

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND MADISON
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 19, 2019 AT 1800 EDISON AVENUE,
GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 8:00 A.M.**

President Brinza called the Public Hearing to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon
Absent: Commissioners McCall

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Deputy Executive Director Sawicki, Attorney Craney, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Superintendent Cedric Irby, Superintendent Scott Hillman and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates, Britt Donoho of Craney Law Group and Kathy Goclan.

President Brinza then asked if there were any comments regarding the 2019 budget for the Metro East Sanitary District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to close the Public Hearing at 8:04 A.M.

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

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

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BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019:

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2019, beginning on the first day of January 2019 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2019 was presented. Ordinance Number 2019-0-003 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to adopt Ordinance Number 2019-0-003 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2019, beginning on the first day of January 2019 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2019.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon.

Nays: None.

Absent: McCall

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Juneau reported:

We continue to have meetings monthly with the CORPS of Engineers for the cut off wall project. There is so much going on that we are going to start meeting every two weeks, due to all the easements and rights of way and disposal sites necessary for the cut off wall.

Lansdowne project designs are completed. The pipeline inspections are seventy percent complete. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has an ordinance that has to be passed by our Board as to how this loan will be paid back. Craney will address this later in the meeting.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Craney reported:

The deep cut off wall as Charlie Juneau indicated we have to get together a lot of easements. The Army Corps of Engineers has mandated once we insure there are the appropriate easements in place. I have to sign and give them an affidavit that I guarantee on behalf of MESD that we have the rights for them to do the work. The Army Corps of Engineers wants us to obtain 4 additional rights of entry.

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Funding for the IEPA loan, the statute does not give a lot of options for the District on funding.

1. Ballot and Vote
2. Board Vote
3. Debt Certificates – is not available to us.

The bond attorney is putting together a letter to say how we need to structure this loan and I will forward it to the IEPA.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Superintendent Hillman presented his report:

Superintendent Fancher reported:

We have caught some four wheelers on the Levee. We have been hauling rock and grading, fifty percent of Hartford done.

Deputy Superintendent Irby reported:

My staff is in pump stations right now but we have been working with Randy Presswood on Levee wall.

I picked up cameras to catch the people tearing up the Levee.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

A couple of my guys are in pump stations. We have been working on front levee removing concrete debris that has been there for a couple of years. We are in the process of taking down a two story concrete building.

Deputy Executive Director Sawicki reported:

Charter is coming in today to do a survey on the cost to change to fiber optic.

Wastewater treatment Board meeting was this month. Glen Carbon wants to add Troy to their lines which would bring in more flow. This should reduce everyone's price.

Occasionally commercial customers complain about a high value. Two of them came in high Dominoes Pizza and Rays Restaurant. I ran a test on both of this places and it turns out that Rays Restaurant did have an extraordinary high reading so we did adjust it. Dominoes reading were not out of line so that bill stands.

Executive Director Adler reported:

There are some purchases we wish to make but there is a lag of money into the District until we start receiving the tax revenue in July. Until then we are watching are expenditures, so that is what is holding up the bidding of the dump trucks.

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MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 19, 2019 were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Krekovich; 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 Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon.

Nays: None.

Absent: McCall

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The executive session minutes for the February 19, 2019 meeting were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon 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 Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon.

Nays: None.

Absent: McCall

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon.

Nays: None.

Absent: McCall

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 10, 2019 through February 23, 2019 and the Payroll for the period of February 24, 2019 through March 08, 2019 were submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon.

Nays: None.

Absent: McCall

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the City of Madison was presented:

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A letter from the Village of Caseyville was presented:

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President Brinza “Both of the letters seem to be for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval and Vote to confirm the awarded bid for the excavator:

President Brinza “You went through the bids and picked out the lowest bidder?”

Executive Director Adler “Don and Randy went through the bids and awarded the lowest responsible bid to Fabick Cat.

Motion Commissioner Krekovich; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve and award the excavator bid to Fabick Cat.

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

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

Discussion and/or Vote on possible Madison legal options:

President Brinza “Do we need to go into executive session first for this?”

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Attorney Craney “I think we should.”

President Brinza “Table this till after executive session.”

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance to approve the levying of a surcharge for the cost incurred in maintaining and repairing sewage collection lines in the City of Madison was presented. Ordinance No. 2019-0-004 was assigned to this document.

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Attorney Craney “This is what I thought you were referring to when you wanted to go into executive session.”

President Brinza “We will come back in open session after the executive session to vote on Ordinance 2019-0-004.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Krekovich; 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 Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon.
Nays:	None.
Absent:	McCall

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:04 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:18 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

Also, attending the meeting at this time was Executive Director Steve Adler, Deputy Executive Director Sawicki, Attorney Craney, Attorney Larry Calvo and Britt Donoho from Carney Law Group.

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President Brinza “The only thing we have left for this session is to approve Ordinance 2019-0-004.”

Motion Commissioner Krekovich; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-0-004 for the levying of a surcharge for cost incurred in maintaining and repairing sewage collection lines in the City of Madison.

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

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

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 Darwin, Brinza, Krekovich and Dixon.
Nays:	None.
Absent:	McCall

So adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Clerk