# **Committee Meetings Agenda**

8:15 a.m. August 7, 2024

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

# Construction & Operations - Friend, Sidzyik, Cavanaugh

- 1. Capital Expenditures [Kendall Minor SVP & Chief Operations Officer] Tab 5
- Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates
   [Adam Gartner Interim Director, Plant Engineering] Tab 6
- **3.** Bids on Materials and Contracts
  [Jon Zellars VP, Procurement & Enterprise Services] **Tab 7**
- City of Ralston Franchise and Acquisition Agreement [Mark Mendenhall SVP & General Counsel] – Tab 9

# Services & Extensions - Friend, Begley, Howard

1. Main Extensions [Masa Niiya – VP, Engineering] – Tab 10

# Personnel - Begley, Sidzyik, Friend

 Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratification [Bonnie Savine – VP, Human Resources] – Tab 11

# Judicial & Legislative - Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard

1. Legislative Update [Rick Kubat – Governmental Relations Attorney] – Informational Only

# **Public Comment**

# **Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda**

9:00 a.m. August 7, 2024

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Open Meetings Act Notice
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Approval of Minutes Committee Meetings and Regular Board Meeting for July 3, 2024
- CONSTRUCTION
- 5. Capital Expenditures
- & OPERATIONS
- 6. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates
- 7. Bids on Materials and Contracts
- 8. Notice of Purchases Between \$25,000 & \$50,000
- 9. City of Ralston Franchise and Acquisition Agreement

SERVICES

- & EXTENSIONS 10. Main Extensions
  - PERSONNEL 11. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications
    - **BOARD** 12. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion
      - 13. Public Comment
      - 14. CLOSED SESSION Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate

**Adjourn Regular Monthly Board Meeting** 

# **Minutes of the Committee Meeting**

July 3, 2024

Chairperson Jim Begley 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, June 23, 2024. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at <a href="www.mudomaha.com">www.mudomaha.com</a> and other social media platforms. Agendas and all pertinent Board materials to be presented at the meeting were emailed to Directors and posted on the MUD website on June 28, 2024.

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

# Safety Briefing

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

#### Roll Call

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

# **Open Meetings Act Notice**

Chairperson Begley 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 Kendall Minor provided an update on the District's efforts to mitigate potential issues with the recent flooding.

Mr. Minor continued presenting the proposed capital expenditures as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 25, 2024. Discussion was held regarding the CHI Engineering estimate for ultrasonic gas meter set design for the OPPD North Omaha Power Plant. Director Friend recommended, and Mr. Minor agreed, to hold this matter over until August and bring back additional information regarding whether this work can be performed by District engineers.

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Interim Director of Plant Engineering Adam Gartner presented Change Order Number 1 to replace cast iron water mains from South 114<sup>th</sup> avenue to South 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Prairie Lane Drive to Elm Street as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 12, 2024.

Mr. Gartner continued, reviewing the Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 19, 2024.

Vice-President of Procurement & Enterprise Services Jon Zellars presented the bids on materials and contracts as outlined in the letter to the Committee from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot dated June 21, 2024.

Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya presented the proposed main extensions as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 24, 2024.

# 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 June 21. 2024.

# **Public Comment**

Chairperson Begley asked if there were any further comments from the Board or if any member of the public would like to address the Board.

Director Cavanaugh noted that a publication recently ranked Nebraska as the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest state for energy cost in the US. Director Howard gave kudos to crews who worked on the main break on 72<sup>nd</sup> and Center Street for their quick and efficient work.

At 8:51 a.m., Chairperson Begley announced the Committee Meetings had concluded and the Board would reconvene in ten minutes for the regular monthly Board Meeting.

Mark Doyle

President & Secretary to the Board

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# **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

July 3, 2024

Chairperson Jim Begley called to order the Regular Board Meeting of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 9:01 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, June 23, 2024. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at <a href="www.mudomaha.com">www.mudomaha.com</a> and other social media platforms. Agendas and all pertinent Board materials to be presented at the meeting were emailed to Directors and posted on the MUD website on June 28, 2024.

Chairperson Begley 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.

# AGENDA NO. 1 ROLL CALL

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

# AGENDA NO. 2 OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

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

# AGENDA NO. 4

# <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, REGULAR MONTHLY</u> BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR June 5, 2024.

Director Friend moved to approve the minutes for the Committee Meetings and Regular Monthly Board Meeting for June 5, 2024, which was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

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

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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 Kendall Minor as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 25, 2024, with the exception of job number 100090001480 for the OPPD North Omaha Power Plant gas metering. This has been tabled for a future meeting pending further information. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 6**

# CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – CAST IRON WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Director Friend moved to approve Change Order Number 1 for the replacement of cast iron water mains as presented in the Committee Meetings by Interim Director, Plant Engineering Adam Gartner as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Cavanaugh and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

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

# ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

Director Friend moved to approve the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as presented in the Committee Meetings by Interim Director, Plant Engineering Adam Gartner and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 19, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Cavanaugh and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

## **AGENDA NO. 8**

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

Director Friend moved to approve the bids on materials and contracts as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Procurement and Enterprise Services Jon Zellars and as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated June 21, 2024, from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot. The motion was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

#### AGENDA NO. 9

# NOTICE OF PURCHASES BETWEEN \$25,000 AND \$50,000

Director Friend requested that the Notice of Purchases letter dated June 21, 2024, from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot be placed on file.

# AGENDA NO. 10 MAIN EXTENSIONS

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed main extensions as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated June 24, 2024, which was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 11**

# WAGE AND/OR SALARY INCREASES AND RATIFICATIONS

Director Begley moved to approve the Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine and as outlined in her letter dated June 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Voting No: None

#### AGENDA NO. 12

#### OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairperson Begley asked whether any Board Members had any comments they wished to share.

# AGENDA NO. 13 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

# **AGENDA NO. 14**

# CLOSED SESSION - LITIGATION, PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE

A Closed Session was not necessary.

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

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

Voting No: None

The regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Mark Doyle

President & Secretary to the Board

MD/sec

Inter-Department Communication

August 1, 2024

Subject: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations

cc: all Board Members, Ausdemore, Doyle, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Myers,

and all Vice Presidents

From: Kendall Minor, SVP & Chief Operations Officer

The following items will be on the August 7, 2024, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval.

# **BUILDINGS. PLANTS & EQUIPMENT**

**1. JOB #**: (100090001480 - \$76,400)

**TOTAL COST:** \$76,400

**LOCATION:** OPPD North Omaha Power Plant

PURPOSE: Gas meter set design

**DESCRIPTION:** The District will be utilizing CHI Engineering for design services associated

with the upgrade to the gas metering at the OPPD North Omaha Power Plant.

The existing metering configuration is comprised of six, individual gas meter runs that were constructed in phases as the North Omaha power plant has expanded beginning in 1953 and concluding in 1989 when meter runs 4 and 5 were installed and the current gas turbine meters were installed. The newly designed configuration will be comprised of two meter runs which will serve OPPD's firm and interruptible service loads. New ultrasonic metering will be specified and configured with the District's SCADA system for real-time monitoring of this location. Additionally, the metering will be sized to accommodate future gas load when OPPD converts units 4 and 5 to natural gas.

**2. JOB #:** (100090001484 - \$93,000)

**TOTAL COST:** \$93,000

**LOCATION:** MUD Construction Center – CC1

**PURPOSE:** Parts and labor to replace the east CNG dispenser

**DESCRIPTION:** Transportation is seeking approval to replace the District's east CNG dispenser. The west dispenser was replaced in 2023 and this replacement will provide continuity at the fuel island. The current east dispenser is the original dispenser that was installed in 2010 and is structurally compromised from 14 years of salt and the elements. The new dispenser is a twin high hose standalone CNG dispenser with a powder coated stainless steel body that will provide many years of service to the District. This C&A covers the dispenser, installation labor, shipping and electrical to be completed by the District's CNG Consultant.

# **SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

1. JOB #: WP1920 - RATIFICATION (100065001737 - \$280,400)

**TOTAL COST: \$280,400** 

**LOCATION:** N 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and Mercy Road

**PURPOSE:** Abandon inoperable 16" water valve and hydrant

**DESCRIPTION:** In conjunction with the construction of water main replacement work under project WP1920, along 72nd Street, an inoperable (broken closed) 16" valve needed to be replaced. The 16" valve is part of an important 24" transmission water main located in the center of the intersection of 72nd & Mercy Streets. In addition, both 6" valves in the runaround piping to the drain hydrant would not fully close and they also needed to be replaced. The existing 16" valve was located 18 feet below the street surface and for safety reasons for our crews, who would be performing future maintenance on that valve, and to lessen possible future city traffic obstructions, it was decided to remove the valve from this intersection and replace it in an already excavated MUD work site near 71st & Mercy (100081002033). Because of the depth of bury of this 16" valve, some equipment needed to be rented to complete this project; the equipment included a large excavator and some shoring boxes.

**2. JOB #: WP2119** (100071000733 – \$66,000)

**TOTAL COST: \$66,000** 

**LOCATION:** 64<sup>th</sup> and Grover Street **PURPOSE:** Pipe Overhang Repair

**DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this project is to remove and replace deteriorating steel

supports for the 12" water main off the 64th & Grover bridge.

The existing 12" water main and pipe support overhangs were originally installed in 1982 as part of the WCH 6144 main relocation project. During our routine bridge inspection survey the steel supports were reported to be in poor condition by MUD Corrosion Team and recommended for immediate replacement to prevent catastrophic failure.

**3. JOB #: R2300 - STREETCAR PROJECT** (100054001162 - \$550,000) & (100068001145 - \$65,900)

**TOTAL COST:** \$615,900

**LOCATION:** Farnam Street from South 18<sup>th</sup> Street to South 28<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Relocate gas mains

**DESCRIPTION:** This work is required to eliminate conflicts on the City of Omaha's Streetcar Project OPW 54338. This phase will be the fifth (5) of eight (8) gas relocation projects along the currently proposed streetcar route. This work is anticipated to begin September 2024 and will be constructed by District crews.

The District and the City of Omaha agreed to limit the gas and water infrastructure costs related to the streetcar to \$7.6 million. Engineering has identified and estimated \$7.6 million of gas and water infrastructure replacement which will be accounted for under the Infrastructure Replacement Programs. This segment of gas work related to the streetcar is not part of the Infrastructure Replacement Program therefore it is reimbursable.

Two (2) commercial gas services will be reconnected to the new gas main under 100076003824 and four (4) commercial gas services will be replaced and connected to the new gas main under 100076003822 at a total estimated cost of \$42,324.

**4. JOB #: R2257- REVISED** (100053001571 – \$80,000) (100067001541 - \$3,400)

(100054001159 - \$5,500) & (100068001142 - \$700)

**TOTAL COST:** \$89,600

LOCATION: 222nd Street from West "Q" Road to Orchard Plaza

PURPOSE: Relocate two hydrants and install protective shield on water main

**DESCRIPTION:** This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed grading, paving

and storm sewers being done for the roadway project C-28(577).

This project is being revised as the proposed grading plans have changed. These changes removed the need to replace 400' of 12" ductile iron water main, as well as lower 350' of 4" plastic gas main. In total, the cost savings to the District is \$148,800.

A portion of these water mains were installed in permanent easement and the work is reimbursable to the District. The total sum of reimbursable work is firm priced at \$47,000. The remainder of the work is not reimbursable as the mains are in public right-of-way.

**5. JOB #: WP1926** (100051001068 – \$132,000)

**TOTAL COST:** \$132,000

**LOCATION:** South 33<sup>rd</sup> Street from Leavenworth Street to Jones Street

**PURPOSE:** Improve water system reliability and fire flows

**DESCRIPTION:** This work is being done to improve water system reliability and meet modern fire protection requirements for the area. The new 8" HDPE water main along South 33rd Street between Leavenworth and Jones Streets will provide a new feed for this area and better interconnect the distribution system. This project is anticipated to start in Fall 2024.

The cast iron water main on South 33rd Street between Jones and Harney Streets is being replaced under the District's Infrastructure Replacement Program. A separate WP1926 C&A requesting approval will be submitted for that work.

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Kendall Minor

SVP, Chief Operations Officer

Approved:

Mark Voyle

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Mark E. Doyle

DocuSigned by:

President

Inter-Department Communication

July 17, 2024

Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations

cc: all Board Members, Doyle, Mendenhall, Myers, Ausdemore, Minor, Lobsiger, and all

Vice Presidents

From: Adam Gartner, Interim Director, Plant Engineering

The following items will be on the August 7, 2024, 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 Contract		ints
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual
<b>a.</b> Cedar Construction, WP1927, 100055001407, Install Water Mains in Kempten Creek Lots 206-257, SW of Bennington Rd., and Kempten Creek Dr.	3/1/2023	\$225,904.00	\$210,375.00

**Comments:** There was a decrease of \$15,529.00 (-6.9%) for this project, due to a small decrease in unit quantities of air reliefs, augering, and bends required to complete the work. 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	Amou	ounts	
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual	
b. Kersten Construction, WP1954, 100055001420, 100057000526, 100057000472, Install Water Mains In Waters Edge Lots 1-88 12" Approach Main, SE. of 168th St. & Bennington Rd.	11/2/2022	\$844,930.00	\$812,511.10	

**Comments:** There was a decrease of \$32,418.90 (-3.8%) for this project, due to a minor decrease in unit quantities of water main, valves, and vaults required to complete the work. 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	Amounts	
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual
<b>c.</b> Valley Corporation, WP1988, 100055001433, 100057000531, Install Water Mains in Westbrook Hills Lots 1-203, NE. of 138 <sup>th</sup> St. and Ida St.	3/1/2023	\$1,313,171.40	\$1,271,068.40

**Comments:** There was a decrease of \$42,103.00 (-3.2%) for this project, due to a minor decrease in unit quantities of water main and deep hydrants required to complete the work. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

\*Based upon Engineering's estimated unit quantities.

Adam Gartner

Adam Gartner

Interim Director, Plant Engineering

Approved:

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Vice President Engineering

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kendall Minor Kendall Minor Senior Vice President **Chief Operations Officer** 

President

Inter-Department Communication

July 24, 2024

Subject: BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

To: Construction & Operations Committee

cc: All Board Members, Doyle, Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Melville, Mendenhall, Minor,

Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Sherri A Lightfoot, Director, Procurement

The following items will be on the August 7, 2024 Committee Agenda for consideration and the August 7, 2024 Board Agenda for approval. The recommended bid is bolded and listed first. Nonlocal bidders have been indicated in italics.

# WATER/GAS MAIN CONTRACTS

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<u>item</u>	/ Nec u	<u> Didders</u>	<u>bia Amount</u>
Install Water Mains in AD Industrial	35/3	Cedar Constr.	\$217,096.00
Park Lots 1-6, SW of S. 144th		Becker Trenching	239,250.00
Street and Chandler Road		Kersten Constr.	310,369.25
100057000549 WP2110			
Engineering Estimate: \$222,564.00			
(A C&A in the amount of \$272,378.00	will be presente	ed to the Board on Augu	st 7, 2024
for approval.)	-		

Install Water Mains in Hills of Aspen	35/3	Cedar Constr.	\$670,620.00
Creek Phase 2B Lots 308-331,		Kersten Constr.	682,860.50
354-363, 377-473, Outlots H-O		Becker Trenching	749,800.00

NW of S. 180th Street and Palisades Drive

100055001477 WP2117

Engineering Estimate: \$689,673.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$797,266.00 will be presented to the Board on August 7, 2024

for approval.)

# **OTHER**

<u>ltem</u>	Bids Sent / Rec'd	<u>Bidders</u>	Bid Amount
Platte West Water Production Facility Regulatory Compliance Project (Painting, Thrust Restraint, and Sealant Improvements) *Bid Rejected 100091000064 WP2115	11/1	Hawkins Constr.	\$4,915,427.50*
MUD Construction Center 2 (CC2) Special Inspections 100084001317 (C&A for 100084001317 approved Nov (Supplemental C&A approved June 7, 2)			<b>\$97,165.00</b> 97,637.00 112,760.00 7,990.00.)
64 <sup>th</sup> Street and Grover Street Bridge Pipe Overhang Replacement 100071000733 WP2119 (A C&A in the amount of \$66,000.00 with approval.)	8/4 ill be presented	Neuvirth Constr. Kea Constr. Judds Bros JMN Constr. to the Board on August	\$52,133.17 55,310.16 94,750.00 99,989.00 7, 2024
Five (5) Heavy Duty V Blade Snowplows 100088000846 *Bid Rejected, Did Not Meet Specificati (C&A for Annual Construction Machine January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$18,7	s, Equipment, V	Ty's Outdoor Power Protech Commercial Northern Truck Equip. Badger Body 'ehicles and Upfitting ap	\$43,750.00 49,785.00 57,600.00 43,145.00* proved
Two (2) Track Skid Loaders for Construction 100087000691 *State Contract 15993OC (C&A for Annual Construction Machine January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$18,7		Bobcat Omaha  /ehicles and Upfitting ap	<b>\$171,292.00</b> * proved

# **ANNUALS**

<u>ltem</u>	Bids Sent / Rec'd	<u>Bidders</u>	Bid Amount
Magnesium Anodes (700 – 17lbs and 900 – 32lbs) (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025) *Extension 1	1/1	BK Corrosion	\$195,400.00*
Ferric Sulfate (274,000 lbs.) Platte South WTP (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025)	7/4	<b>Pencco</b> Kemira Water Chemtrade Thatcher	<b>\$65,212.00</b> 65,486.00 89,050.00 90,968.00
Ferric Sulfate (1,200,000 lbs.) Platte West WTP (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025)	7/4	<b>Pencco</b> Kemira Water Chemtrade Thatcher	<b>\$285,600.00</b> 286,800.00 390,000.00 398,400.00
Soda Ash Florence Water Treatment Plant (3,500 tons) (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025)	4/2	<b>Thatcher</b> DuBois	<b>\$1,743,000.00</b> 1,918,000.00
Sodium Permanganate (40,000 lbs.) (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025)	4/1	Carus	\$52,400.00

One Ton Cylinders of Liquid Chlorine 1/1 PVS DX (DPC) \$1,505,232.00\*
Florence, Platte South, and Platte West
Water Treatment Plants (720 tons)
(September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025)
\*Extension 1

# **ANNUALS**

<u>ltem</u>	Bids Sent / Rec'd	<u>Bidders</u>	Bid/Bid Value#
Quick Lime (8,400 tons by Rail) Florence WT	7/3 P	Graymont Western	\$1,621,200.00/ \$1,524,358.00
(September 1, 2024 to August 31	, 2025)	Mississippi Lime	2,138,808.00 2,019,985.00
		Pete Lien & Sons	2,427,600.00 2,385,502.00
#Bid Value based on percentage o	f available Calcium Ox	ide (CaO)	
Quick Lime (3,350 tons by Truck) Platte South	7/4 h WTP	Pete Lien & Sons	\$646,550.00/ \$635,338.00
(September 1, 2024 to August 31, 202		Mississippi Lime	915,622.00/ 864,754.00
		Graymont Western	957,631.00/ 900,427.00
		Lhoist	2,131,069.00/ 2,023,920.00

#Bid Value based on percentage of available Calcium Oxide (CaO)

Quick Lime (5,200 tons by Truck) Platte West WTP	7/4	Pete Lien & Son	\$1,003,600.00/ \$986,196.00
(September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025)		Mississippi Lime	1,421,264.00/
			1,342,305.00
		Graymont Western	1,486,472.00/
			1,397,678.00
		Lhoist	3,332,472.00/
			3,163,940.00

#Bid Value based on percentage of available Calcium Oxide (CaO)

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Sherri A. Lightfoot Sherri A. Lightfoot Director, Procurement (402) 504-7253

Approved:

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Vice President, Procurement and Enterprise Services

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Steve Ausdemore

Steven E. Ausdemore

Senior Vice President, Safety, Security and Field Operations

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Mark E. Doyle

President

Inter-Department Communication

July 21, 2024

Subject: NOTICE OF PURCHASES BETWEEN \$25,000 - \$50,000

**To:** All Board Members

cc: Doyle, Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice

Presidents

From: Sherri A. Lightfoot, Director, Procurement

During the month of July, the following item was purchased or contracted for and is being submitted to the Board to be placed on file. The purchase or contract was initiated with the low bidder which is bolded and listed first.

<u>Item</u>	Bids Sent / Rec'd	<u>Bidder</u>	Amount Bid
Ammonium Hydroxide (Aqua Ammonia)	5/3	<b>Baker Services</b>	<b>\$32,256.00</b>
(Approx. 384,000 lbs.) Florence WTP		Hydrite Chemical	51,840.00
(September 1, 2024 to August 31,2025)		Univar	74,496.00
Ammonium Hydroxide (Aqua Ammonia) (Approx. 334,000 lbs.) Platte South WTP (September 1, 2024 to August 31,2025)	5/3	<b>Baker Services</b> Hydrite Chemical Univar	<b>\$28,056.00</b> 45,090.00 64,796.00
Ammonium Hydroxide (Aqua Ammonia)	5/3	<b>Baker Services</b>	<b>\$42,420.00</b>
(Approx. 505,000 lbs.) Platte West WTP		Hydrite Chemical	68,175.00
(September 1, 2024 to August 31,2025)		Univar	97,970.00

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Sherri A. Lightfoot Sherri A. Lightfoot Director, Procurement (402)504-7253

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Vice President, Procurement and Enterprise Services

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Inter-Department Communication

July 31, 2024

Subject: RENEWAL OF WATER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF

**RALSTON** 

**To:** Construction and Operations Committee

**Cc:** All Board Members, President. Doyle, Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore,

Lobsiger, Minor, and Myers, and all Vice Presidents

From: Mark Mendenhall, Senior Vice President, General Counsel

The District has, pursuant to a water franchise agreement, provided the City of Ralston, Nebraska with water services since 1972. The agreement has been in the form of a franchise and has been renewed several times, each for a successive 25-year period.

The District services several other communities via a franchise. A franchise agreement is an agreement that allows the District to utilize the right of way within the city in the same manner the District operates within the City of Omaha. Over the past several years, efforts have been made to ensure franchise agreements are similar in terms and conditions.

The historical arrangement with the City of Ralston is unique in that the District did not own the water distribution system. The District provided water services within the City limits but the facilities used to provide those services: the pipes, hydrants, valves, etc., were owned by the City. The City and the District desire to change that arrangement.

This recommendation was previously before this Committee earlier this year. The recommendation at that time included a provision of the agreement that allowed the District to collect an additional fee from Ralston customers over 10 years to cover the costs to replace certain shallow water mains. The District and City officials engaged in several discussions since February to evaluate that provision.

As a result of those discussions, the parties have agreed to a revised agreement that renews the franchise for an additional 25 years and conveys the water distribution system to the District. It does not include language addressing those shallow water mains and the District will not be taking steps to collect any additional fees from Ralston area customers. Rather, our continued evaluation demonstrated those mains do not pose a greater risk when compared with other mains. The parties did though agree to restate language requiring the City to reimburse the District for costs to relocate facilities when such relocation is necessary due to City street projects. We believe this language will provide better long-term protection for all District ratepayers.

The City of Ralston approved the revised agreement at its July 16 City Council meeting. Upon your approval, Mark Doyle will execute the same.

This matter will appear on the August 7, 2024, Committee Agenda and, subject to Committee review, the August 7, 2024, Board Agenda for consideration. The City of Ralston City Council will undertake a review the following week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Senior Vice President, General Counsel

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#### WATER FRANCHISE AND SYSTEM ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

THIS WATER FRANCHISE AND SYSTEM ACQUISITION AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), entered this July 16, 2024, between the City of Ralston, Douglas County, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, ("City"), and Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska ("District").

WHEREAS, City is a City of the first class located in Douglas County, Nebraska, adjacent to the City of Omaha, a City of the metropolitan class; and

WHEREAS, the District is the natural gas and water provider for the City of Omaha and several adjacent municipalities pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 14-2101; and

WHEREAS, City is the owner of certain waterworks, water distribution system, equipment and property serving water to the residents of the City and adjacent areas; and

WHEREAS, District and City intend for District to continue providing water services to the City and its residents and further each agrees, as set forth herein, that the District will acquire from the City the waterworks, water distribution system, equipment, with some exceptions, and the City is willing to convey such system to District subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements set forth herein, it is agreed between the parties as follows:

#### I. FRANCHISE

A. There is hereby granted to District, its successors and assigns, the exclusive right, permission and authority to own, construct, operate and maintain a water distribution system, including all necessary appurtenances and structures therefore, and including the existing water distribution system installed by others, within the limits of the City, as the same now exists or hereafter may be extended, for a period of twenty-five (25) years from and after the effective date of this Ordinance; and for this purpose there is also further granted to the District the right, permission and authority, during the franchise period, to own, construct, operate and maintain, in, upon, over, across and along all of the streets, avenues. alleys, bridges and public places of the City, all mains, pipes, structures and appurtenances necessary or convenient for transmitting, transporting, distributing and supplying water for domestic, manufacturing, industrial, public and fire protection purposes for which water may be used by the inhabitants of the City during the terms hereof and for the purpose of transmitting, transporting and conveying such water into, through or beyond the immediate limits of the City to other customer, villages or cities.

- B. Upon agreement by the parties, this Franchise may be renewed for an additional twenty-five (25) year period under terms and rates agreeable to both parties negotiating in good faith.
- C. This Franchise allows the District to continue to use all existing and future publicly dedicated streets, avenues, alleys, bridges, and public rights of way to repair, maintain, replace, modify, extend and relocate all or any part of its water distribution system as it deems necessary. District shall, in performing any work in connection with its water distribution system, avoid, so far as may be practicable, interfering with the use of any street, alley or other highway, and where the paving or surface of the street is disturbed, District shall, at its own expense, replace such paving or surface of the streets, alleys, or other highways in as reasonably good a condition as existed before work was commenced. District shall obtain from City all required permits for street openings in connection with work on its water distribution system, but City shall waive any permit fees on such permits issued to District. In the event of emergency street openings, District shall obtain the permit as soon thereafter as practicable.
- D. The District shall provide water services to its existing ratepayers and any new ratepayers within the City's corporate boundaries and extra territorial jurisdiction as such boundaries may be modified from time to time by the City.
- E. Such water services are provided by the District within the City pursuant to the District's Water Rules and Regulations as the same exist as of the effective date of this Agreement and as they may be modified from time to time by the District, and as similarly provided to all ratepayers and municipalities within District's boundaries.
- F. The District will continue to keep all public fire hydrants within the City in good and working condition pursuant to all relevant District Water Rules and Regulations.
- G. In the event the District is required to initiate water use restrictions, those ratepayers within the City shall be treated in the same manner as all other customers within of the District within the city of the metropolitan class.
- H. The parties acknowledge that the water to be supplied to City from the District's is fluoridated in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-3305 and the rules and regulations of the State of Nebraska.
- I. No provision within this Agreement shall be construed to create any property right or interest of any nature in, over, along, under or across any public right of way within the City nor shall it preclude the City from making any change or modification to its public rights of way as it deems necessary.

- J. All ratepayers within the City boundaries as they exist as of the effective date of this Agreement and as they may change from time to time as determined by the City, will be subject to all applicable rules and regulations established by the District.
- K. The District will charge all ratepayers within the City boundaries the appropriate rate schedule mandated by those ratepayers' respective agreements with the District as established by and modified by the District, being the same rate schedules charged by the District to its other ratepayers within the District's water service boundary.
- L. The Parties agree that all of the District's Water Rules and Regulations including those rates and services set forth in its Billing Price Book as they exist on the effective date of this Agreement and as they may be amended from time to time by the District shall apply to the area subject to this franchise in the same manner as they apply throughout the remainder of the District's water service boundary, including the payment of all sums as may be required by Neb. Rev. Stat §14-2139.
- M. In the event that a change in grade or location of any street, alley or bridge within the City or other construction or repair work required by the City requires the relocation or alteration of any portion of the water distribution system, the District shall be reimbursed by the City for the cost thereof.

# II. CITY WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CONVEYANCE

- A. The City hereby conveys and the District hereby accepts any and all facilities that comprise the City's water distribution system as of the effective date of this Agreement including but not limited to water main pipelines, fire or other hydrants, valves, pump stations and any associated appurtenances with the exception of any water service lines as further described in this Agreement or as defined in the District's Water Rules and Regulations.
- B. City shall provide to District any and all drawings, documents and records associated with the water distribution system including any engineering designs or drawings that show the location of any of the facilities that comprise the City's water distribution system.
- C. City shall assign any and all property rights including easement rights it may have as of the date of this Agreement necessary for District to operate its water distribution system.
- D. District accepts and acquires the City's water distribution system as it exists as of the date of this Agreement, including such parts of the water distribution system that do not meet the District's engineering specifications and standards.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties through their duly authorized officers, execute this Agreement

City of Ralson	Metropolitan Utilities District Of Omaha
R. Brian Kavanaugh, President	
of the Ralston City Council	
On behalf of Donald A. Groesser,	
Mayor	
Approved as to form:	
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Inter-Department Communication

July 30, 2024

**Subject:** MAIN EXTENSIONS

To: Services and Extensions Committee

cc: All Board Members, Ausdemore, Doyle, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, and

all Vice Presidents

Masa Niiya, Vice President, Engineering From:

The following main extensions will be on the August 7, 2024, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:

**1. JOB #: WP2117** (100055001477 - \$797,266)

**PROJECT COST:** \$797,266

**DISTRICT COST: \$0** 

**LOCATION:** NW of South 180<sup>th</sup> Street and Palisades Drive

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Cavanaugh

**PURPOSE**: Install water mains in Hills of Aspen Creek

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 131

newly platted single family residential lots in Hills of Aspen Creek Subdivision.

2. JOB #: WP2110 (100057000549 - \$272,378)

**PROJECT COST:** \$272,378

**DISTRICT COST: \$0** 

**LOCATION:** SW of South 144<sup>th</sup> Street and Chandler Road

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Cavanaugh

**PURPOSE**: Install water mains in AD Industrial Park Subdivision

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 6

newly platted commercial lots in AD Industrial Park Subdivision.

**3. JOB #: WP2121** (100051001086 - \$120,456)

**PROJECT COST:** \$120.456 **DISTRICT COST:** \$49,534

**LOCATION:** Alberta Avenue west of South 9<sup>th</sup> Street

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Sidzyik

PURPOSE: Install water mains to serve Lot 2 of Bellevue Business Park Replat 6

**DESCRIPTION:** This work is being required in accordance with the District's Infill Main Policy to provide a main extension. The main extension prevents private lines and allows for future expansion of the system. A previous payment was received from the lots south of Alberta Avenue under WC 8865 in the amount of \$23,357. The applicant's estimated share of the cost of

installing the main is \$47,565 based on 380.59' of frontage.

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Sr. Vice President, Chief Operations Officer

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Mark E. Doyle

President

Inter-Department Communication

July 26, 2024

# Subject: Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications, August 2024 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, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, 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.

Employee: Jacob Benak

Current position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)

New position (department): Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$40.32; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.69; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.88%

**District hire date:** February 25, 2019

Employee: Steven Bonge

Current position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)

New position (department): Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$40.32; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.69; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.88%

**District hire date:** September 23, 2019

Employee: Deric Ewer

Current position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)

New position (department): Crew Leader (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$40.32; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.69; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.88%

**District hire date:** June 5, 2000

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Employee: Robert Hastings

Current position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)

New position (department): Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$40.32; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.69; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.88%

**District hire date:** April 15, 2019

Employee: Aaron Osterholm

**Current position (department):** Customer Service Technician (Field Services)

New position (department): Senior Customer Service Technician (Field Services)

Current rate; step/grade: \$45.49; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$49.13; Step 4

Percent of increase: 8.00%

**District hire date:** June 15, 2015

# 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

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# 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.

Employee: Evan Martin

Current position (department): Senior Infrastructure Engineer (Infrastructure Integrity)

New position (department): Director, Infrastructure Integrity (Infrastructure Integrity)

**Current rate; step/grade:** \$135,916; SPA – 07 **Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$142,712; SPA – 8D

Percent of increase: 5.00%

**District hire date:** January 31, 2022

Employee: Kris Thompson

**Current position (department):** Senior Design Engineer – Major Projects (Water Pumping)

**New position (department):** Director, Platte South (Platte South Plant)

**Current rate; step/grade:** \$141,895; SPA – 07 **Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$148,990; SPA – 8D

Percent of increase: 5.00%

**District hire date:** May 18, 2009

#### 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: Ryan Opdahl

Current position (department): Engineer II (Engineering Design)

**Current rate; step/grade:** \$106,113; SPA – 04

District hire date: July 1, 2024

Employee: Cassandra Zink

**Current position (department):** Supervisor, Meter Reading (Meter Services)

**Current rate; step/grade:** \$95,000; SPA – 04

District hire date: July 29, 2024

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