

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.
LOCATED AT: 1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, IL 62040**

9:00 A.M.- President Oney called the Public Hearing for the Metro East Lansdowne Budget to order, and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following were in attendance:

Present: Commissioners, Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, and Oney,
Absent: Commissioner Jackson (at the time of roll call)

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were:

Rick Fancher, Executive Director, Attorney Tom Schooley,
Attorney Robert Sprague, Kim King, Treasurer
Absent: None

Other Attendees: Charlie Juneau with Juneau and Associates

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

9:01 A.M. President Oney closed the Public Hearing.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rick informed the Board that he has met with the Corp of Engineers regarding the flood wall project. He advised the Board that this project should be wrapping up completely on August 1st. They are currently seeding and strawing that area.

Rick addressed Bid Packet 12-1 which are for all the relief wells going in. He stated that this project centers around Cahokia area down to the treatment plant in Granite City. He informed the Board that they have about half the wells in and tested and the rest of the materials are on site. Rick reiterated to the Board that there are over 100 wells and this project will be on going for a while.

Rick told the Board that MESD staff has been working with Ameren regarding a permanent easement for their pipeline. We met with them last week in which they presented us with an \$800,000 check for that easement. They will continue to have this easement for perpetuity. There were some parcels that Ameren missed that we found while reviewing the Ordinance. We have the current signed copies but will get give them an updated one indicating the missed parcels. Once that is executed, we will have the final document.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Charlie wanted to touch on a few subjects in his report. One was the testing well requirements. He stated that we have continued to ask the Army Corp of Engineers on what the requirements will be for the number of wells. We want to know how many we will be testing and the conditions in which it is to be tested along with past testing results. As of date, they have not supplied us with that information. However, we were informed that we will have it by the meeting we have scheduled for today (7/26/22) at 1:00 P.M.

The other topic that Charlie addressed was that the Terminal Railroad sheet pile wall is currently under construction and they have been inspecting those interior pipelines. Those pipelines are the 42" from Madison and the 84" sewer line that MESD controls.

MINUTES:

The Regular Minutes for the June 21, 2022, were presented for approval.

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

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon 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
Absent: None

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded Commissioner Jackson 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
Absent: None**

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of June 2022 was 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.

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

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

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of June 2022 was submitted for approval:

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

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

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

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of May 2022 were submitted for approval:

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of May 29, 2022 , through June 11, 2022, were submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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
Absent: None

The Payroll for the period of June 12, 2022, through June 25, 2022, were submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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
Absent: None

PAYROLL CONT'D:

The Payroll for the period of June 26, 2022 , through July 9, 2022, were submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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
Absent: None

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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
Absent: None

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Schooley had nothing to report at this time

Attorney Sprague had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussion / approval of the 2021 Annual Treasurer's Report for the Metro East Sanitary District.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the 2021 Annual Treasurer's Report.

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

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

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-022 to approve Lansdowne Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-022.

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

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

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-023 establishing uniform rates for electrical lines for Ameren Illinois Company D.B.A. Ameren Illinois in consistent with Ordinance No. 2021-014 within Project 14.

Motion Commissioner Jackson seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-023.

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

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

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-024 establishing uniform rates for digital, optic, analog cable / conduits for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. D.B.A. AT & T in consistent with Ordinance No. 2021-0-013 and renewing Ordinance 733 within Project 17A

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin approving Ordinance No. 2022-0-024.

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

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

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-025 establishing uniform rates for digital, optic, analog cable / conduits for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. D.B.A. AT & T in consistent with Ordinance No. 2021-0-013 and renewing Ordinance 718 within Project 8.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Dixon approving Ordinance No. 2022-0-025.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D:

President Oney requested that Rick Fancher provide the Board at the next meeting the amount of revenue that has been collected since establishing the position of Easement / Ordinance Clerk. President Oney is requesting a reporting to indicate what was received prior and after the establishment of that position.

- Rick Fancher informed the Board that MESD has received right at about 1 Million Dollars this year.
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Board discussion regarding the study conducted by Juneau and Associates pertaining to Rate Increases.

- President Oney informed the Board that the rate increase study conducted by Juneau was in their Board packet. He is requesting for the Board Members to review the potential rate increase and vote on it at the August meeting.
- President Oney stated that if he is correct the rate increase is 10% for the first year and 5% thereafter.
 - o Charlie Juneau stated, " That is correct".
- President Oney also stated that there were a few changes on the Commercial / Industrial side.
 - o Charlie informed the Board that it is based on without the major improvement of the Lansdowne budget.
 - President Oney stated that we have an issue coming regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Our share of the cost will increase for the Phosphate treatment.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D:

Board discussion on the Ameren Pipeline Easement.

- Rick reiterated that MESD is just waiting on the final document from Ameren. He stated Ameren missed three (3) parcels when the document was originally drafted. Everything has been approved and we received the check for \$800,000.
 - o Attorney Schooley informed the Board that this was a renewal on an expired Ordinance. After speaking with Ameren, they do not have any major projects along this entire easement. This was just something to bring it up to date. Ameren will eventually record this easement with the Recorder of Deeds, but we had to have a proper plat for the easement. Ameren will send us the amended plat showing the three omitted parcels. I will have Jeremy Dressel review it to make sure it is accurate and then we will give Ameren the "Ok" to record it.

President Oney reintroduced the topic of testing the relief wells. He stated that he has discussed with Rick and Charlie to see which would be a more conducive route to take. Either have it contracted out or we will conduct it internally.

President Oney stated that Rick decided to conduct it internally and this is where the \$800,000 payment from Ameren will be ear marked to help.

- Rick stated that the first thing that will need to be purchased is the truck. Unfortunately, it is the hardest part due to the shortage and we are trying to find one.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D:

Board discussion / approval of Resolution No 2022-R-007 appointing Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) authorized agent and assistant to the authorized agent. Resolution naming the District Clerk as the "Authorized Agent" and Carrie Fowler (temporary Payroll Clerk) as the "Assistant to the Authorized Agent".

Motion Commissioner Jackson seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve Resolution No. 2022-R-007.

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

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

ANY FURTHER BUSINESS PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD:

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

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

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

So, adjourned at 9:15 A.M.


Clerk