

**REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR
AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 1800 EDISON
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:00
A.M.**

President Oney called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Dixon, Oney and Brinza.

Absent: None

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Rick Fancher, Treasurer Kim King, Attorney Schooley, Attorney Meinders. Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates.

President Oney asked for a motion naming a Temporary Chairman for the selection of President.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Brinza to appoint Commissioner Oney as the Temporary Chairman for the election of President.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

At this time, Commissioner McCall makes a motion to appoint Commissioner Oney to be President for MESD for the year of 2021. Commissioner Brinza seconded the motion to place the name of Commissioner Scott Oney for President

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

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President Oney "I make a motion that Curtis McCall be Vice President."

Commissioner Dixon "Seconded the motion for Curtis McCall to be vice President."

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

President Oney asked for a motion to table the District Clerk/Administrative Assistant for a later time. Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

President Oney "I make the motion for Kim King for Treasurer; seconded Commissioner Brinza.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

President Oney "I make a motion for Tom Schooley as lead attorney and Blake Meinders as assistant."

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

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President Oney asked for a motion to table the Information Officer. Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner McCall.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Fancher reported:

The teamsters as you see in your packet, we have come to an agreement with them. We are meeting with the Operating Engineers on Friday.

We have been having meeting on the flooding lawsuit.

We have been working with Charlie on the System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF).

There was a write off for the prison, the state does not allow us to collect penalties, so those penalties were adjusted off. The prison also had a water main break and there was an adjustment made for that too.

President Oney “We will hold off on the Superintendents appointment till after the executive session.”

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Juneau reported:

We are still working with the Unites States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) on the 500-year level. We have a monthly meeting with USACE and the minutes of those are distributed every month. The Lansdowne Interceptor sewer lining based on the election looks like it passed. There are other negotiations going on with that project.

We intend to submit SWIF draft by the end of this week. Including in SWIF update last year's periodic inspection the few things that came up unsatisfactory. Very minor things but we will be addressing in the the SWIF.

One of the things we want to address with the United States Army Corps of Engineers that we are in this SWIF program because of 2 major items. The 126" East St Louis sewer and also failed gate at the Blue Water Pump Station. Those things have been addressed and fixed. I am hoping this will let us out of the SWIF. Minor things left like tuckpointing and some concrete repairs.

We have all the easements required for bid package 12. There are 3 easements you will be passing today.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the December 15, 2020 were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to dispense with the reading of the minutes, approve them as submitted and place them on file.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The executive session minutes for the December 15, 2020 meetings were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the executive session minutes, as submitted and place them on file.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: None

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the General Fund and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve the Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of November & December 2020 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the General Fund Financial Reports for the month of November & December 2020 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

The Special Fund Financial Reports for the month of November & December 2020 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve the Special Fund Financial Reports for the month of November & December 2020 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza
Nays: None

The Lansdowne Fund Financial Reports for the month of November & December 2020 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Special Fund Financial Reports for the month of November & December 2020 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of November 29, 2020 through December 12, 2020 were submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve the Payroll as submitted.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Payroll for the period of December 13, 2020 through December 26, 2020 were submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Payroll as submitted.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Payroll for the period of December 27, 2020 through January 9, 2021 were submitted for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Payroll as submitted.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

LANSLOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Meinders reported:

Intervened with Board of Review about tax appeals. The past amounts are accurate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or approval of the 2021 Board meeting.

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the 2021 Board meetings.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Discussion and/or approval of Thompson & Lengacher auditing proposal.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the auditing firm of Thompson & Lengacher for year of 2021.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Discussion and/or approval of Teamsters Local 525 & 50 contracts.

President Oney “I can give you the highlights of the changes made.”

Pay raise for the next 3 years is thirty-five cents.

Health insurance is going to stay the same price for the next 3 years.

Sick leave changed to not being able to sell their time. They can put it towards retirement to earn extra years or payout upon retirement. The sick time is not given up front anymore it is earned monthly.

Some Funeral changes.

Drug Policy is being worked on and will be part of the handbook not the contract.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the 525 Teamsters contract.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the 50 Teamsters contract.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Discussion and approval of Ordinance 2021-0-001 amending Ordinance 2017-0-011. Incorporating a fully executed right of entry agreement.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-0-001 amending Ordinance 2017-0-01. Incorporating a fully executed right of entry agreement.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Discussion and/or approval of Bid Package 12, phase 1 easements.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve Bid Package 12 phase 1 cut off wall easements.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

Discussion and/or approval of IL. American Water/Lansdowne

President Oney “We are going to take this discussion into executive session.”

Attorney Schooley “We are entering executive session under 2C6 setting a price for MESD property for sale or lease.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin; to enter into Executive Session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or performance of employees and pending or threatened or imminent litigation.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:43 A.M.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 10:23 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Brinza, McCall Darwin, Oney and Dixon.

Absent:

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Rick Fancher, Treasurer Kim King, Attorney Schooley and Attorney Meinders.

Attorney Schooley “We need a motion to hire Rick Fancher as the Executive Director for the year of 2021 at a 3% pay raise over his last year compensation.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve Rick Fancher as Executive Director with a 3% pay increase over last year’s compensation.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Attorney Schooley “It is our understanding as Executive Director is reappointing Scott Smith as Madison County Superintendent. We need a motion by the Board to set his compensation at a 3% pay raise over last year’s compensation.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve Scott Smith as Madison County Superintendent with a 3% pay increase over last year’s compensation.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Attorney Schooley “It is our understanding as Executive Director is reappointing Scott Hillman as Storm Water and Maintenance Superintendent. We need a motion by the Board to set his compensation at a 3% pay raise over last year’s compensation.”

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve Scott Smith as Madison County Superintendent with a 3% pay increase over last year’s compensation.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None

Attorney Schooley “Some time for a future meeting and it will be an agenda item. The discussion and approval of the IL. American Water/Lansdowne sales transaction, for the progression of a request for proposal to be explored by the President and Attorneys.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve future discussion of sales transaction with IL. American Water by President Oney and attorneys.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adjourn.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, McCall Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None

So, adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

Clerk