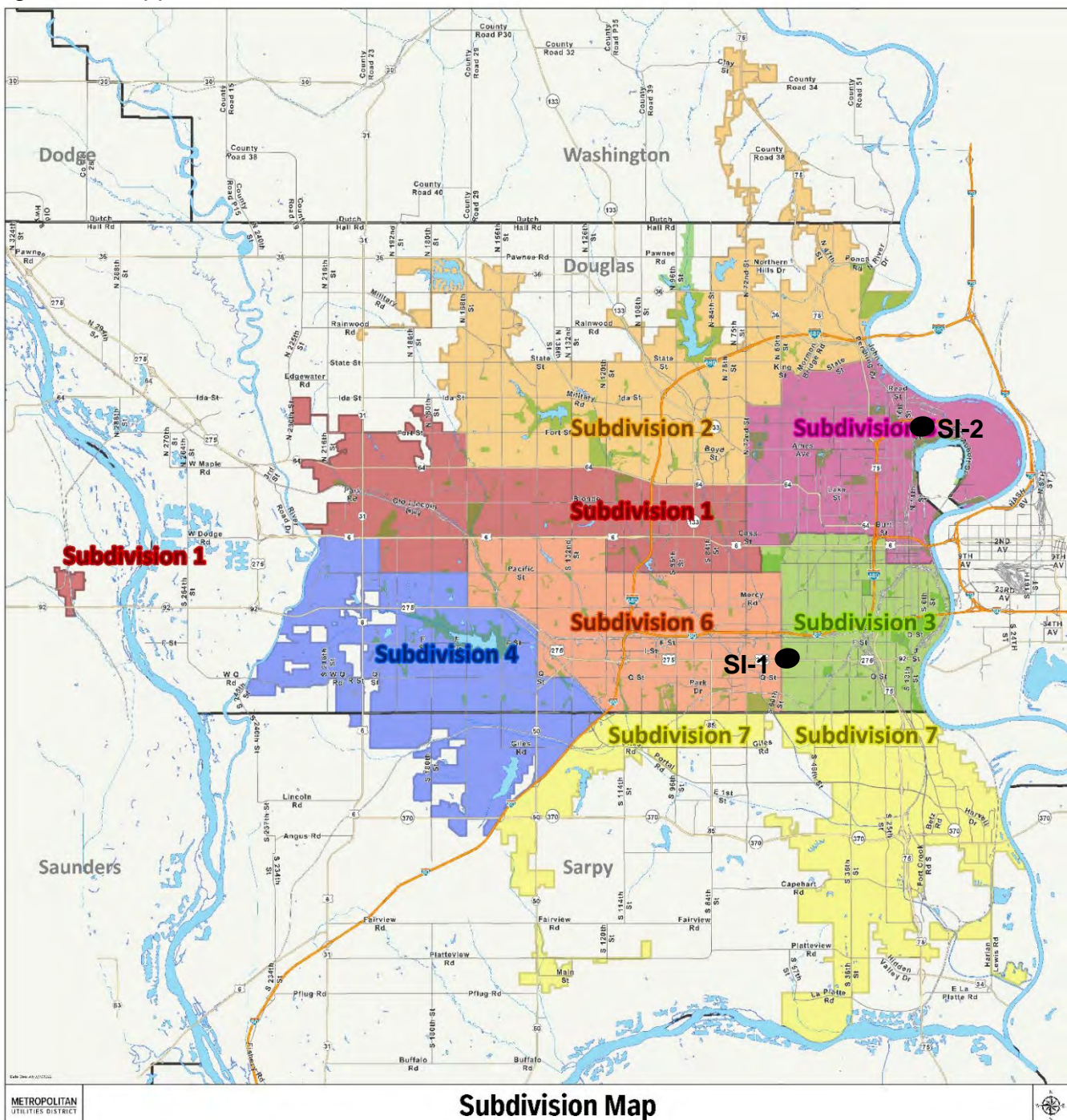
April 24, 2023

**Subject:** CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations  
cc: all Board Members, Doyle, Mendenhall, Myers, Ausdemore, Lobsiger, and all Vice Presidents

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

The following items will be on the May 3, 2023, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:



## **SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

1. **100052001847 and 100066002330 - \$84,100 – Install a 12-inch Broen valve and abandon existing 12-inch valve, 60<sup>th</sup> and “L” Streets.** The existing gas valve is inoperable due to broken gears. This valve was installed in 1954. The new valve will be installed in the nearby island outside of paving making it safer for future operations and maintenance. **(Subdivision 3 – Howard)**

2. **100052001844 and 100066002327 - \$77,600 – Install a 12-inch Broen valve and abandon existing 12-inch valve, 5903 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street.** The existing valve is inoperable and requires replacement. This valve was installed in 1966. **(Subdivision 5 – Cook)**

## **BUILDINGS, PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT**

1. **100089000937 - \$250,000 – Analyzers at various pump stations.** Last year the District purchased and installed seven alkalinity and chlorine analyzers at various pump stations. This request will cover the remaining nine pump station locations. The chlorine analyzers will also include pH and temperature monitoring. These new analyzers will allow better monitoring of the distribution system for nitrification at early stages.

2. **100071000717 - \$362,500 – Contracted hydrant painting.** Painting is part of the maintenance cycle for fire hydrants. Paint color provides information to the fire department about the capacity of the hydrant. The contractor will sandblast each hydrant then apply a prime coat and topcoat of paint. This authorization will allow us to paint up to 2,500 fire hydrants.

3. **100091000046 - \$800,000 – Boiler system upgrades, Platte West.** The existing three plant boilers have experienced obsolescence resulting in less available and more costly components. This request is to replace the three boilers with new high efficiency Advance Thermal Hydronic boilers, installation of new primary and secondary piping to all units, new circulating pumps, flue piping, and all management and control systems that will provide more efficient operations. These units will continue to offer complete redundancy of operations and will also include a significant reduction in footprint within the plant. The new units include a 25-year manufacturer's warranty for the heat exchangers. The project is anticipated to be completed in advance of the 2023 heating season.

4. **100033000003 - \$600,000 – Professional services to design a new electrical building and new generators, Platte South.** In 2022 the District completed a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Platte South Water Production Facility which identified several projects to be completed between 2023 and 2033 including a new electrical building and new electrical equipment for the plant. This project includes a new two-service electrical distribution system with new switchgear which will allow for increased reliability. The new electrical equipment will be housed within a new electrical building. This project also includes new generators to replace the existing generator. Completion of this project will allow for future projects within the CIP to be completed with minimal electrical disruptions to plant operations. This request is for approval to hire HDR Engineering (HDR) to perform engineering design and construction phase services for the addition of an electrical building, electrical equipment, and generators at the Platte South. HDR has gained extensive knowledge and experience over the past several years working on multiple electrical projects at Platte South. Some of these projects include generator automation, wellfield electrical design, high service backup engine replacements, automatic transfer switch, and main plant transformer replacement investigation. Approval of this request will authorize the President to enter into a design services agreement with HDR for a new electrical building and new generators at the Platte South.

**5. 100083001162 - \$162,900 – SUPPLEMENTAL - Lime grit removal improvements, Platte West.** In July of 2022, The Board approved funding for the District to purchase equipment from RDP Technologies to upgrade the lime grit removal systems at the Platte West Water Production Facility. These funds totaled \$605,000 and allowed the District to enter into the necessary agreement to begin the purchase order. The construction phase of this project is planned for early 2024. Further project discussions, conducted after the original capital expenditure was approved, identified the need for upgrades to control panels within the associated lime slaking systems. These additional equipment improvements are necessary for both the updated functionality of the lime grit removal systems as well as providing concurrency to technologies currently employed at Florence. The total costs of the control panels amount to \$51,000. In addition to the auxiliary equipment costs, the necessary administrative and general expenses, as well as equipment sales tax totaling approximately \$111,900 will be implemented for the overall project total through this supplemental capital expenditure. These costs were withheld from the original capital expenditure due to the possible market volatility requiring market indices to be used to adjust pricing for the equipment, which were unknown at that time.

**6. 100090001433 - \$95,565 – Install blackout window shades on the second and third floors at Headquarters.** These shades will eliminate sun glare that has shown to impact employees' ability to see computer monitors and stabilize temperature control in these areas during summer months. Blackout window shades are currently installed in similar areas on the first floor and have proven to be effective in these efforts.

**7. 100084001263 - \$1,641,431 - Replace Portions of Construction Center I Roof.** The Construction Center I roof is in a state of disrepair and in need of replacement. The replacement of roof sections no longer under warranty was delayed due to settling issues caused by the City of Omaha's project near the Construction Center. After the project was delayed by the settlement issues, the decision was made to incorporate the Construction Center I roof project into the master planning efforts for the renovation of Construction Center 1. Despite temporary repair efforts to patch and repair these roof sections, leaks periodically occur during storm conditions. This project will replace all portions of the Construction Center I roof that are no longer under warranty, comprising about half of the total roof area. The remaining roof sections are nearing the end of their warranty period and will be replaced in coordinated efforts with the Construction Center 1 renovation process, providing protection for the renovated building interior spaces and equipment from water intrusion damage.



Gina Langel

Senior Vice President, Chief Operations Officer

Approved:



Mark E. Doyle  
President



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

April 25, 2023

**Subject:** LNG Capital Improvement Project – Supplemental Capital Expenditure Approval

**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations

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

**From:** James J. Knight, Vice President, Gas Operations

This request is for a Supplemental Capital Expenditure Authorization increase of \$10.1 million or 13.3%, which increases the Capital Authorization from \$75.9 million to \$86.0 million. Approval of the Supplemental request will also authorize the President to execute a contract amendment with CHI Energy Services (CHI) for an additional one year of construction management services in the amount of \$888,650 as explained in more detail below. CHI is the engineer, procure, and construct (EPC) contractor for the LNG project.

**Background**

- February 2021 Board Meeting: The Board approved a \$75.9 million Capital Expenditure to replace and expand the LNG vaporization system from 60,000 Dth/day to 150,000 Dth/day and to replace the liquefaction system.
- October 2021 Board Meeting: Management informed the Board of a scope change to the LNG Capital Improvement Project that added the replacement and relocation of the valve pretreatment skid and the regeneration heater which are both part of the liquefaction system. This scope change added \$4.0 million to the project and increased the total project estimate to \$79.0 million.
- Board approval was not required per District procedures because the updated project estimate of \$79.0 million was still within 10% of the original Board approved amount of \$75.9 million.

**Justification**

- The revised project cost estimate is \$86.0 million which is \$10.1 million or 13.3% above the original approved amount of \$75.9 million. Below is a cost breakout of the Supplemental request:


- MUD requested scope change (October 2021) to replace and relocate the valve pretreatment skid and regeneration heater: **\$4.0 million (5.3%)**
- Mechanical/Electrical/Civil Contractor Installation Cost: **\$5.2 million (6.9%)**
  - CHI reached out to several contractors, in some cases 10+, for a single discipline to get qualified competitive bids. Each contractor was required to sign a non-disclosure agreement in order to get a set of plans because the LNG Plant is regulated by the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard (CFATS). The typical result was only one to two bidders for each bid which may have led to higher bids.
  - There are a significant number of large-scale projects occurring at the same time in the Omaha area; including Data Centers, and OPPD's two natural gas fired power plants (\$650 million) under construction which has put a strain on the available labor pool in the area.
- Additional CHI Construction Management Services: **\$0.9 million (1.1%)**
  - Installation and construction of the vaporization equipment was extended from 12 months to 24 months due to supply chain problems and slower than expected construction progress. MUD and CHI agreed to extend the vaporization construction schedule from one to two years to not jeopardize LNG vaporization availability during the winter of 2022/2023. The new LNG vaporization system with the increased capacity of 150,000 Dth/day (90,000 Dth/day increase) will be operational for the winter of 2023/2024.

This item will be on the May 3, 2023, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval.

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## METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 24, 2023

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

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

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

The following items will be on the May 3, 2023, 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	
		Contract Bid	Actual
a. SpecPro, Inc., WP1840, 100071000680, Refurbish Skylight Panels at The Platte South Water Production Facility	6/2/2021	\$180,676.86	\$182,968.86

**Comments:** There was an overall increase of \$2,292.00 in this project (approximately 1%) due to a change order previously approved in June of 2021 to accommodate bonding for the project. All work required by the contract has been completed by the contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the contract and specifications.

Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
		Contract Bid	Actual
b. WSP USA, Inc., GP2562, 100084001264, Professional Engineering and General Contracting Services For 117th & Fort Propane Cavern Water Pump Replacement	12/18/2020	\$503,573.00	\$493,039.90

**Comments:** There is an overall net decrease in the project of \$10,533.10, which is approximately 2% below the estimate cost. All the work required by the agreement has been completed by the consultant and is acceptable and in compliance with the scope of work.

**APPROVED:**

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## METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 21, 2023

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

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

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

The following items will be on the May 3, 2023 Committee Agenda for consideration and the May 3, 2023 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 Lakewood West Lots 1-266 S 54th Street and Hwy 370 100055001423 WP1961 Engineering Estimate: \$2,061,815.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$2,177,876.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)	18/3	<b>Kersten Constr.</b> Cedar Constr. <i>Pat Thomas Constr.</i>	<b>\$1,789,062.50</b> 1,801,111.00 1,879,616.50
Install Water Mains in Kensington Park Lots 3-15 NW of 204th Street and Q Street 100055001427 WP1974 Engineering Estimate: \$1,160,999.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$1,107,553.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)	18/2	<b>Kersten Constr.</b> Cedar Constr.	<b>\$950,783.75</b> 976,721.00
Install Water Mains in The Hill Phase III Lots 394-396 NE of 168 <sup>th</sup> Street and State Street 100055001442 WP2007 Engineering Estimate: \$349,885.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$369,830.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)	18/2	<b>Kersten Constr.</b> Cedar Constr.	<b>\$289,238.50</b> 315,491.00

Install Water Mains in R & R Commerce Park South Lot 4 SE of 156 <sup>th</sup> Street and Schram Rd. 100057000535 WP2010	18/4	<b>Kersten Constr.</b> <i>Pat Thomas Constr.</i> Castle Contracting Cedar Constr.	<b>\$227,113.00</b> 236,382.80 239,670.00 246,350.00
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Engineering Estimate: \$247,934.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$276,562.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)

Install Water Mains in Children's/Coventry Subdivision Lot 118-120 SW of 205 <sup>th</sup> Plz. and Coventry Drive 100055001445 100055001437 WP2013/WP1994	18/2	<b>Kersten Constr.</b> Cedar Constr.	<b>\$173,616.00</b> 188,700.00
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Engineering Estimate: \$179,952.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$191,290.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)

### **RATIFICATION**

<u><b>Item</b></u>	<u><b>Bids Sent / Rec'd</b></u>	<u><b>Bidders</b></u>	<u><b>Bid Amount</b></u>
2280' of 16" Ductile Iron Restrained Joint Water Pipe (CL 52) Zinc *Does Not Meet Specifications	5/4	<b>Municipal Supply</b> Omaha Winwater American Underground Core and Main	<b>\$311,356.80</b> 315,993.41 310,194.00* 298,041.60*

Two (Used) Medium Size Trenchers for Construction 100087000669	1/1	<b>Vermeer Midwest</b>	<b>\$177,000.00</b>
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(C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 4, 2023 in the amount of \$18,504,550.00.)

### **OTHER**

<u><b>Item</b></u>	<u><b>Bids Sent / Rec'd</b></u>	<u><b>Bidders</b></u>	<u><b>Bid Amount</b></u>
Replace Sections of Construction Center One (CC1) Roof 100084001263 GP2559	6/3	<b>10 Men Roofing</b> White Castle Roofing Black Hawk Roofing	<b>\$1,369,000.00</b> 1,782,500.00 1,795,200.00

Engineering Estimate: \$1,423,714.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$1,641,431.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)

Five (5) Replacement Ford Transit Vans for Field Services 100088000820 *State Contract 15605 OC (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 4, 2023 in the amount of \$18,504,550.00.)	1/1	<b>Anderson Ford</b>	<b>\$266,780.00*</b>
Four (4) Small Hydraulic Breakers for Kubota R430 Tractors 100087000670 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 4, 2023 in the amount of \$18,504,550.00.)	1/1	<b>Murphy Tractor</b>	<b>\$31,040.00</b>
Analyzers at various Pump Stations 100089000937 (A C&A in the amount of \$250,000.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)	1/1	<b>Swan Anal. Instr.</b>	<b>\$206,325.00</b>
Install Blackout Window Shades at Headquarters 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floors 100090001433 (A C&A in the amount of \$95,565.00 will be presented to the Board on May 3, 2023 for approval.)	1/1	<b>Lifestyle Window</b>	<b>\$83,279.00</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>
Cast Iron and Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings, Pipe Nipples, Weld Fittings and Weld Flanges (June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024)	5/2	<b>Central States</b> Piping Resources	<b>\$259,715.90</b> 308,432.34
3900 Flexible Anodeless Risers (1/2")	4/2	<b>Elster Perfection</b> Groebner	<b>\$150,969.00</b> 626,742.90
Concrete and Asphalt Pavement Repairs at Various District Construction Sites – Year Two (2) of Three (3) Year Contract (June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024)	1/1	<b>Burrell Enterprises</b>	<b>\$591,437.50</b>

Sandblast and Paint Fire Hydrants  
100071000717  
(Calendar Year 2023)

1/1

**Buss Lincoln**

**\$362,500.00**



Sherri A. Meisinger  
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Approved:



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

APRIL 18, 2023

**Subject:** AMENDMENT NO. 1 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN WATER MAINS FOR PHASE 1B OF THE GEMINI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; OLSSON; WP1842 (100057000497, 100057000498, 100057000499, 100057000500)

**To:** Committee on Construction & Operations  
**Cc:** All Board Members, Doyle, Langel, Myers, Mendenhall, Ausdemore, Lobsiger, and All Vice Presidents

**From:** James W. Bartels, Director, Design Engineering

On September 28, 2021, the District entered into an agreement with Olsson for professional engineering services to design water main extensions for Phase 1B of the Gemini development project. The original not to exceed amount of the agreement was \$260,137.20. This letter is to request an amendment to that agreement.

The Developer of the project has acquired more property and replatted the subdivision. Extensions of main beyond the original scope are now required, and additional design work is needed to revise the plans and easements accordingly. The amendment also includes costs for additional design efforts that were needed for plan revisions to resolve City of Papillion permit comments, submitting permit applications and fees, and for additional easement staking.

Amendment No. 1 is being requested for a total amount of \$37,500.00 and will increase the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$297,637.20. \$34,826 of this increase is reimbursable from the developer, the District's portion will be \$2,674.

It is recommended that the President be authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to the professional engineering agreement with Olsson. This matter will be on the agenda of the May 3, 2023, Committee and Board meeting for discussion and approval.

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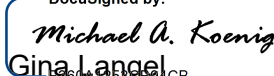
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**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT***Inter-Department Communication*

April 18, 2023

**Subject:** AMENDMENT NO. 1 – SOUTHEAST BELLEVUE WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS PROJECT; HDR ENGINEERING, INC.; WP1871 (100057000000, 100057000504, 100057000505, 100057000506, 100057000507, 100057000508)

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

**From:** James W. Bartels, Director, Engineering Design

On March 3, 2022, the District entered into an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services to design water mains for the Southeast Bellevue Water Main Extension project. The original not to exceed amount of the agreement was \$925,047. This letter is to request an amendment to that existing contract.

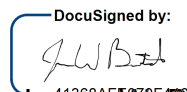
Additional engineering services are requested for utility potholing at various locations along the proposed extension alignment. During the design work that has been completed to date several potential utility conflicts have been identified. It is necessary to positively locate these facilities and design around them accordingly to avoid delays and costly change orders during water main construction.

The additional services requested also include incorporating into the project installation of a 48" gate valve and associated run-around piping on the existing 60-in water transmission main in 36<sup>th</sup> St. The new valve will enhance system reliability and add flexibility that will support future growth in the area. This change requires development of additional bid documentation as well as design efforts to create a phasing plan to install the valve to minimize disruption to the system.

Amendment No. 1 is being requested for a total amount of \$57,770.00 which will increase the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$982,817.00. \$31,120 of this increase will be reimbursable from the Developer, the District will be responsible for the remaining \$26,650.

It is recommended that the President be authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to the professional engineering agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. This matter will be on the agenda of the May 3, 2023, Committee and Board meeting for discussion and approval.

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# METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 25, 2023

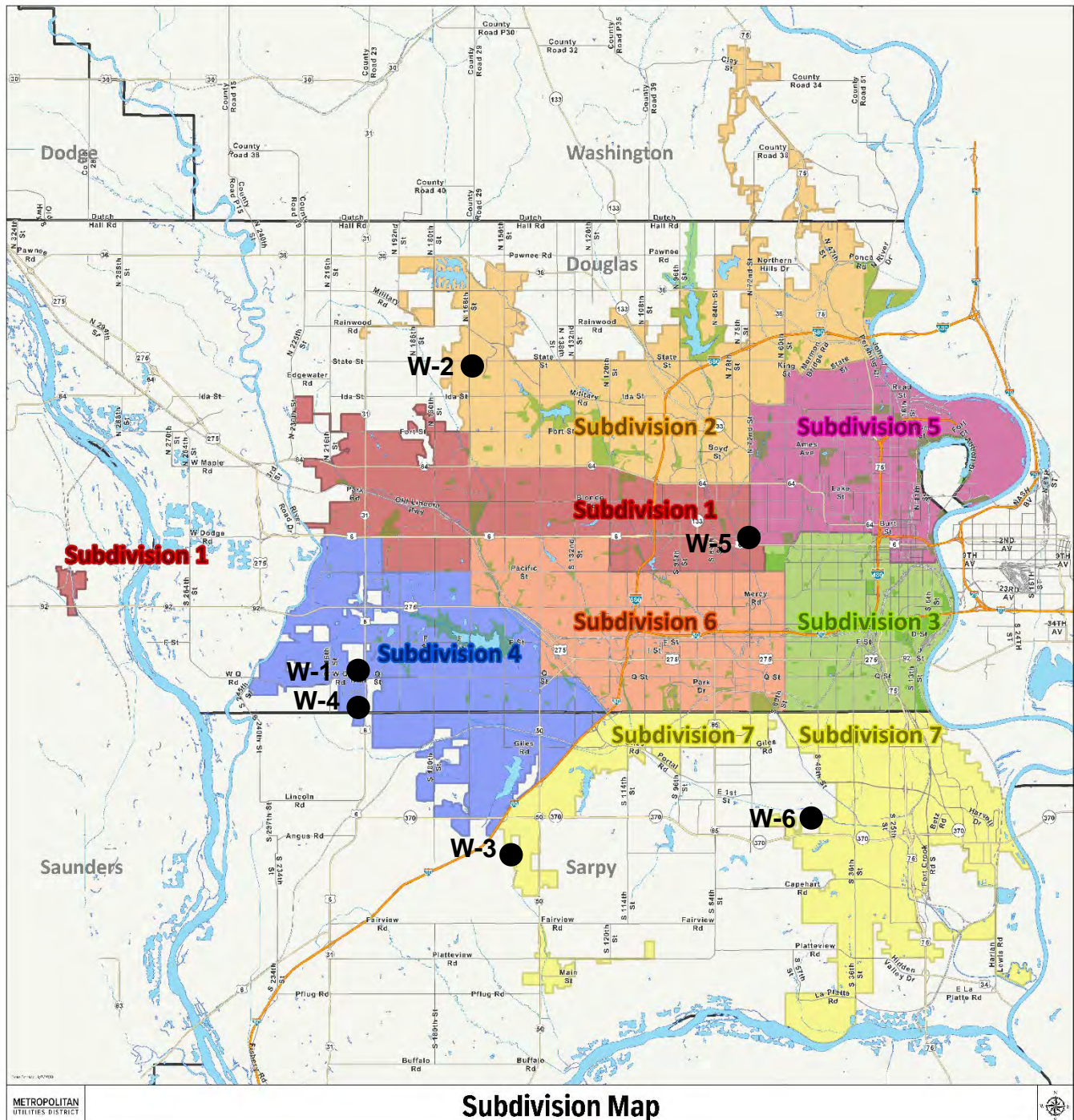
**Subject:** MAIN EXTENSIONS

**To:** Services and Extensions Committee

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

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

The following main extensions will be on the May 3, 2023, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:



## **WATER MAINS:**

1. **KENSINGTON PARK SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 4, Cavanaugh:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to three multiple residence lots and 10 commercial lots in Kensington Park Subdivision, 204<sup>th</sup> and “Q” Streets. Work is requested to be completed by September 2023. (City of Omaha zoning jurisdiction, Jerry Torczon)

**Subdivision:** Kensington Park Subdivision

**Project Number:** WP 1974

**Project Cost:** \$1,107,553

**Applicant Contribution:** \$1,107,553

**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00

**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

2. **THE HILL SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 2, Friend:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to one multiple residence and two commercial lots in The Hill Subdivision, 168<sup>th</sup> and State Streets. Work is requested to be completed by September 2023. Pioneer main fees are due to the existing 36-inch water mains in State Street in the amount of \$64,972. (City of Omaha’s zoning jurisdiction, Woodsonia Real Estate)

**Subdivision:** The Hill Subdivision

**Project Number:** WP 2007

**Project Cost:** \$369,830

**Applicant Contribution:** \$434,802

**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00

**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

3. **R&R COMMERCE PARK SOUTH SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 7, Sidzyik:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to one commercial lot in R&R Commerce Park South Subdivision, 156<sup>th</sup> and Schram Road. Work is requested to be completed by Fall 2023. Pioneer main fees are due to the existing 24-inch water mains in 144<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$33,023. (City of Papillion zoning jurisdiction, R&R Realty)

**Subdivision:** R&R Commerce Park South Subdivision

**Project Number:** WP 2010

**Project Cost:** \$276,562

**Applicant Contribution:** \$309,585

**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00

**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

4. **COVENTRY SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 4, Cavanaugh:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to two multiple family lots in Coventry Subdivision, 205<sup>th</sup> Street and Coventry Drive. Work is requested to be completed by September 2023. A connection charge is due to the proposed 8-inch water main in Coventry Drive in the amount of \$41,516. (City of Omaha’s zoning jurisdiction, J.F. Carter)

**Subdivision:** Coventry Subdivision

**Project Number:** WP 2013

**Project Cost:** \$136,938

**Applicant Contribution:** \$178,454

**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00

**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

5. **THE CROSSROADS (REVISION), Subdivision 1, Begley:** The mains will provide water service and fire protection to 18 commercial lots in The Crossroads, 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge Streets. This work was previously approved by the Board on May 4, 2022 under a WCC project. Since that time the development was not ready for the water main extension and the contract with the water main contractor had expired. The developer has decided they will now contract the job themselves using the WCD main extension policy. Work is requested to be completed by Fall 2023. (City of Omaha zoning jurisdiction, KJ Crossroads Venture, LLC)

**Subdivision:** The Crossroads

**Project Number:** WP 1841

**Project Cost:** \$2,455,000

**Applicant Contribution:** \$205,100

**Construction by Applicant:** \$2,249,900

**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

6. **LAKEWOOD WEST SUBDIVISION, Subdivision 7, Sidzyik:** This work is being done to provide water service and fire protection to 253 single residence lots, three multiple residence lots, 10 commercial lots and eight outlots in Lakewood West Subdivision, 54<sup>th</sup> and Highway 370. Work is requested to be completed by October 2023. Pioneer main fees are due to the existing 30-inch water mains in Highway 370 in the amount of \$112,449. (City of Bellevue's zoning jurisdiction, Woodsonia Lakewood West LLC)

**Subdivision:** Lakewood West Subdivision

**Project Number:** WP 1961

**Project Cost:** \$2,177,876

**Applicant Contribution:** \$2,290,325

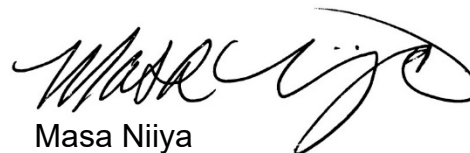
**Construction by Applicant:** \$0.00

**M.U.D. Cost:** \$0.00

Approved:



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Sr. Vice President, Chief Operations Officer



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Vice President, Engineering



Mark E. Doyle  
President

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

April 18, 2023

**Subject: Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications, May 2023 Board Meeting**

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

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

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

**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.

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Tracey Coty</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	Customer Service Clerk I (Customer Service)
<b>New position (department):</b>	Customer Service Clerk III (Customer Service – Multi-Media)
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$31.20; Step 4
<b>Proposed rate; step/grade:</b>	\$34.32; Step 4
<b>Percent of increase:</b>	10.00%
<b>District hire date:</b>	February 13, 2006

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Dan Deporte</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	Customer Service Technician – Fitter (Field Services)
<b>New position (department):</b>	Senior Customer Service Technician (Field Services)
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$45.60; Step 4
<b>Proposed rate; step/grade:</b>	\$47.36; Step 4
<b>Percent of increase:</b>	3.86%
<b>District hire date:</b>	October 17, 2011



## **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.

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Jeff Brechi</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	Director, Information Security (Information Technology)
<b>New position (department):</b>	Director, Information Security (Information Technology) Job Re-Evaluation
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$147,414; SPA – 08
<b>Proposed rate; step/grade:</b>	\$154,785; SPA – 08D
<b>Percent of increase:</b>	5.00%
<b>District hire date:</b>	June 3, 2013

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Oscar Del Castillo Rodriguez</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	ERP Technical/Functional Analyst II (Information Technology)
<b>New position (department):</b>	Senior ERP Technical/Functional Analyst (Information Technology)
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$115,849; SPA – 05
<b>Proposed rate; step/grade:</b>	\$121,641; SPA – 06
<b>Percent of increase:</b>	5.00%
<b>District hire date:</b>	April 25, 2022

**Employee:** **Noah Hawkins**  
**Current position (department):** Engineer I (Facilities Management)  
**New position (department):** Design Engineer (Facilities Management)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$79,449; SPA – 02  
**Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$91,749; SPA – 05  
**Percent of increase:** 15.48%  
**District hire date:** May 10, 2021

**Employee:** **Devender Kumawat**  
**Current position (department):** Basis Administrator (Information Technology)  
**New position (department):** Senior Basis Administrator (Information Technology)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$115,211; SPA – 05  
**Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$120,972; SPA – 06  
**Percent of increase:** 5.00%  
**District hire date:** February 28, 2022

**Employee:** **Michael Quinn**  
**Current position (department):** Design Engineer (Engineering Design)  
**New position (department):** Senior Design Engineer (Engineering Design)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$100,692; SPA – 05  
**Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$106,924; SPA – 07  
**Percent of increase:** 6.19%  
**District hire date:** April 15, 2019

**Employee:** **Marcus Schnack**  
**Current position (department):** Water Plant Engineer (Platte West)  
**New position (department):** System Controller (Systems Control)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$38.40; Step 1  
**Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$83,866; SPA – 03  
**Percent of increase:** 5.00%  
**District hire date:** February 3, 2020

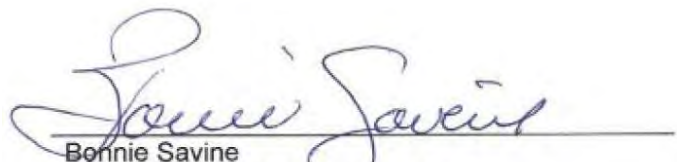
##### **5. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) New Hire Ratification**

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.

**Employee:** **Ashley Clemens**  
**Current position (department):** Executive Assistant (Law Department)  
**Current rate; step/grade:** \$67,746; SPA – 01  
**District hire date:** April 24, 2023

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Srikanth Reddy Kalli</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	ERP Technical/Functional Analyst II (Information Technology)
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$115,849; SPA – 05
<b>District hire date:</b>	April 10, 2023

<b>Employee:</b>	<b>Ben Riecken</b>
<b>Current position (department):</b>	Engineer I (Engineering Design)
<b>Current rate; step/grade:</b>	\$72,931; SPA – 02
<b>District hire date:</b>	March 13, 2023



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

April 25, 2023

**Subject:** Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement

**To:** Personnel Committee members Begley, Friend, and Sidzyik  
 cc: Board Members Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard, and McGowan  
 President Doyle, and Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Langel, Lobsiger,  
 Mendenhall, and Myers

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

The District reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement ("Agreement") with IBEW 1521 on April 6, 2023. On April 6, 2023, the major provisions of the Agreement were reviewed with you. IBEW 1521 members voted and approved the tentative agreement on April 13, 2023.

The Agreement was reached after significant negotiations between District Management and the local leadership of IBEW 1521. Both groups recognize the importance of having a bargained agreement that governs employee and employer rights while also supporting the mission and values of the District.

**Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement Components:**

The Agreement is effective April 1, 2023, and ends March 31, 2026.

**Wage increases:**

Wage increases are as follows:

	2023	2024	2025
General Increase	5.00%	3.75%	3.25%

**Sick Pay:**

An employee's sick pay will be increased by eight (8) hours on January 1 of each year, for a total of forty-eight (48) hours annually.

**Pension Plan:**

No change to employee contribution for the pension plan:

	2024	2025	2026
Employee Contributions	9.00%	9.00%	9.00%



### Deferred Compensation Plan 457(b):

	Effective 1/1/2024
Employees hired on after September 28, 2013	Employees hired on or after September 28, 2013 will be eligible for 100% match of their first \$2,500 contributed annually into the Deferred Compensation plan (457b).
Employees hired prior to September 28, 2013	Employees hired prior to September 28, 2013 will be eligible for 50% match of their first \$3,000 contributed annually into the Deferred Compensation plan (457b).

### New Hires:

New hires will receive six (6) days of sick pay, pro-rated according to hire date:

Month of Hire	Amount of Sick Time
January – February	Six Days
March – April	Five Days
May – June	Four Days
July – August	Three Days
September – October	Two Days
November – December	One Day

New hires will be eligible for the match into the Deferred Compensation plan (457(b)) immediately upon hire.

### Other provisions:

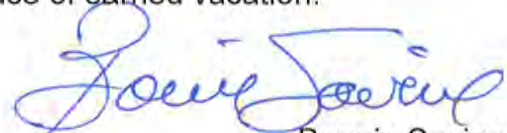
- Workweek: Add language to clarify scheduling options to include 10 hour and 12 hour workdays.
- Overtime: Add a definition for scheduled overtime.
- Rate of Pay During Temporary Transfer: Added the language "Employees assigned to a higher job classification may also be responsible for their own duties." This section was also rewritten to clarify the calculation used for rate of pay during temporary transfer.
- Job Posting: Adding definition for temporary full-time status later placed in a non-temporary status.
- Eligibility for Posted Job Openings: Language will be added requiring a period of six months to elapse after an employee last changed jobs for such employee to be eligible for transfer consideration within the same division. For the employee to be eligible they must have completed a year of continuous employment at the District.

- Employee Notification: Update language to include text notification to request employee contact Human Resources for selection information.
- Vacation: Employees may choose to sell back up to forty (40) hours of unused vacation between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. The request to sell back must be submitted within this timeframe. Employees must have a balance of eighty (80) hours or more to be eligible.
- Vacation Scheduling: Clarified vacation scheduling includes carryover vacation and floating holidays.
- Vacation – Inclement Weather: Adding language to reference Inclement weather, and for employees to have the option to use paid time or take time unpaid for the day rather than reporting to work on days deemed inclement weather days by the District.
- Unpaid Substitution and Illness: Identified this option is only available for the employee's own illness.
- Absence to attend funeral of relatives: Identified additional immediate family members as stepparents, stepchildren, stepbrother, and stepsister. Added statement requiring funeral leave form and documentation of funeral services or death must be submitted.
- Absence to attend funeral of active or retired employee: Capped the amount of leave at four (4) hours.
- Boundaries under Travel Allowance: Updated boundaries to reflect - Employees who report to a location that is within an area defined by Rainwood Road on the North, 180th Street on the West, Highway 370 on the South and the Missouri River on the East, and include all District facilities, property, and wellfields, shall receive no compensation.
- Retirement: Employees will be required to provide a minimum of 60-day notice before their last workday in order to burn their remaining vacation and floating holiday balance after their last workday. If minimum 60-day notice is not provided, their remaining vacation and floating holiday balance will be paid in a lump sum on their final paycheck.
- Disciplinary references: Letters of reprimand will be removed from an employee's personnel file three (3) years from the date of issue. (Reduced from five (5) years).
- The District will increase the travel allowance from \$10.00 to \$14.00.


- The District will increase the shoe reimbursement from up to \$130.00 to up to \$150.00 annually.
- The District will increase the membership subsidy from \$50.00 to \$75.00 annually.
- Premium Pay for Shift Workers: The District will increase 2<sup>nd</sup> shift pay from \$1.00 to \$1.75, 3<sup>rd</sup> shift pay from \$1.25 to \$2.00, and rotating shift pay from \$0.45 to \$1.00.
- The District will allow one replacement every two (2) years from original date of issuance for an identification card at no charge. Payroll deduction will be an option for the \$5.00 fee for lost identification card.
- Additional language clean-up will be a part of the contract formatting process.

Management recommends the President be authorized to enter into the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IBEW 1521. I will be available to answer questions at the May 3, 2023 Board meeting.

Management also recommends authorization to increase the 2023 salary structure and general increase for Supervisory, Professional, and Administrative (SPA) employees to 5.00% from 4.5% effective May 1, 2023. Additionally, Management recommends SPA employees will be eligible for the additional day of sick, increased match to the 457(b) plan, shift differential, safety shoe reimbursement and membership subsidy increases as well as the change in retirement plan options for use of earned vacation.




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**APPROVED:**



Mark E. Doyle  
President



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

April 25, 2023

**Subject:** FOURTH LEGISLATIVE REPORT – 2023 SESSION**To:** Judicial and Legislative Committee**cc:** All Board Members; Doyle, Mendenhall, Ausdemore, Schaffart, Langel, Lobsiger; all Vice Presidents; Nowka**From:** Rick Kubat, Government Relations Attorney

At the time of this report, the legislature has twenty-two remaining business days left in the ninety-day session. Provided below are legislation positions established by the Board of Directors along with updates to pending legislation.

**LB 40** (Blood) – Establishes the Riparian Protection and Water Quality Practices Act (Act). Requires Nebraska's Department of Agriculture to consult with local management authorities to develop a summary of watercourses for inclusion in a comprehensive local watershed management plan and to create buffer protection maps. The District is defined as a water management authority. LB 40 requires riparian buffers and water quality practices to: (a) protect state water resources from erosion and runoff pollution, (b) stabilize soils, shores, and banks, and (c) protect or provide riparian corridors. The bill requires landowners with property adjacent to a water source identified on a buffer-protection map to maintain buffers in accordance with the Act. The bill requires the District, with assistance from the Dept. of Agriculture, to assist landowners with riparian protection requirements including planning, technical assistance, implementation of approved alternative practices, and tracking progress towards compliance. The District would be required to notify the Dept. of Agriculture if a landowner is not in compliance. The Dept. of Agriculture is authorized to levy civil penalties not to exceed \$1,000 per violation. The bill further provides categories of exempted properties to include land enrolled in a Conservation Reserve Program, recreational use, regulated by a National Pollutant Discharge Permit, part of a water-inundation cropping system, or in a temporary non-vegetated condition. The District supports the underlying goals of LB 40 to enhance water quality with the recommendation that financing be made available to support volunteer agricultural practices.

**Board Pos:** Support**Status:** Remains in the Natural Resources Committee

**LB 122** (Bostelman) – Changes provisions of the One-Call Notification Act. Current law enables the State Fire Marshall (SFM) to investigate One-Call violations specifically related to natural gas. LB 122 expands the duties of the SFM to investigate One-call violations to include water, fiber, sewer, electricity and all other utilities. The bill requires initial complaints be filed with the SFM. It requires the SFM to investigate each complaint

and refer One-Call violations to an Excavation Safety Committee. It creates the Underground Excavation Safety Committee (UESC), referred to as a “hit court”. LB 122 has a pending amendment. As amended, the UESC would be comprised of three excavators and three operators appointed by the Governor and a designee of the SFM. The Committee would determine whether complaints constitute One-Call violations and impose civil penalties. Penalties may include the requirement of completion of educational courses established by the SFM. Violations related to gas or hazardous liquid may not exceed ten thousand dollars for each violation for each day a violation persists, up to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars. Violations related to any other underground facility, may not exceed five thousand dollars for each violation for each day a violation persists, up to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars. Any recommendations by the UESC for penalties above these statutory amounts would be referred to the Attorney General’s Office for further prosecution. The amendment to LB 122 further provides that it is a violation to request utility locates in an area in which excavation can not reasonably commence within seventeen calendar days after the indicated excavation start date or within fourteen calendar days after a request for remarking or reidentification is completed. LB 122 has been amended into LB 683 via AM 1142.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Amended into LB 683 and placed on Final Reading

**LB 161** (McDonnell) – Prohibits employers from requiring employees to wear electronic communication devices to track an employee’s location or travel patterns or to confirm contacts with other employees. An exception is provided if the Governor proclaims a state of emergency related to a pandemic. Under the pandemic exclusion, employee tracking information is to be used only for the limited purpose of contact tracing. Senator McDonnell was informed by the District and other employers that tracking systems are used for vehicular safety and to track the location of District assets. Senator McDonnell’s office has indicated that the intent of the bill is to provide an exception for the tracking of employer property. Provided this exclusionary language becomes part of the bill, Management is recommending a neutral position.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Placed on General File

**LB 171** (McKinney) – LB 171 is a bill intended to “clean up” the District’s enabling act which is found in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 14-2101 through §14-2157. Every year, the Urban Affairs Committee picks a chapter under their jurisdiction to update and remove obsolete statutory language. The intended purpose of “clean-up” is not to make any substantive law changes. The bill moves the enabling act into its own section of law that will be known as the Metropolitan Utilities Act. Below are two changes made under LB 171 Management would like to bring to your attention.

1. The Bill eliminates language that the District “may”, by resolution, move to subdivisions and replaces it with “shall”. Those involved in bill drafting have taken the position that once the District moved to subdivision elections, there is no mechanism under current law that would permit the District to move back to at-large elections.

2. Current law requires a two-thirds vote of the “full” Board for termination of a regular full time employee. LB 171 changes the language to two-thirds of the Board. This change would permit employee removal if 4 of 6 Directors voted for termination *if* a Board Director was absent. Current law requires two thirds of the full Board which is interpreted as 5 Directors regardless of the number of Directors that are absent.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Placed on General File

**LB 205** (von Gillern) – Would establish the Government Neutrality in Contracting Act. Unless otherwise required by federal law, a government entity shall ensure that any requests for proposals or bid specifications for a public contract or the procurement procedures for a public contract *do not contain*:

- (a) A term that requires, prohibits, encourages, or discourages bidders, public contractors, or subcontractors from entering into or adhering to a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction under the public contract; or
- (b) A term that discriminates against bidders, public contractors, or subcontractors based on status as a party or nonparty to, or the willingness or refusal to enter into, a collective-bargaining agreement relating to construction under the public contract; or
- (c) Contract award pass or fail scoring criteria regarding a bidder's hiring requirements, labor assignments, local headquarters, political affiliation, political activity, or demographic makeup.

An amendment was offered at the committee hearing to remove gas, water and electric utilities from the bill.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Placed on General File

**LB 237** (Wayne) – Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and Energy for the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program, to aid in carrying out energy efficiency audits and weatherization improvements.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Remains in the Appropriations Committee

**LB 267** (Brewer) – Provides for the prioritization of resources for the protection of critical infrastructure utility workers to include specific District employees during any civil defense emergency. It provides priority access to personal protective equipment, medical screening, testing, preventative health services, medical treatment, and the administration of vaccines in the event of an emergency involving a severe threat to human health. LB 267 has been amended into LB 191 via AM 1330.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Amended into LB 191 and placed on Select File

**LB 270** (McKinney) – Changes provisions to the Landlord and Tenant Act and rental registration ordinances. LB 270 provides requirements for a city or village when rental property is condemned to include meeting with residents of the rental property and providing a plan for providing housing, food, transportation, moving expenses, and legal services for residents. Of interest to the District is a provision contained within LB 270 that would require landlords to remove and replace lead service lines.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Remains in the Judiciary Committee

**LB 292** (Cavanaugh M.) - No land within the Lake Development District, as designated by the Department of Natural Resources under the JEDI bill passed last year shall be acquired by the State or any political subdivision of the State through the use of eminent domain.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Remains in the Natural Resources Committee

**LB 389** (Linehan) – Would prohibit the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for any property that has used TIF in the preceding 50 years.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Remains in the Urban Affairs Committee

**LB 394** (Erdman) – LB 394 changes the calculation of fair market value and severance damages when an entity uses eminent domain. Current law allows for fair market value and all compensable damages suffered by the condemnee including, but not limited to, reasonable severance damages and condemnee's abstracting, or more generally, title research expenses. LB 394 divides out compensation for agricultural lands and all other property. For property other than agricultural land, the damages include: (i) The fair market value of the condemned property; (ii) Reasonable severance damages; and (iii) The condemnee's abstracting expenses. For agricultural land, the damages include: (i) Two times the fair market value of the condemned property; (ii) Reasonable severance damages; and (iii) the condemnee's abstracting expenses.

Board Pos: Oppose  
Status: Remains in the Judiciary Committee

**LB 477** (Wayne) – Appropriates \$100 million of general fund dollars for the Omaha Streetcar Authority. Fifty percent or \$50 million is to be used to establish a North Omaha line.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Remains in the Appropriations Committee

**LB 506** (Bostar) – Appropriates \$200 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) dollars to the City of Lincoln for an alternative water supply. Appropriates \$20 million to small and rural communities for reverse osmosis to address nitrates.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Remains in the Appropriations Committee

**LB 613** (McDonnell) – Appropriates \$45 million of general fund dollars over a two-year period to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for the removal of lead service lines for District customers. Up to ten percent of the funds may be used for workforce training. MUD is exploring the possibility of an amendment to LB 613. The Amendment would enable allocated funds under the bill to be used as a match for funds granted through the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy Drinking Water Revolving Fund for lead services. Partial funding for LB 613 is being considered as an amendment to a mainline Appropriations bill.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Remains in the Appropriations Committee

**LB 636** (Albrecht) – Prohibits municipal ordinances from limiting fuel choices. LB 636 would prohibit regulations or ordinances limiting fuel choices to include propane and natural gas.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Placed on General File

**LB 672** (Hansen) – Appropriates \$30 million of the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for loan funds for municipal water grants. Provides up to fifty percent loan forgiveness to expand municipal drinking water treatment plants and related expenditures. Management is recommending a neutral position on LB 672 because the target of this legislation is for the City of Blair.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Remains in the Appropriations Committee

**LB 691** (Linehan) – Amends Nebraska Revised Statute 14-3,109. If a fixed rail or streetcar system is constructed in a city, all project-related costs for natural gas and water utilities shall be paid by the city or owner of the fixed rail or streetcar system. Project-related costs include any and all necessary utility work required for the construction of such a project and shall include engineering services for any and all gas and water utility work. Senator Linehan has requested the Urban Affairs Committee Indefinitely Postpone LB 691 due to the agreement reached with the City of Omaha on relocations.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Indefinitely postponed

**LB 693** (Linehan) – If a City of the Metropolitan class uses Tax Increment Financing for any project that includes a fixed rail or streetcar system, an authority shall pay for all project-related costs for natural gas and water utilities. Project-related costs shall include any and all necessary utility work required for the construction of a fixed rail or streetcar system and shall include engineering services performed for any and all gas and water



utility work. Senator Linehan has requested the Urban Affairs Committee Indefinitely Postpone LB 693 due to the agreement reached with the City of Omaha on relocations.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

**LB 734** (Bostar) – Creates a Class II Felony if an actor intentionally causes a substantial interruption or impairment of public communication, transportation, supply of water, gas or power, or other public service if such impairment or interruption is a significant contributing factor in death or serious injury to any person.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Remains in the Judiciary Committee

**LB 746** (Cavanaugh M.) – Beginning on the effective date of the bill, if the total amount of ad valorem taxes estimated to be generated exceeds \$20 million for a Tax Increment Financed project, such project shall be submitted to a vote of the people.

Board Pos: Neutral  
Status: Remains in the Urban Affairs Committee

**LB 785** (McKinney) – Appropriates \$250 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Department of Natural Resources and \$350 million in general funds to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to provide financial support for the North and South Omaha fiscal recovery grant programs. Pending amendment, AM 865, adds specificity to the allocation of both ARPA and general funds contained within LB 785. AM 865 contains a \$30 million allocation of ARPA funds to be administered by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to provide grant funding to the District for the removal of lead service lines.

Board Pos: Support  
Status: Remains in the Appropriations Committee



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