

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
TUESDAY, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:00  
A.M. DECEMBER 15, 2020 AT 1800 EDISON  
AVENUE,**

President McCall 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 and Lansdowne Office Manager Roger Morthland.

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Fancher reported:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) contacted us last week on some water and ditch issues in Centreville. We are working with IDNR on manpower and equipment to get those ditches resolved.

**REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

Mr. Juneau reported:

We are still working with the United 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.

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Report continued:

The annual System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) will be done every February. Which is an assessment of where we are on the 10-year plan to meet deficiencies pointed out in the periodic reports from USACE.

We have been working with Executive Director Fancher and President Oney on Ameren easements for projects to upgrade their lines.

I continue to talk to Executive Director Fancher and President Oney about the preservation of records of Washington Park secured.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the November 17, 2020 were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 November 17, 2020 meetings were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 Darwin 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

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of November 1, 2020 through November 14, 2020 were submitted for approval.

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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 November 15, 2020 through November 28, 2020 were submitted for approval.

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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

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Meinders reported:

I only have the new ordinance that we wrote up for flat rate surcharges, which is on the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2020-0-019 Lansdowne Flat rate fee for commercials & industrial users.



Lansdowne Office Manager Morthland reported:

Basically, I show 97 accounts in this last billing of commercials that we would have to send letters out for the amounts we specified for over 13 cubic feet. I still need information from Charlie Juneau on the sampling stations so we can include that with a letter. I will put the Ordinance online. I will also send put packets including the Ordinance and the letter regarding the sampling station giving them 6-month grace period to comply. If they have not complied, they will get a \$500 flat surcharge and will continue to they do comply. This way everyone is being treated fairly.

Commissioner Brinza “Financially are we going to make the same amount or a little more or less?”

I think we should make a little more since we are going after more entities then we were before. We will be testing more. If we need to test all 97 we will have to use a secondary lab. I do not believe customers will take us seriously till they start seeing the charges.

President Oney “The problem in the past was not the revenue it was the treatment of commercial users at a different level. This is changing the aspect of who has to be sampled, making a standard. We can always revisit to see how this program is doing.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Brinza to adopt Ordinance 2020-0-019 Lansdowne flat rate fee for commercial and industrial users.

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An Ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy for the Metro East Sanitary District, St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2020, commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 was presented. Ordinance No. 2020-0-020 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-0-020 providing for the Annual Tax Levy for the Metro East Sanitary District, St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2020, commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

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 discontinuing post retirement insurance.

Attorney Schooley “Do we want to hold this for executive session before voting.”

President Oney “We will hold this item and the next item personnel to work without restrictions for executive session before we vote.”

President Oney reported:

We had some street collapse over the twin 60’s. I had a meeting with the City of Granite City and Juneau Associates. What we concluded was, it is a \$88,000 project. We are going to pay for fogal fill around the cracks and Granite is going to pay for restoring the streets. Our cost is \$53,000 and Granite costs is around \$35,000. Executive Director Fancher and I had Stutz Excavating come in and start the project on an Emergency basis. We are bringing up to the Board for approval, but we had to get it done. We did not get bids, but we did get quotes.

Attorney Schooley “Based upon the fact it was an emergency situation, we do not have to go out and get bids. My recommendation is that the Board approve this emergency repair.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the emergency repair of the street collapse.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon; 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 9:29 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:45 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

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

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to discontinue post retirement insurance for George Duff.

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

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

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

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

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

So, adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

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Clerk