

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 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, Dixon and Krekovich.

Absent:

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Adler, Deputy Executive Director Sawicki, Attorney Craney, Attorney Calvo, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Superintendent Scott Hillman and Superintendent Cedric Irby and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen. Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates, Frank Dorris, Barb Merz and Jeanette DiVietro.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

We were flooded in the Choteau township. Disappointed that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) would not help and turn on their pump or open the drains. It would have been gone in 24 hours had they helped. I can't believe USACE would not help us.

GRATER BOX BIDS: None

TUCKPOINTING BIDS:

One bid from JAMESGSTAAT Tuckpointing & Waterproofing

Table till next meeting and Charlie Juneau will review.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The last month or so we have dealt with the second highest crest in the Mississippi and we have dealt with the 100- and 200-year flood. There has been a lot of criticism about MESD role in this and honestly, I have been very happy the way our system has performed. We have had a lot of trouble getting the USACE to turn their pumps on. Even after we asked the USACE to pay for the use of pump station, they still would not run it. There is still some flooding in Choteau township area, and we are running some temporary pumps right now. I have instructed our Engineer and our Superintendent Hillman to investigate the pumping capacity. Those pumps were designed in 1949 and we could improve in that area since we realize the USACE is not going to help us.

Superintendent Hillman presented his report:

Superintendent Fancher reported:

We are out of stations till tomorrow. We are mowing Hartford and Nameoki Ditch. We are just trying to get everything up to speed before our periodic inspection.

Deputy Superintendent Irby reported:

I spoke with the prison to see if inmates could help to remove some of the debris. I spoke with the Mayor of Washington Park to see if they could provide some Heavy Equipment to load the large debris.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

Illinois Electric said Pump #2 at Bremen will be done by Friday. We are having the pipes inspected at Bremen.

We are taking equipment wherever it is needed for any kind of flood event.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

We are releasing liens on properties that the Cities are about to demolish. We wanted to have Superintendent Presswood go by these properties and make sure they cap sewer lines.

The State has collected over \$15,000.00 for us.

The prison is good on collections they are only 2 payments behind.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Juneau reported:

I am continuing to work with Attorney Craney on the Cut Off Wall easements.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan, we have an application that needs to be signed. The Ordinance is what is needed to move forward.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 16, 2019 were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; 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, Dixon and Krekovich

Nays: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The executive session minutes for the July 16, 2019 meeting were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner D 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, Dixon and Krekovich

Nays: None.

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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, Dixon and Krekovich

Nays: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of July 2019 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of July 2019 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of June 30, 2019 through July 13, 2019 and the Payroll for the period of July 14, 2019 through July 27, 2019 and the Payroll for the period of July 28, 2019 through August 10, 2019 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 Darwin, McCall, Brinza Dixon and, Krekovich
Nays: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Craney reported:

I have sent ADB's attorney a final assessment of damages from the 24-inch force main they drilled into a few month ago. They brought up that MESD does not subscribe to Julie and ABD does not think it is their fault.

Demand letters went out for Blue Water Ditch payments two weeks ago. We gave them a deadline of last week. They have not responded. I will discuss more in closed session.

Attorney Calvo reported:

I almost have all the legal descriptions for the take over the CNV Levee District. Some are fee simple which means we owns the land. Some are just easements, wherever there are easements, those people owe the taxes. I will make the tax assessor aware of those properties.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two letters from the City of Granite City was presented:

President Brinza “The first letter is about annexations and does not affect us, so there is no reason to take action.”

Executive Director Adler “The second letter from Granite City is about the twin 60’s and it is just for informational purposes at this time.”

Attorney Craney “Put on the agenda for next meeting, discussion and/or potential action on Granite City twin 60.”

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or action on ABD Inc., regarding 24-inch sewer break.

Attorney Craney “What I think we should do is draw up a lawsuit, give them a few days to pay and if they do not respond we go ahead and file suit. If we can get a motion to approve moving forward with litigation to recover those amounts from ADB for the 24-inch line incursion.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve moving forward with litigation to recover those amounts from ADB for the 24-inch line incursion.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution naming Carrie Fowler as Authorized Agent of the Metro East Sanitary District to sign the correspondence and documents concerning Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and Kim Hogue as Assistant to the Authorized Agent was presented. Number 2019-R-001 was assigned to this Resolution.

Motion Commissioner Krekovich; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve and adopt Resolution Number 2019-R-001.

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

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

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loan Application:

Charlie Juneau “This is just an application but to move this forward we need an Ordinance. This application will just get the ball rolling for this loan.”

Attorney Craney “In order to finalize the loan and get the money, the District has to demonstrate to the IEPA that we either have an Ordinance and people have voted that we issue bonds, or we go through the back-door referendum.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Illinois Environmental Loan application.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of easement for DDI Media.

Attorney Craney “This Company contacted us needs easement to get to their billboards. They cross our property when the waters rise. I am not sure what we want to charge them. This document is not ready to be approved there needs to be some changes.”

Executive Director Adler “A thousand dollars annually would be fair.”

President Brinza “Compare this to other things we are doing.”

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to table this till next meeting.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Brinza Dixon and, Krekovich

Nays: None.

Ameren temporary right of entry for the deep Cut Off Wall Project:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to approve the

Ameren temporary right of entry.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, McCall, Brinza Dixon and, Krekovich

Nays: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion Commissioner Krekovich; seconded Commissioner Dixon; to enter into Executive Session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of employees and pending or threatened or imminent litigation.

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

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:23 A.M.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to return to regular session at 10:05 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Dixon and Krekovich.
Absent:

Also, attending the meeting at this time was Executive Director Adler, Attorney Craney and Attorney Calvo.

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

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

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

So, adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

Clerk