

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND MADISON
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 11, 2018 AT 1800 EDISON AVENUE,
GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 8:00 A.M.**

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

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Absent:

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Attorney James Craney, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

Also, attending the meeting was Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Adler reported:

I would like to start calling up the Superintendents and let them give a brief report. I would like to start with Superintendent Rick Fancher.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

We have been working on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) report of deficiencies. Everything on the list is being addressed. We have started on the far North end which is in Hartford and worked our way around to the front levee. All the trees on the berm have been removed. The roads have been re-rocked and grated. Hartford is done and we are now working by McKinley Bridge. We bought a tiller that hooks on to one of our big tractors and we have been using it for rut control from there we reseed and straw. All the vegetation is being sprayed. We have a trapper working on the moles in St. Clair County.

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We are moving forward with the recommendations that the Police Department made for the office. The safety glass for the front window came in yesterday. The installer is on vacation for two weeks but it is just a matter of coordinating the glass install with the marble guy to cut the counter for the trays.

We have an OSHA inspection coming up on May 8, 2018 at 9:00 AM. They will do three to four facilities at a time and give us their report and come back and do three to four more facilities until all are complete.

Executive Director Adler presented Foreman Hillman's report:

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REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

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Superintendent Presswood reported:

Heavy Equipment is running. Superintendent Fancher and Foreman Hillman and Ms. Worthen are all working together as a team. Lansdowne the pumps stations and lift stations are working fine. We tried keeping the creek down when the river went up and it did not work and that concerns me. Horseshoe Lake is down and Canteen is almost dried up. Horseshoe Lake does not drain right. We will try to keep it as low as possible during flood season.

Commissioner Sawicki presented a Lansdowne Financial Report:

Executive Director Adler continued:

Enable Partners wants to revise their agreement. One of the problems I have is that they put pipeline under ten inches of dirt and tell us do not drive over it. They need to accommodate any equipment we need to have out there.

I also have a project on Wanda Road with Union Electric.

Johnson Controls submitted a proposal that Commissioner Sawicki and I are going through the proposal and have made some changes to it. The proposal might come up for discussion or action next meeting.

There are some issues that have come up for land acquisitions and the problem with these offers is they just want to buy a piece of the land not all of it.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

The System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) is critical to get done that will keep us in the PL-84-99. I pretty much have that done just need to meet with Superintendent Fancher to go over a few things.

I have been going back and forth with the USACE about whether or not they have the money for the cut off wall project. I have been trying to get all the easements together to make sure we can move forward with this project.

I have been in touch with another engineering firm on ways to monitor the infiltration that is coming from the Caseyville Lift Station. MESD is getting charged for all the infiltration that goes through the lines by Granite City Treatment plant.

Communities have no incentive to fix their lines until we find a way to bill them.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 14, 2018 meeting and the minutes for March 14, 2018 were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 and Sawicki
Nays: None.
Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The executive session minutes for the February 14, 2018 meeting and the executive session minutes for the March 14, 2018 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner McCall 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, Brinza and Sawicki
Nays: None.
Absent: None

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of March 2018 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of March 2018 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 25, 2018 through March 10, 2018 and the Payroll for the period of March 11, 2018 through March 24, 2018 were submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Calvo reported:

Attorney Craney is working on the ordinance and petition of the dissolution of the Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice levee District (CNV). Attorney Craney is also working on the litigation filed by Ms. Greathouse in terms of the Open Meetings Act.

I sent a letter out to the Mayor regarding the Madison Sewer break and I spoke with their attorney. The Attorney informed me that the Mayor was under the impression from Charlie Juneau that they had no liability in the matter. Charlie Juneau has assured me, that conversation never happened. Charlie Juneau has agreed to meet with me and the Mayor to discuss the allocation of the expenses. We assume the insurance will deny the claim. We are hoping to come to a mutual agreement without costly litigation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Kevin and Carolyn Taylor was presented:

Attorney Calvo remarked we would have to get a survey and appraisal and then it would have to be bid out. I do not recommend selling this property.

President Brinza “Should we send a letter to her?”

Executive Director Adler “I will get back with the Taylors and let them know we are not interested in selling.”

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The discussion and dissolution of CNV has already been discussed in the Attorney report.

The approval for Village of Cahokia to purchase the land commonly known as: Parcel No, 5, Cargill Elevator Road, Cahokia, IL.

Attorney Calvo “I redrafted the warranty deed and easement. The purchase price was for twenty thousand dollars.”

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the sale of the land Commonly Known as: Parcel No. 5, Cargill Elevator Road, Cahokia, IL. to the Village of Cahokia.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

North Pump Station emergency impeller purchase:

Executive Director Adler reported that we have a need especially at North Pump Station to keep impellers in stock. We have a company that years ago made a mold for the last impeller we purchased. This was done the old fashion way,

where they made a mold and poured it. My goal once we purchase the impellers from the company that has the mold. We will be able to have a CNC pattern made and at that point we will be able to bid for more impellers to be made. I am in desperate need of two impellers at this time, one for Pump #1 and one for Pump#2. They are twenty eight thousand dollars each and it is quite a bit cheaper than the one hundred thousand dollars they spent last time making one impeller.

President Brinza “So we need the 2 impellers for immediate use and the future impeller we would like to have in reserve will be patterned and sent out for bids?”

Executive Director Adler answered yes.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to declare the purchase of two new impellers as an emergency and order the impellers for Pump #1 and Pump #2 at North Pump Station.

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

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

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, and Sawicki.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

So Adjourned at 9:13 A.M.

Clerk