

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 and Dixon.

Absent: Commissioner Krekovich.

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Adler, Deputy Executive Director Sawicki, Attorney Calvo, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Superintendent Scott Hillman and Superintendent Cedric Irby and Lansdowne Office Manager Roger Morthland. Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates and Frank Dorris.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

We need to have some more discussions with Charlie Juneau about up-sizing the Pump motor at CNV.

The legal work for the deep cut off wall is done as of today.

There have been some challenges with IDOT. They do not clean their culverts.

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Superintendent Hillman presented his report:

Superintendent Fancher reported:

We are out of stations till tomorrow. We are mowing front levee and finished mowing Hartford. We are spraying and cleaning the relief well ditch.

Deputy Superintendent Irby reported:

We have resumed mowing route 3 to the back side of Cahokia. We Are cleaning up debris and levee drains.

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 Roger Morthland reported:

We are short staffed but are working on the weekends to catch up. We found 3 account that were not being billed and are going to back bill them. The board approved penalties to be written off the prison account. I would like to know if we can stop the penalties on the account.

Executive Director Adler "I would think we should talk to the auditor."

## **REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

Mr. Juneau reported:

MESD does have to up-grade the System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) and resubmit it.

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The levee cut off wall project, we have all the easements and access agreements except for the Lansdowne Ordinance for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the August 20, 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 and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Krekovich

**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 and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Krekovich

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of August 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 August 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 and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Krekovich

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of August 11, 2019 through August 24, 2019 and the Payroll for the period of August 25, 2019 through September 7, 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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Dixon  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Commissioner Krekovich

**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:

There are some things to discuss in executive session about the conflict Ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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



**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 2019-0-010 establishing a conflict of interest policy and ethics act.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to table  
Ordinance 2019-0-010.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Krekovich

Discussion and/or approval of Building Security.

District Clerk Hogue “We asked Barcom who we currently are using to give us a quote on up-grading our alarm. We also asked Pass Security to give us a quote.

Executive Director Adler “We do not have to vote on it, we were jut making you aware.”

Discussion and/or approval of tuckpointing bid.

Executive Director Adler “Charlie Juneau reviewed the tuckpointing bid. The recommendations he made was to hire an architect and he needs to look at it. The building is in dire need of tuckpointing. We can pay \$20,000 for an architect to tell us we need tuckpointing. There are some structural problems, but it has nothing to do with tuckpointing. I would like to do the cheapest of the two buildings. I would like the Board to give me the authority to award that contract at the end of the year if our budget can sustain it.”

Charlie Juneau “The concerns I had was the bid limited the tuckpointing to a percentage. I believe it was 30 percent, that building looks like it needs more than 30 percent, so the bill could go up.

Executive Director Adler “Don why don’t you go back and look at this bid again piece by piece. Thirty percent may be too low. We will talk about this again next meeting.”

Discussion and/or approval of Blue Water payment plan.

Executive Director Adler “Commissioner McCall was nice enough to work out some discussions with some of the entities.”

Commissioner McCall “Both of the municipalities, the Village of Cahokia and Centreville City have agreed to pay five thousand now and three thousand a month. This is what the cities could afford.”

Executive Director Adler “Initially they offered to pay more but we do not want to cut off essential services. We have an agreement and would like the Board to adopt it.”

President Brinza “I definitely agree, we do not want to cripple any city.”

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adopt the Village of Cahokia and Centreville City payment agreement for Blue Water Ditch Pump Station.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of Nameoki ditch.

Executive Director Adler “We have noticed some aesthetic issues. I would like to talk to the Board about having Attorney Calvo do a survey of the fence lines. We are having some encroachment issues that is making maintenance a problem.”

Discussion and/or approval of easement for DDI Media.

Executive Director Adler “This Company contacted us needs easement to get to their billboards. They offered us a one-time payment for thousand dollars. I wanted to ask for something on annual basis. They have raised their offer to two thousand five hundred. They damaged our property last time.”

President Brinza “Is there recourse for damages?”

Executive Director Adler “We can table this till next meeting when Attorney Craney will be here to answer some questions about the easement.”

Final action and approval of the following proper rights agreements for the Army Corps of Engineers. (Deep Cut Off Wall Project)

Four Terminal Railroad Easements:

Permanent Flood Protection Easement

Temporary Road Easement

Second Temporary Road Easement

A Temporary Work Easement.

Ameren Utility Relocation Agreement.

Illinois American Water Utility Relocation Agreement

Bunge Utility Relocation Agreement.

Commissioner McCall “Mr. Juneau is it your recommendations that we approve all of these easements and agreements.”

Charlie Juneau “Yes.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve all the above Easements and Agreements for the Deep Cut Off Wall Project.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Dixon  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Commissioner Krekovich

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:51 A.M.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:15 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

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

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Darwin; 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 9:16 A.M.

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Clerk