

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT  
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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, Dixon, Jackson, and President Oney

Absent: Commissioner Brinza

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:**

Letter from Kevin Schmidt State Representative 114 District-

A copy of the letter was enclosed in the board members packet. Mr. Schmidt requested specific District-related information. After Attorney Schooley's review, Stacy Partney prepared the information and sent it to him.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Fancher reported the following:

Attorney Schooley, along with Rick and Charlie Juneau are currently compiling a relief well list, starting with the oldest well in the worst condition.

The new line at Merchants Bridge is done. Fortunately, they did not need to bypass. During the installation, Madison and Lansdowne were temporarily down for about 8 hours. After televising the old line that was under Merchants Bridge, it revealed the line was in terrible shape and could not be salvaged. The bottom of the ductile iron pipe had disintegrated. Mr. Fancher reported the ground water was bubbling up through the pipe, so the decision was made to grout the line in place.

Still waiting to hear a response from the EPA regarding the discussion from the last board meeting. A proposal was submitted to the IEPA for a complete renovation of CNV Pump Station.

Eric Fields from Terminal Railroad invited Mr. Fancher to a meeting this week to present the planned improvements for the next 20 years. They took a train ride from Union Station, passing through Madison Yard, where they intend to add a third track. The meeting was an informative meeting. Their goal is to eliminate some of the railroad crossing blockages. The addition of the third track will help alleviate this issue.

On Thursday, the Mississippi River Council meeting is scheduled to take place aboard the Corp of Engineers vessel. The council is made up of individuals from the Corps of Engineers, Curtis McCall, Mr. Fancher, and the City Manager of East St. Louis. The new General will be in attendance. Mr. Fancher will be a speaker at the meeting, addressing concerns related to flooding in the Centreville Harding Ditch area.

Superintendent Roehr and Mr. Fancher will be attending the Flood Prevention District meeting tomorrow morning.

### **REPORT OF ENGINEERS:**

Joe Juneau reported the following:

A change order will be submitted for the additional grouting work at the Merchants Bridge project. The initial proposal was to grout the force main itself. However, due to the loss of integrity in the force main, it extended into the casing pipe. As a result, they grouted closed both the force main and the casing pipe. It will be about a \$10,000 change order. Based on the requested TV inspection that was to determine what led to the failure, the video shows ground water entering the force main pipe at numerous locations. The bottom of the force main pipe was fully deteriorated. During the grouting process, some grout material leaked into the casing pipe, so it is being completely grouted closed. There was initial concern the grout material may have entered the groundwater table, potentially affecting nearby sewers. Operations were temporarily stopped for a day during the investigation. It was determined that no other sewers were impacted by the grouting operation.

Mr. Juneau is currently working with Mr. Fancher and staff to update the NPDES permit and a survey report for MESD insurance carriers.

- President Oney asked Mr. Juneau if the force main pipe was deteriorated and if there is concern with the recently completed project.
  - o Mr. Juneau responded, during the lining process, both ends of the pipe were capped. It was not lined underneath the Merchants Bridge, so that was still the original pipe.

The initial schedules have been submitted to Illinois American Water for the asset purchase agreement.

The Regular Minutes for July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by 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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Brinza

**CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

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The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Dixon 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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney  
Nays: None  
Absent: Commissioner Brinza

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Darwin to approve the Special Funds Financial Report as submitted and place on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Darwin to approve the Payroll as submitted.

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

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

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The Payroll for the period of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, through August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Darwin to approve the Payroll as submitted.

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

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

**LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

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

**REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:**

Attorney Schooley and the Commissioners thanked Attorney Sprague for successfully getting the health insurance bill for the Board of Commissioners approved. It has now become state law, allowing health insurance to be provided for the MESD board, as it has been incorporated into the statute.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion and/or approval of the Fiscal Year End 2022 Metro East Sanitary District Annual Financial Report.

- President Oney stated the report will also be available online.

Motion Commissioner Dixon: seconded by Commissioner Jackson approval of the Fiscal Year End 2022 Metro East Sanitary District Audit.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2023-0-013 updating permit no. 87-0-003 allowing Ameren Illinois to cross Metro East Sanitary District right of way.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Darwin approval of Ordinance 2023-0-013 updating permit no. 87-0-003 allowing Ameren Illinois to cross Metro Easy Sanitary District right of way.

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

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

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

So, adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

  
Clerk