

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017 AT 1800
EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT
9:00 A.M.**

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

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Absent: Commissioner McCall

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Payroll Clerk Kim Hogue.

Also, attending the meeting were Helen Hawkins, Kathy Goclan and Linda Knogl.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Helen Hawkins presented a document concerning the levee system:

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

There are still 14 sewage treatment accounts with their water shut off. The water has been shut off for 2 months.

Illinois American Water Company made some updates. This helped the office with the meter connections going from cubic feet to cubic gallons.

Ms. Gregory never signed or fulfilled the agreement the Board offered her. Now she has hired an attorney, so I have turned the matter over to Attorney James Craney.

We are working on the Ordinances. I have recently been made aware there is an App that you can put on your phone that provides longitude and latitude for the site. As our men go out to find the markers, they can use the App. When companies respond to our letters, we will be able to give them the exact location of their easement.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the November 8, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Sawicki 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 and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The Executive Session minutes for the November 8, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to approve Executive Session minutes as submitted and the minutes are to remain closed to public viewing.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Sawicki 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 Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of October 22, 2017 through November 4, 2017 was submitted for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Calvo reported:

There will be important documents presented in regards to Special Service Area No. 1(SSA) at the December 6, 2017 meeting. In the regular meeting we will establish the SSA. Immediately following, there will be a Public Hearing to discuss the budget and the proposed property tax increase for the SSA.

Once this meeting concludes the Ordinance will be sent to the County Clerk to start work on the assessments.

I have also been working on the drainage issue and how to recover funds in addition to flow monitoring.

Executive Director Adler reported:

Attorney Craney is working on labor relation issues. I had a conference call with the labor consultant yesterday.

He is also working on projects with Ameren and the City of Madison.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence from the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers regarding Blue Waters Ditch Pump Station (BWD) was presented:

Executive Director Adler noted due to the condition of the station, MESD has received an unacceptable rating. We can go after Cahokia's motor fuel tax, since the bid for one gate is Four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000). I have asked Superintendent Maeras to take over maintenance of the BWD Pump Station, since we are being held responsible for the condition of the station.

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Director Adler reported:

We are going to levy tentatively for the same amount as last year's tax levy.

One of the questions that has come up, is which fund health insurance should be paid from. I need to talk to Attorney Calvo, but I believe there could be a significant savings if we pay health insurance from the liability insurance fund.

I have not heard anything from the Romans family regarding the property they want to purchase.

Illinois American Water Company wants to get rid of an extra generator. I am going to look at the generator and determine if MESD can benefit from having the generator.

Due to the way the tax cycle falls, MESD prepares a budget after the levy. This seems backwards to me. MESD has been doing this for many years and rather than going against the grain, I will go along with the program this year and see how it all works out.

Bob Falk does not want to retire from the Madison County Special Service Area to be a MESD Commissioner. We are still looking for a Democratic Board Member.

I have a meeting scheduled today with Representatives from the State of Illinois to discuss dredging Horseshoe Lake, which will enable additional space to store water.

Madison County is still working on the MESD website, and is scheduled to be ready by December 1, 2017.

The County has approached me about whether or not MESD wants to assume the responsibility for Madison County Special Service Area #1 in Mitchell.

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NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 76-01 entitled “An Ordinance providing for rules of order and procedure for the Metro East Sanitary District” was presented.

Ordinance No. 2017-0-012 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-012 amending Ordinance No. 76-01.

Commissioner Sawicki stated he would prefer two meetings each month.

President Brinza felt there is a lot of repetition with having two meetings per month, and would prefer one meeting.

Attorney Calvo said he meets with Executive Director Adler on a regular basis and if need be a special meeting can always be called. The Board can try this on a temporary basis.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to amend Ordinance No. 2017-0-012 to read: "Meetings: The regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be held at 1800 Edison Avenue, Granite City, Illinois on the second Wednesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 A.M. commencing on the 10th of January 2018, and subject to review after three months or at the March 2018 meeting."

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

Ayes: Commissioner Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioners McCall

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-012 as amended.

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

Ayes: Commissioner Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioners McCall

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

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

Ayes: Commissioner Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioners McCall

So adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

Clerk