

**PUBLIC AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.
LOCATED AT: 1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, IL 62040**

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

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Dixon, Brinza and Oney.
Absent: None

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Rick Fancher, Attorney Schooley, Attorney Meinders.

President Oney asked if there were any comments regarding the 2021 budget for the Metro East Sanitary District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

President Oney closed the public meeting.

President Oney called the Regular Meeting to order, and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Dixon, Brinza and Oney.
Absent: None

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Rick Fancher, Attorney Schooley, Attorney Meinders.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021:

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 2021, beginning on the first day of January 2021 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2021 was presented. Ordinance Number 2021-0-004 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance Number 2021-0-004 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 2021, beginning on the first day of January 2021 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2021.

- Commissioner Brinza congratulated the staff for the budget being within the 2% of last year even though a new position was added to work with all of our land issues. Commissioner Brinza stated that he thought MESD staff did a great job.

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

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Fancher reported:

There was a regular Corp meeting and things are moving forward.

The SWIF has been filed and is presently at the Corp for their audit.

Our Auditor is currently working on Lansdowne.

All of our stations except for South and Canal No. 1 will be in operation by the end of the week because of the river levels.

MESD is holding off on the North station until Friday in order to save 2 or 3 days of electric bills.

Executive Director, Rick Fancher informed the board that MESD is working in the Centerville Township. As you know, we are currently clearing out all the ditches and trees in conjunction with IDNR and the State of Illinois. We were approached by Woody's Waste Disposal which is down the street from where we are working, and he wants all the trees that we are taking out of that area.

Since Woody's wants all the trees that we are taking out of that area Attorney Schooley has written up a disposal removal agreement. This agreement would hold MESD harmless, and he must provide his own insurance.

Since this will in turn save MESD from having to remove and dispose of the trees therefore, we entered into an agreement with Woody's Waste & Disposal. They are taking care of all the tree disposal. We will be working on this area for the next month.

We are getting all those ditches cleaned out in Centerville Township with IDNR.

We will also have a meeting with IDNR within the month to show how much we have accomplished and where we need to be for the end result. There are other entities involved in this project since they have ditches that they belong to

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None (See actual report submitted by Charlie Juneau)

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 16, 2021 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 McCall, Darwin, Dixon, Brinza and Oney.
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The executive session minutes for the February 16, 2021 meetings were presented for approval:

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

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of January and February 2021 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the General Fund Financial Reports for the month of January and February 2021 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of January and February 2021 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of January and February 2021 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of January and February 2021
was submitted for approval:

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of January and February 2021 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of January and February 2021 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 7, 2021 through February 20, 2021 were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

The Payroll for the period of February 21, 2021 through March 6, 2021 were 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 McCall, Darwin, Dixon, Brinza and Oney.
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

- President Oney had a question regarding the \$7,000 adjustment to Ecno Lodge. He asked Rick Fancher if the meter was bad resulting in MESD adjusting the account.
 - Executive Director, Rick Fancher stated “Yes, it was a bad meter”.
- President Oney asked if our system has an ‘Exception’ report for when we have bills this high? He stated that the billing system that he has kicks out an exception report when there are high bills. President Oney stated that if you look at the previous bill it was \$146.00, and we billed them for \$7,000 it should have been kicked out, so we do not have these large amount adjustments.
- Executive Director Fancher stated that he would take care of it.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Schooley had nothing to report to the board.

Attorney Meinders had nothing to report to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution to discuss and or approve appointing Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Authorized Agent and Assistant to the Authorized Agent. Resolution 2021-R-002 was assigned to this document.

- President Oney informed the board that this Resolution was a correction from the previous one that was appointing Kim Hogue as the Authorized Agent. However, it was decided that the Authorized Agent will be issued to the District Clerk position which is normally what IMRF requires.
- Approval and appointment of Authorized Agent assigned to District Clerk, Amy Parkinson and Assistant to the Authorized Agent assigned to Payroll Clerk, Kim Hogue.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Resolution No. 2021-R-002 appointing the IMRF Authorized Agent and Assistant to the Authorized Agent.

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

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

An Ordinance to discuss and or approve to enter into a Cooperative Agreement between the United States of America and Metro East Sanitary District for Rehabilitation of a Federal Control Work. Ordinance 2021-0-005 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Schooley informed the board:

- That this agreement is attached to the ordinance. Essentially the Corp has agreed to perform approximately \$616,400 worth of improvements caused by the 2019 flood damage.
- The projects in this agreement include nine (9) damaged areas including sink holes, damaged box culverts, depressions in the levee crown and levee slides.
- The only consideration of money expected from MESD is the acquisition of temporary and permanent easements.
- MESD had Juneau review the tracks involved and they are estimating along with himself around \$3,000 to \$4,000 worth of Attorney fees in securing those easements.
- There is one at the Port Authority and we have been able to work out a good agreement with them because it involves tax district money.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-0-005 approving to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the United State of America and Metro East Sanitary District for Rehabilitation of a Federal Control Work.

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

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

ANY FURTHER BUSINESS PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD: NONE

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

So, adjourned at 9:14 A.M.


Clerk