

# METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

July 20, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, in the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, Jefferson, and Weld, and the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, met in regular session in-person and via conference call in the Boardroom at 6450 York Street, Denver, Colorado, Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Twombly called the meeting to order.

### 1. OATH OF OFFICE

The following Director has been appointed by her Member Municipality to complete a two-year term of office which expires June 30, 2022.

**Appointed Director**

Tammy Hitchens

**Member Municipality**

City of Westminster

The following Directors have been appointed by their Member Municipalities for a two-year term of office which expires June 30, 2023.

**Appointed Director**

Jane Bais DiSessa  
Greg Baker

**Member Municipality**

City of Brighton  
City of Aurora

The following Directors have been reappointed by their Member Municipalities for a two-year term of office which expires June 30, 2023.

**Reappointed Director**

Nadine Caldwell  
Jo Ann Giddings  
Charlie Long

**Member Municipality**

City of Aurora  
City of Aurora  
City of Thornton

### 2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Caldwell called the roll.

**Officers Present:**

Scott Twombly, Thornton  
Andrew Johnston, Denver  
Nadine Caldwell, Aurora  
Stephen Gay, Westminster\*

Chairman  
Chairman Pro Tem  
Secretary  
Treasurer

**Directors Present:**

Peter Baertlein, Denver  
Greg Baker, Aurora  
Phil Burgi, Wheat Ridge\*  
John Chavez, Berkeley  
David Councilman, Pleasant View  
Deborah Crisp, East Lakewood  
John Dingess, Aurora\*  
Robert Duncanson, Denver  
Jo Ann Giddings, City of Aurora  
Joan Iler, Westridge  
Kathryn Jensen, North Table Mountain\*  
Janet Kieler, Denver  
Craig Kocian, Arvada\*  
Laura Kroeger, Lakewood

Bob LeGare, Aurora  
Charles Long, Thornton  
Martin Majors, Fruitdale\*  
Sarah Niyork, South Adams  
Steve Pott, Applewood  
Bill Ray, Arvada  
Michael Sapp, Denver  
Greg Sekera, Lakewood  
Del Smith, Bancroft-Clover  
Peter Spanberger, Denver  
Mary Beth Susman, Denver  
Amerigo Svaldi, North Washington Street  
Dennis Towndrow, North Pecos\*  
Ronald Younger, Denver

**Directors Absent:**

Jane Bais DiSessa, Brighton  
Clark Davenport, Northwest Lakewood

Kathy Laurienti, Crestview  
Christopher Pacheco, Denver

**Others Present:**

Mickey Conway  
Emily Jackson  
Mitch Costanzo  
Dawn Ambrosio  
Ruth Kedzior  
Molly Kostelecky  
Yvonne Kohlmeier  
Lydia Nkem  
Rienna Nuber  
Brittany Peshek\*

District Manager  
General Counsel  
Deputy Manager/Director of Engineering  
Director of Strategy and Communication  
Assistant to the District Manager  
Director of Administrative Services  
Administrative Assistant  
Executive Assistant  
Organization Communications Manager  
Administrative Analyst

\*Attended via conference call.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no comment.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.a Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on June 15, 2021**

Chairman Twombly asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held June 15, 2021.

Director Younger moved and Director Iler seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held June 15, 2021.

The motion carried unanimously.

## 5. PROGRESS AND PROJECTION REPORTS

### 5.a Report by District Manager

District Manager Conway reviewed his written report, highlighting the new staff senior directors, Senior Director of Administrative Services Molly Kostelecky and Senior Director of Technical Services Sherman Papke, who were selected from a pool of internal and external candidates, stating this change to the organizational structure is a terrific path forward for the Metro District.

### 5.b Report by General Counsel

General Counsel Jackson provided an update on the recent developments concerning the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company, Burlington Ditch Reservoir and Land Company, and Henrylyn Irrigation District civil action, stating the Motion to Dismiss is being evaluated by the Court. Ms. Jackson also gave an update on the Donald Temples litigation, stating the Motion to Stay Proceedings is now in the Court's hands.

### 5.c Annual Legislative Report

District Manager Conway provided an update on the status of legislative items which the Metro District followed during the legislative session.

## 6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### 6.a Meeting Minutes

There were no additions to the following meeting minutes:

Operations Committee	July 6, 2021
Finance Committee	July 8, 2021
Executive Committee	July 13, 2021

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### Consent Agenda

#### 7.a **Consideration of Cost Allocation Percentages for the 2022 Annual Charges for Service**

Director Ray moved and Director Baertlein seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Metro District," adopt the Cost Allocation Percentages for the 2022 Annual Charges for Service; and

WHEREAS, Schedule B of the *Sewage Treatment and Disposal Agreement* (Service Contract) provides the Metro District annually review its total costs to

determine the percentage of those costs associated with the parameters used for the allocation of Annual Charges for Service; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees, after having reviewed the matter, recommend adopting the 2022 Cost Allocation Percentages; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Schedule B of the Service Contract between the Metro District and its Member Municipalities, attached hereto, be and hereby is amended effective January 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as a result of this amendment to the Service Contract, Exhibit B of the Special Connector Agreement between the Metro District and its Special Connectors be and hereby is similarly amended effective January 1, 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7.b Consideration of the 2022 Sewer Connection Charge**

Director Ray moved and Director Baertlein seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Metro District," has established a Sewer Connection Charge; and

WHEREAS, Section 509 of the *Sewage Treatment and Disposal Agreement* (Service Contract) between the Metro District and its Member Municipalities, and Section 507 of the *Special Connector Agreement* between the Metro District and its Special Connectors, provide the Sewer Connection Charge may be changed by resolution duly enacted by action of the Metro District's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary the Sewer Connection Charge be established for 2022 for each Single Family Residential Equivalent, such charge to be effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, based on the current buy-in methodology, Metro District staff recommends increasing the Sewer Connection Charge from \$4,550 to \$4,710 for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees, after having reviewed the matter, recommend adopting a Sewer Connection Charge of \$4,710 for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Metro District's Sewer Connection Charge be and hereby is increased to \$4,710 for each Single Family Residential

Equivalent, effective January 1, 2022.

The motion carried unanimously.

**7.c Consideration of 2021 Large-User Exception Capital Investment Fractions**

Director Ray moved and Director Baertlein seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the “Metro District,” has established a Sewer Connection Charge and a Large-User Exception to the Sewer Connection Charge; and

WHEREAS, Section 509 of the *Sewage Treatment and Disposal Agreement* (Service Contract) between the Metro District and its Member Municipalities, and Section 507 of the *Special Connectors Agreement* between the Metro District and its Special Connectors, provide for adoption of a Sewer Connection Charge and implementation of a Large-User Exception; and

WHEREAS, the Service Contract and Section 7.5.1 of the *Metro Wastewater Reclamation District Rules and Regulations Governing Operation, Use and Services of the System* provide for reviewing the Large-User Exception Capital Investment Fractions annually; and

WHEREAS, Metro District staff recommends adopting the Large-User Capital Investment Fractions for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees, after having reviewed the matter, recommend adopting the Large-User Capital Investment Fractions for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Capital Investment Fractions for flows and loadings used to calculate the Metro District’s Sewer Connection Charges for a Large User, effective January 1, 2022, be and hereby are adopted as follows:

Flow	=	0.5248
BOD	=	0.1698
SS	=	0.2110
TKN	=	0.0944

The motion carried unanimously.

**7.d Consideration of the 2022 Reactivation Charge**

Director Ray moved and Director Baertlein seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the “Metro District,” has established a Reactivation Charge for sewer connections to the Metro District System; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.6.3 of the *Metro Wastewater Reclamation District Rules and Regulations Governing Operation, Use and Services of the System* (Rules and Regulations) provides the Reactivation Charge shall be set by the Board of Directors and may be adjusted from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors in accordance with the approved methodology; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary the Reactivation Charge be established for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the methodology approved by the Board of Directors for calculating the Reactivation Charge and the historic practice of rounding to the nearest \$5 results in a Reactivation Charge for the year 2022 of \$130 per Single Family Residential Equivalent (SFRE) for each year, beyond ten years, a connection has been inactive as defined by the Metro District’s Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees, after having reviewed the matter, recommend adopting a Reactivation Charge for 2022 of \$130 per SFRE; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Reactivation Charge for 2022 as set forth in Section 7.6.3 of the *Metro Wastewater Reclamation District Rules and Regulations Governing Operation, Use and Services of the System* be and hereby is established at \$130 per SFRE for each year beyond ten that a connection has been inactive as defined by the Rules and Regulations.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7.e Consideration of Diesel Fuel and Gasoline Contract**

Director Ray moved and Director Baertlein seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the “Metro District,” is a member of the Colorado Multiple Assembly of Procurement Officials (MAPO), established in 1989 as a cooperative association allowing public procurement professionals to collectively issue solicitations for goods and services, and to make purchases based on existing agreements; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive solicitation process, MAPO selected Hill Petroleum to provide fuel to MAPO members at a contracted price through July 31, 2022, requiring MAPO to re-bid the contract, under which MAPO members will then be able to enter into agreements with the selected vendor at the new contracted prices; and

WHEREAS, Metro District staff recommends entering into an agreement with Hill Petroleum, MAPO’s current vendor, for the supply of unleaded gasoline and premium

#2 red-dyed low sulfur diesel fuel for the period from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, under the MAPO vendor contract; and

WHEREAS, Metro District staff recommends entering into additional agreements, not to exceed a total term of five years, with the current vendor under contract with MAPO to provide fuel for members of MAPO; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees of the Metro District, after having reviewed the matter, recommend authorizing the District Manager to enter into an agreement with Hill Petroleum, MAPO's current vendor, for the supply of unleaded gasoline and premium #2 red-dyed low sulfur diesel fuel to the Metro District and enter into additional agreements with MAPO's then current vendor, not to exceed a total term of five years, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Metro District; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs with the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the District Manager be and hereby is authorized and instructed to enter into an agreement with MAPO's current vendor, Hill Petroleum, for the supply of unleaded gasoline and premium #2 red-dyed low sulfur diesel fuel to the Metro District for the period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the District Manager be and hereby is authorized, at his discretion, to enter into additional agreements, not to exceed a total term of five years, with MAPO's then current vendor to provide fuel if deemed by the District Manager to be in the best interest of the Metro District.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7.f Consideration of Connector Request**

Director Ray moved and Director Baertlein seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Metro District," determine whether it is feasible to serve the City of Fort Lupton (Fort Lupton) and, if feasible, determine the terms and conditions for service; and

WHEREAS, under Section 513 of the Metropolitan Sewage Disposal Districts Act, in order for a municipality to be included within the Metro District, the municipality must request the Metro District determine the feasibility of serving the municipality through the Metro District's facilities and the terms and conditions upon which the municipality may be included within the Metro District; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2021, Fort Lupton requested the Metro District determine the feasibility of serving Fort Lupton through its facilities and the terms and conditions for Fort Lupton's inclusion in the Metro District; and

WHEREAS, after discussions with Fort Lupton's staff, staff of the Metro District has determined it is feasible to serve Fort Lupton through the Metro District's facilities and has proposed terms and conditions for including Fort Lupton in the Metro District; and

WHEREAS, the Operations and Finance committees of the Metro District, after having reviewed the matter, concur in the recommendation of staff that Fort Lupton can feasibly be served by the Metro District's facilities and concur in the terms and conditions proposed by staff for including Fort Lupton within the Metro District; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs in the recommendation of the other committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Metro District hereby determines the City of Fort Lupton can feasibly be served by the Metro District's facilities and the City of Fort Lupton can be included in the Metro District under the terms and conditions of Section VIII of the Sewage Treatment and Disposal Agreement (Service Contract) attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be sent to the City of Fort Lupton.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Roll Call Agenda**

#### **7.g Consideration of Appointments to the Defined Benefit Plan Retirement Board**

Director Smith moved and Director Giddings seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the terms of three members of the Defined Benefit Plan Retirement Board (DB Retirement Board) of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Metro District," expire on July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, members of the DB Retirement Board continue to serve until they are reappointed or replaced, and it is necessary appointments be made to fill these positions; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board, Scott Twombly, recommends reappointing Metro District Director Feeley, Director Kocian, Director Papke, and Director Smith to the DB Retirement Board for two-year terms expiring on July 31, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Metro District Director Feeley, Director Kocian, Director Papke, and Director Smith be and hereby are reappointed to the Defined Benefit Plan Retirement Board for the term of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023.

Chairman Twombly called for a roll call vote which carried with 32 Directors voting Yes:

Peter Baertlein	Joan Iler	Bill Ray
Greg Baker	Kathryn Jensen	Michael Sapp
Phil Burgi	Andrew Johnston	Greg Sekera
Nadine Caldwell	Janet Kieler	Del Smith
John Chavez	Craig Kocian	Peter Spanberger
David Councilman	Laura Kroeger	Mary Beth Susman
Deborah Crisp	Bob LeGare	Amerigo Svaldi
John Dingess	Charles Long	Dennis Towndrow
Robert Duncanson	Martin Majors	Scott Twombly
Stephen Gay	Sarah Niyork	Ronald Younger
Jo Ann Giddings	Steve Pott	

#### **7.h Consideration of Appointments to the Defined Contribution Plan Retirement Board**

Director Younger moved and Director Sapp seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the terms of three members of the Defined Contribution Plan Retirement Board (DC Retirement Board) of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Metro District," expire on July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, members of the DC Retirement Board continue to serve until they are reappointed or replaced, and it is necessary appointments be made to fill these positions; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board, Scott Twombly recommends appointing Metro District Director Sekera to the DC Retirement Board to complete a two-year term expiring on July 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, Chairman Twombly recommends reappointing Metro District Director Kieler to the DC Retirement Board for a two-year term expiring on July 31, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Metro District Director Sekera be and hereby is appointed to the Defined Contribution Plan Retirement Board to complete a term from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Metro District Director Kieler be and hereby is reappointed to the Defined Contribution Plan Retirement Board for the term of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023.

Chairman Twombly called for a roll call vote which carried with 32 Directors voting Yes:

Peter Baertlein	Joan Iler	Bill Ray
Greg Baker	Kathryn Jensen	Michael Sapp
Phil Burgi	Andrew Johnston	Greg Sekera
Nadine Caldwell	Janet Kieler	Del Smith
John Chavez	Craig Kocian	Peter Spanberger
David Councilman	Laura Kroeger	Mary Beth Susman
Deborah Crisp	Bob LeGare	Amerigo Svaldi
John Dingess	Charles Long	Dennis Towndrow
Robert Duncanson	Martin Majors	Scott Twombly
Stephen Gay	Sarah Niyork	Ronald Younger
Jo Ann Giddings	Steve Pott	

**7.i Consideration of Ratification of Board Resolution 0621-B8.c (Consideration of the 2022 Budget)**

Director Iler moved and Director Baertlein seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

District Manager Conway stated the apportionment amount in this fund was correct, there was a typo in the original resolution which this ratification is correcting.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Metro District," to ratify Resolution 0621-B8.c, in which the Board of Directors approved 2022 Capital Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting on June 15, 2021, included an action item for adopting the 2022 Operating Budget, which included approving the 2022 Capital Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt the 2022 Operation Budget and approve the 2022 Capital Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Metro District staff identified an error in the Resolution concerning the 2022 Capital Expenditure approval numbers – \$952,000 from the Fixed Asset Replacement Fund – and recommend ratifying the Resolution with the corrected numbers – \$952,500 from the Fixed Asset Replacement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, after having reviewed the matter, concurs with the recommendation of Metro District staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Resolution 0621-B8.c, as attached, in which the Board of Directors approved the 2022 Capital Expenditures, be and hereby is ratified.

Chairman Twombly called for a roll call vote which carried with 32 Directors voting Yes:

Peter Baertlein	Joan Iler	Bill Ray
Greg Baker	Kathryn Jensen	Michael Sapp
Phil Burgi	Andrew Johnston	Greg Sekera
Nadine Caldwell	Janet Kieler	Del Smith
John Chavez	Craig Kocian	Peter Spanberger
David Councilman	Laura Kroeger	Mary Beth Susman
Deborah Crisp	Bob LeGare	Amerigo Svaldi
John Dingess	Charles Long	Dennis Towndrow
Robert Duncanson	Martin Majors	Scott Twombly
Stephen Gay	Sarah Niyork	Ronald Younger
Jo Ann Giddings	Steve Pott	

## 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### 8.a Election of Officers per Metro District Bylaws

Chairman Twombly reviewed the slate of Officers recommended by the Nominating Committee at the June 15, 2021 Board of Directors meeting for the upcoming term of office:

Scott Twombly	Chairman of the Board	City of Thornton
Andrew Johnston	Chairman Pro Tem	City and County of Denver
Sarah Niyork	Secretary	South Adams County Water and Sanitation District
Jo Ann Giddings	Treasurer	City of Aurora

Chairman Twombly thanked the Directors who served on the Nominating Committee and asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there were none. He closed the nominations.

Director Susman moved and Director Sekera seconded the motion to elect the slate of Officers recommended by the Nominating Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

### 8.b Consideration of Resolution Memorializing the Election of Officers

Director Younger moved and Director Long seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary the Board of Directors of the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Metro District," elect a new slate of Officers as required by the *Bylaws of Metro Wastewater Reclamation District* (Bylaws); and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws provide the Board of Directors elect new Officers annually during the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in the month of July; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has held such election and wishes to memorialize by resolution the following Board Members have been elected as Officers for the 2021-2022 term:

Scott Twombly	Chairman of the Board
Andrew Johnston	Chairman Pro Tem
Sarah Niyork	Secretary
Jo Ann Giddings	Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the slate of Officers elected by the Board of Directors of the Metro District be and hereby are memorialized by resolution.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Twombly thanked the new officers for taking on these roles.

## **9. DIRECTOR RECOGNITION**

Chairman Twombly recognized Director Gay, who is retiring from the Metro District's Board of Directors after three years of service and Director Mikesell who is retiring from the Board after 13 years of service.

Director Gay encouraged the incoming, new Directors to embrace their experience, stating Metro District staff was highly proficient and a knowledgeable team.

Chairman Twombly remarked even though Director Gay has only been on the Board for three years, he has made a significant contribution, his dedication is appreciated, and was wished all the best.

District Manager Conway thanked Director Gay for his work on the Asset Management Plan, the value he brought to staff and the budget, and appreciated Director Gay's wealth of knowledge.

Chairman Twombly remarked on the numerous committees Director Mikesell had served, stating the Metro District has benefitted from his wisdom and experience, and how his contribution to the Board has been deeply valued.

Director Mikesell stated it was an absolute pleasure to serve on the Board and thanked his fellow Board members for the nice comments. He thanked Metro District staff, stating employees are by far one of the best utility staff in the country. Director Mikesell stated he enjoyed supporting some of the District's significant highlights, found serving on the Board very rewarding through the challenges, and developed great relationships. He thanked everyone for honoring him today.

Director Baertlein stated Director Mikesell was a terrific Board member, as Board Chairman he was eloquent and calm, and as a City of Aurora representative was fair and able to understand the issues important to the City and County Denver and the Metro District.

Director Long commented on Director Mikesell's calming effect during his role as Chairman, stated it was a pleasure working together, he enjoyed his leadership, and wished him the best in his retirement.

Director Caldwell admired Director Mikesell for the many hours he gave to the Board and his knowledge and wished him well in his retirement.

Director Burgi thanked Director Mikesell for his years of quality service to the Board and noted how everyone listened when he spoke and also wished him the very best in retirement, stating his input would be missed.

Director Kocian congratulated Director Mikesell on his retirement, remarking he was a terrific public servant and thanked him for supporting the other Board members.

Director Sapp remarked on Director Mikesell's positive influence on him as a new Director and wished him well on this next phase in life.

District Manager Conway remarked on Director Mikesell's contribution, achievement, and influence as Chairman for the Metro District Strategic Plan, his expertise in assisting in honing the peracetic acid plan, and how his input which varied from policy recommendations to technical issues has made the District a better place.

General Counsel Jackson stated Director Mikesell was admired by Metro District staff due to his belief in and connection with them; and, remarked it was a pleasure working with him and he will be missed.

Chairman Twombly remarked when he had a chance to become Chairman of the Board, he learned by watching former Chairman Baertlein, who watched and learned from former Chairman Mikesell when he was Chairman and stated his appreciation for being able to make better decisions as a result of Director Mikesell's advice and recommendations. Chairman Twombly wished him well in his retirement.

## **10. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Baertlein reminisced on the March 2020 Board meeting, noting how nice it was to see everyone back in-person, and applauded the great job done by staff during the pandemic.

District Manager Conway answered a question, stating the monthly updates on Suncor Energy U.S.A., Inc., in relation to the Metro District will continue and the Board will be informed if anything comes up in the interim.

Director Kieler emphasized gratitude for the essential workers, who needed to show up onsite during the pandemic when many workers had the luxury of working from home and who also faced the unknowns of having a new virus in the wastewater. She commended the Metro District on its safety program.

Chairman Twombly welcomed the new Directors and stated he was looking forward to working with everyone. He also thanked staff for a job well done in managing the meetings for the Board during the pandemic.

**11. OTHER INFORMATION**

There was none.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Twombly adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2021**

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Secretary