

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND MADISON  
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 26, 2017 AT 1800 EDISON AVENUE,  
GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 4:30 P.M.**

President Brinza called the Special Meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

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

Also, attending the special meeting on behalf of the Metro East Sanitary District were Executive Director Adler and Attorney James Craney.

Those in attendance were asked to sign the following sheet:

President Brinza, “This meeting was called for the express purpose of revisiting the decision to lay off Metro East Sanitary District employees. A Special Meeting can be called by a written request of two or more Commissioners or by the request of the President of the Board. Notice must be posted 48 hours before the meeting. The Board has complied with the requirements; therefore this is a valid meeting.

Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person and a total of 15 minutes per Resolution No. 2012-R-019 and comments must be related to the reason for this meeting.”

Commissioner McCall said he would like to table the report of the auditor until the next meeting and change the wording on the agenda from “revisit decision to lay-off Metro East Sanitary District employees” to rescind the motion to lay-off Metro East Sanitary District employees.”

President Brinza explained that re-visit was in the written request from Commissioner Hawkins.

Executive Director Adler stated that the Board needs to follow the agenda and allow for public comment.

Commissioner McCall stated as a Board member he wants to move ahead on the agenda.

Executive Adler suggested the Board follow the agenda and allow for public comment.

Mr. Parkinson said he would rescind his request to comment at this time.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to table the report of the auditor until the next Metro East Sanitary District Board meeting and to correct the agenda to read “rescind the motion to lay-off” instead of “revisit decision to lay-off.”

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Brinza presented a prepared statement to all of those in attendance and read it aloud:

Mr. Parkinson asked, "Did Executive Director Adler receive a pay increase? I understand, he told people that he did not get a raise. Did he receive a salary increase, while employees are being laid off?"

President Brinza replied that Executive Director Adler's salary is the same as it was when he worked for Madison County. He personally did not receive a pay increase. The pay for the position of Executive Director did increase. However, the position Superintendent Walter Greathouse held is not being filled. Executive Director Adler will be taking on those duties, resulting in a salary reduction of Seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000)."

Commissioner McCall stated he wanted to make a motion to rescind the motion to lay off employees and to rescind the motion to change full time employees to seasonal employees.

Commissioner Sawicki requested a copy of the motion be put in writing and given to all Board members.

Attorney Craney stated that Commissioner Sawicki has the right to request the motion in writing.

Commissioner McCall prepared the motion in writing and presented it to the Board.

The following motion was presented:

Motion to rescind all upcoming laid off employees from Madison County MESD and all laid off employees from St. Clair County MESD and also to rescind all seasonal positions back to full time positions effective immediately.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to rescind the motion to lay off employees from Madison County MESD and all laid off employees from St. Clair County MESD and also, to rescind all seasonal positions back to full time positions effective immediately.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin and Hawkins.

Nays: Commissioners Brinza and Sawicki.

Absent: None.

President Brinza, "The motion failed, as a two-thirds vote was required in order for the motion to pass."

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner McCall: seconded Commissioner Sawicki 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 4:51 P.M.

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Clerk