

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR  
AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 AT 1800 EDISON  
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:00  
A.M.**

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

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.  
Absent: None.

Attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen, Superintendent Presswood, Superintendent Maeras, Superintendent Fancher and Treasurer Ken Davis.

Also, attending the meeting were:

Eddie Lee, Supervisor Chouteau Township  
Charlie Juneau, Juneau Associates  
Zachary Borrenpohl, Juneau Associates  
Britt Donoho, Craney Law Group  
Kathy Goclan

Executive Director Adler asked if there were any public comments regarding the proposed Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Commissioner Hawkins asked, "Is the 2017-2018 Budget higher than the previous year?"

Executive Director Adler responded, "Yes, it is slightly higher due to some reclassifications."

Executive Director Adler asked if there were any other comments regarding the proposed budget, hearing none the Public Hearing was closed.

President Brinza called the regular meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

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**LANSDOWNE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018:**

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 2017-2018, beginning on the first day of April 2017 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2018 was presented. Number 2017-0-006 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hawkins to adopt Ordinance Number 2017-0-006 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 2017-2018, beginning on the first day of April 2017 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2018.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Eddie Lee stated that he wanted to thank the Board for the work on Stanley Ditch; it made a big difference and a huge improvement.

**REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:**

Ms. Worthen reported:

Illinois American Water Company is continuing to disconnect water for past due sewage treatment bills.

There is a meeting today at 10:00 A.M. regarding the formation of the Special Service Area.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the June 7, 2017 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hawkins; 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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:**

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

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

Executive Director Adler explained that Check No. 19408 to Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. is for equipment to bypass the sewer break located near the Madison Pump Station. Eventually, the Board will need to determine who is at fault, and who should pay for the repairs to the MESD forcemain. The City of Madison owns the sewer pipe under the forcemain, which may have caused the forcemain to fail.

The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and to order them paid resulted in a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Hawkins to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of May 21, 2017 through June 3, 2017 was submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:**

Executive Director Adler introduced Britt Donoho representing the Craney Law Group. Ms. Donoho is working on two right of way issues for MESD.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Executive Director Adler mentioned that he received a letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stating that MESD must cease work on Stanley Ditch. Work was stopped in that area, but work is continuing a little farther down the Ditch. MESD owns the property in the new location.

President Brinza asked, “Is a legal opinion needed on the cease work order from the Corps?”

Executive Director Adler responded that the Corps is requiring MESD to obtain a 404 Permit. The Permit should not be needed to clean out the ditch. However, this will be discussed at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with Tracey Kelsey from the Corps.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Executive Director Adler asked Mr. Juneau to update the Board on the 24” forcemain failure.

Mr. Juneau reported:

I believe water, soil and mud were entering the 42” gravity sanitary sewer owned by the City of Madison. The 42” gravity sanitary sewer is below the 24” forcemain. A cavity developed, causing the 24” forcemain to fall down into the cavity. The forcemain severed and water spewed out of the forcemain causing a large hole, which aggravated the problem.

The good news is that I have been in contact with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). They understand that the breaks are very close to

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the levee and cannot be repaired until the Mississippi River goes down. I am in the process of preparing a response to the IEPA Violation Notice.

We will continue to monitor the level of the Mississippi River.

Executive Director Adler said he asked Juneau Associates to develop a plan to bridge the forcemain, because the 42" line owned by the City of Madison will break again.

Commissioner McCall asked, "What will it cost to repair the forcemain?"

Mr. Juneau estimated the repairs at \$100,000 to \$150,000. The cost to repair the forcemain will be less, because it is not very deep in the ground.

Executive Director Adler suggested putting a sleeve in the pipe, although it is a little more costly, it will not break again in our lifetime.

Commissioner McCall asked if a meeting has been held with the City of Madison.

Executive Director Adler stated that a meeting was held on June 19<sup>th</sup> with the Mayor of Madison and representatives from Juneau Associates. At a previous meeting, Executive Director Bob Shipley agreed to pay the costs associated with the forcemain break until an agreement can be reached.

Mr. Juneau explained that the 24" forcemain is only about 7 years old. It was put in through a twenty year loan from IEPA.

Executive Director Adler suggested putting the cost and responsibility of the sewer line repair on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Juneau mentioned that there is a meeting immediately following the Board meeting today regarding the Lansdowne Special Service Facility Plan. The maps have been prepared, and the Facility Plan should be ready for submittal to IEPA within a few weeks.



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Executive Director Adler requested permission to hire Scheffel Boyle to perform a transitional audit of the District's cash balances as of May 31, 2017 for an estimated cost of \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to hire Scheffel Boyle, Certified Public Accountants to perform a transitional audit of the District's cash balances as of May 31, 2017.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Executive Director Adler stated that the ditches are being cleaned and work is being done to drain Chouteau and Nameoki Townships.

Commissioner Hawkins said she is very pleased with the work being done and compliments the staff on their performance.

Executive Director Adler reported on the pump stations:

Yesterday, the Corps of Engineers issued a purchase order for Pump No. 1 at the North Pump Station. I believe they are ordering a new pump.

A second pump went out at the North Pump Station. I had the motor pulled, so the pump can be sent out for repairs, as soon as the Mississippi River goes down.

Superintendent Maeras stated that Pump #1 is needed at the North Pump Station.

Commissioner Sawicki voiced concerns that half of the pumps at the North Pump Station are not operational.

Commissioner Hawkins, "In 1986 a gate blew out of the East St. Louis Pump Station and flooded the City of East St. Louis. The voters then approved a tax increase to repair the levee system. Are the gates being maintained properly?"

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Executive Director Adler replied that there is a problem with a flap gate at the East St. Louis Pump Station. However, the pump can still be used if needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An Ordinance to regulate the wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed by the Metro East Sanitary District was presented. Number 2017-0-007 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Hawkins; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-007 regarding the Prevailing Wage Act.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Executive Director Adler asked, "Would the Board prefer to continue meeting twice a month or one time a month like the County Board?"

Commissioner Hawkins voiced her concerns that there are too many important issues to only meet once a month, and that at times a special meeting maybe needed.

President Brinza said the issue should be addressed again in November of this year.

Executive Director Adler said, "Commissioner Sawicki and I attended the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District meeting this morning. The Flood Prevention District plans to put a clay cap on two miles of levee. They are also repairing the 10 ½' line owned by the City of East St. Louis that runs through the levee. They are asking the Corps of Engineers to provide financial assistance with the repair of the 10 ½' line."

Commissioner Hawkins asked if a member of the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District could attend a MESD meeting and give an update on the current projects and finances.

The Clerk stated that she would contact Chuck Etwert the Chief Supervisor of Construction and Works for the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District about attending a MESD meeting.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that the Flood Prevention District is receiving tax revenue to repair the levee system.

Executive Director Adler explained that the Flood Prevention District receives one quarter of a percent of the sales tax revenue in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe Counties. It is a perpetual tax and the goal is to achieve the 500 year level of certification with the Corps of Engineers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner McCall to enter into Executive Session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:49 A.M.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 10:20 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.  
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Steve Adler and Britt Donoho.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Hawkins and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

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Clerk