

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST.  
CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019 AT 1800  
EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT  
8:00 A.M.**

Executive Director called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

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

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

Executive Director Adler called for a nomination for temporary Chairman.

Commissioner Dixon nominated Commissioner Krekovich as temporary Chairman seconded Commissioner McCall.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Dixon and Krekovich  
Nays: None.

Temporary Chairman Krekovich called the Public Hearing to order and then asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Temporary Chairman Krekovich called the Regular meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Krekovich and Dixon

Absent: Commissioners Brinza and Darwin

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**LANSDOWNE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020:**

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the fiscal Year 2019-2020, beginning on the first day of April 2019 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2020 was presented. Number 2019-0-008 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance Number 2019-0-008 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the fiscal Year 2019-2020, beginning on the first day of April 2019 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2020.

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

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

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

The river levels are high and the forecast will stay high at least till July. I have contacted Madison County emergency management about FEMA funds that could reimburse us for these electrical and overtime costs.

Superintendent Hillman presented his report:

Superintendent Fancher reported:

All guys in the pump stations except one and the couple days I have our mechanic so they can take down the sand bags to prepare for the removal of the gates.

Deputy Superintendent Irby reported:

My staff is in pump stations right now. I have filed reports with the Cahokia police to keep trespassers off the levee.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

We are taking down flood gates as the Madison County guys remove the sand bags. We do not have a lot of man power.

Due to the water tables we have had a few sinkholes on the twin 60's in Granite. Already fixed one and working on the second but the water company has to come in to remove concrete. Once that is done we will excavate it and repair and asphalt it.

#### **REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

Mr. Juneau reported:

We are continuing to work with United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the cutoff wall project and easements. We have worked through the agreement with Madison for the disposal site. Hopefully the attorney will be able to write the letter by the end of the month.

The attorney contacted IEPA and we did get correspondence back from them. They are still looking into it and we are going to have an internal meeting concerning funding.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes for the May 21, 2019 were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 McCall, Krekovich and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

The executive session minutes for the May 21, 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 McCall, Krekovich and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

**CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

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

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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 McCall, Krekovich and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of May 6, 2019 through May 18, 2019 and the Payroll for the period of May 19, 2019 through June 1, 2019 were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Calvo reported:

I have filed the petition to dissolve Choteau, Nameoki, Venice Drainage District (CNV). I have not recorded the property description yet. Deputy Executive Director Sawicki and I working on some parcel problems.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion and/or action on ABD Inc., regarding 24 inch sewer break.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to table this till next meeting.

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An Ordinance to regulate the wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed by the Metro East Sanitary District was presented. Number 2019-0-009 was assigned to this document.



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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-0-009 regarding the Prevailing Wage Act

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Krekovich and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

Discussion and potential final action regarding execution of the receipt and disbursements statement relative to the City of Madison disposal site easement (Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) deep cut off wall project).

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the receipt and disbursements statement relative to the City of Madison disposal site easement for the ACOE cut off wall project.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Krekovich and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

Discussion and potential action for the executing a utility relocation agreement with Bunge (ACOE deep cut off wall project).

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the relocation agreement with Bunge for the ACOE deep cut off wall project.

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

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

Discussion and potential action relative to annexations.

Commissioner McCall “Annexations on what?”

Executive Director Adler “Annexations on CNV and the general annexations around the District. I would like to have the authority to do some legal work and some engineering work to discover what those would be. If I could get a motion to authorize the Executive Director to engage with the attorney and the engineer to do so”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Executive Director to engage with the attorney and the engineer to look into the annexations.

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

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

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Discussion and/or approval of the employment contract for Deputy Executive Director Sawicki.

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to approve the employment contract for the Deputy Executive Director Sawicki.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Krekovich and Dixon  
Nays: McCall  
Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

Discussion and/or Action regarding Illinois Legislation SB 584.

Executive Director Adler “This bill has not been approved by the governor. I would like to get a motion to authorize the attorneys to review the bill and take action if necessary.”

Commissioner McCall “Do you want to explain to the Board what the bill is?”

Executive Director Adler “The bills intent is to replace one of the Board members here with a Board member from the largest city in the District, which is Granite City. It also impacts the Directors contract by limiting the scope and duration. There are a lot of legal questions and we need to authorize the attorney to take whatever actions he needs to take to protect the District and the Director. ”

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to authorize attorney to evaluate the bill and take action as it impacts MESD.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Krekovich and Dixon  
Nays: McCall  
Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Krekovich and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Brinza and Darwin

So adjourned at 8:48 A.M.

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Clerk