

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023, AT 9:00 A.M.
LOCATED AT: 1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, IL 62040**

9:00 A.M.- President Oney called the meeting to order, and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following were in attendance:

Present: Commissioners, Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson, and President Oney
Absent: None

Others attending the meeting were:

Executive Director Rick Fancher, Treasurer Kim King, Attorney Robert Sprague,
Attorney Tom Schooley and Engineer Joe Juneau

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Fancher reported the following:

The regular Corps of Engineers meeting took place last month. The relief well work is continuing behind Beelman. Haier Plumbing will need to coordinate with the Corps when they begin their work, as both will be working in the same general area.

Mr. Fancher met with TRRA and IDOT to discuss the MacArthur Bridge project that is scheduled to start sometime next year. MESD, TRRA, and IDOT will continue to meet every three to four months leading up to the start of the project.

All mowing is going well. There were no problems reported with the recent heavy rainfall, although some streets in Centreville had minor flooding. MESD did not need to turn on any pumps. The river level is currently at 2.5 feet, so everything is draining well.

Mr. Fancher assumes the Marathon clean up at the Cahokia Diversionary Canal will begin soon, as several JULIE requests were called in last week.

- Attorney Schooley informed Mr. Fancher that Andy Osborn is working on a list of the work that will be done and will provide the details to the District.

Mr. Fancher met with Shawn Sullivan from the Army Corps of Engineers, who is working with East St. Louis, Cahokia Height, and Centreville to coordinating the project with Illinois EPA. Mr. Fancher reported the IEPA has approximately \$2.5 million available for the project. Mr. Sullivan will get back with him once they have a sponsor for the project.

The Ameren project for AC mitigation on the pipeline has been sent back over to Jeremy Dressel at Juneau Associates. Some of the square footage and access points from the initial project scope did not match up with the secondary scope. Although certain areas are not located on MESD property, they will need to cross MESD property to get to them. The AC mitigation involves the installation of zinc ribbon, which helps disburse the energy from the towers away from the gas lines, to prevent deterioration.

- Commissioner Brinza asked Mr. Fancher about the status of the gates. Specifically, he wanted to know if all gates were in working order, and if any of the repairs were only temporary fixes.
 - Mr. Fancher confirmed that all gates were repaired and functioning properly. He added he would like to have a structural engineer evaluate all of gates, noting that the river level is currently low, now would be a great time to do the work.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS:

Joe Juneau provided an update, stating Haier Plumbing will begin work on the force main project at Merchants Bridge on July 5, 2023.

- Mr. Fancher reiterated Haier Plumbing will need to coordinate with the Corps of Engineers since they are doing relief well work in the same area.
 - o Attorney Schooley asked the timeframe for completion of the work.
 - Mr. Juneau responded that it would likely take around 3 weeks to bore. Juneau is still waiting on the price to televise the pipe once it is open.

MINUTES:

The Regular Minutes for May 16^h, 2023 were presented for approval.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson 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 Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of May 2023 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of May 2023 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the Special Funds Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of May 2023 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Fund Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of April 30, 2023 through May 13, 2023 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

The Payroll for the period of May 14, 2023 through May 27, 2023 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

The Payroll for the period of May 28, 2023 through June 10, 2023 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Report as submitted.

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

President Oney reported that he hopes the purchase agreement for the sale of Lansdowne will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

- Attorney Schooley mentioned he and Chad Juneau have been working together to prepare the schedules on both their ends. Once it goes back to Illinois American water for their legal team to review, MESD has no control on how long that will take.
 - o President Oney inquired if it would be possible to pass at the next meeting, subject to minor changes.
 - Attorney Schooley responded he touched base with Attorney Ken Jones from Illinois American Water and they both are on the same page as far as some issues that were addressed. Mr. Schooley suggests that passing the agreement with minor changes at the next meeting is a possibility.
 - President Oney reported he spoke with the bond counsel and requested to speak to Attorney Schooley after the meeting.
 - o Mr. Fancher clarified, “The SCADA system for the lift stations and sanitary sewers is separate from the SCADA system for the pump station. They are not connected at all.”

- President Oney asked, “Did we use the bonds to buy the system with the capability to switch?”
 - o Mr. Fancher answered, “It was not listed on any of the bonds. I thought we had switched it over, but we did not. The SCADA system for the lift stations is the old system.”

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2023-0-009 pertaining to the 2023-2024 Annual Budget for Lansdowne.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Jackson approval of Ordinance 2023-0-009 pertaining to the 2023-2024 Annual Budget for Lansdowne.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of Right of Entry application and agreement for Spire Energy.

- Attorney Schooley informed the Board this is to take boring samples for design work.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin approving the right if entry application and agreement for Spire Energy.

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

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

Review of Executive Session minutes 12.20.2022, 1.17.2023 and 3.21.2023 to determine if the minutes should remain closed or be opened to the public.

- Attorney Schooley reported he has reviewed the minutes and his opinion is the minutes should remain closed. The minutes deal with personnel matters and employee compensation.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Dixon to keep the executive session minutes for meetings 12.20.2022, 1.17.2023, and 3.21.2023 closed to the public.

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


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

There being no further business placed before the Board, Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to adjourn.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

So, adjourned at 9:14 A.M.


Clerk