

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND MADISON  
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON TUESDAY,  
APRIL 16, 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 Krekovich  
Excused: Commissioner Dixon.

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Deputy Executive Director Sawicki, Attorney Craney, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Cedric Irby, Superintendent Scott Hillman and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates, Britt Donoho of Craney Law Group, Kevin Neary representing Charter and Frank Dorris.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

We had a sewer main break. A contractor drilled into our line, it has been fixed. They have contacted their insurance carrier.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) project, Johnson Controls is looking into the financing.

The deep cutoff wall is progressing as expected.

Deputy Executive Director Sawicki reported:

We had a sinkhole develop with the twin 60 on Wayne Ave., that problem has been fixed.

The Southwest Illinois prison is refusing to pay penalties and the balance is building up.

Executive Director Adler “Britt can you look into this for Don, it may just take a phone call.”

We have some numbers on Charter fiber Optics. We have not decided what options it will cost about three times more but we will need more band width and speed for the office and the Scada system that will be installed within the next year for our stations. We are looking into other options.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

Three of my guys are in the pump station, which put a damper on what we are able to accomplish.

Long stick excavators at North and South stations ready to clean it out the debris, to make sure pumps are working correctly.

Deputy Superintendent Irby reported:

My staff is in pump stations right now.

Superintendent Hillman reported:

We have not been able to get a lot done since all my guys are in pump stations, which is why there is no handouts there have been no changes.

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I have been working with Johnson Controls people and have done a final walk through on four stations. We are going to start running conduit and wire as early as next week on those stations.

Blue Water is going well and all the pumps are installed.

**REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

Mr. Juneau reported:

We continuing to work with United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to get the easements and relocation agreements approved by them for the cutoff wall. Attorney Craney is heavily involved in helping us to get the document in a format they will accept.

USACE has scheduled a meeting at Lewis and Clark to meet with contractors on the deep cutoff wall project.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the March 19, 2019 were presented for approval.

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 Krekovich  
Nays: None.  
Excused: Commissioner Dixon.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

The executive session minutes for the March 19, 2019 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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 Krekovich

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Dixon.

**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 Krekovich

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Dixon.

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of March 10, 2019 through March 23, 2019 and the Payroll for the period of March 24, 2019 through April 06, 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 Krekovich

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Dixon.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Craney reported:

We have drafted every form for the USACE deep cutoff wall project and we are waiting for them to be approved. The biggest issue is Ameren. They have some approval they want us to give them and they are dragging their feet on getting back with us on the master agreement. I am going to email them today.

Last week in Venice a company was boring holes for fiber optic cables and drilled right into our force main. Executive Director Adler contacted me and I prepared a temporary restraining order and sent it over to the company. Their lawyer got in touch with me and said work through me and everything will be fine. Mark you lines and supervise what our contractor is doing moving forward.

Executive Director Adler commented:

Julie is an organization which coordinates digging utilities underground for everything in the district. We are not Julie members instead of paying ten thousand dollars a year we mark our on lines. We need to maybe change our markers from a white stick in the ground to maybe say this is an MESD line and the number for them to call. Our lines were clearly marked. The repairs were made within 48 hours.

Attorney Craney continued:

The lawyer that helped us with the funding for the Johnson Controls Project sent me a letter yesterday at my request that lays out what they would need from the IEPA.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion and/or approval of the Madison website letter explaining Ordinance 2019-0-004.

President Brinza “Are we just looking to approve this letter? Table this till after executive session.”

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2019-0-002 to add on the tap on fee amount was presented. Ordinance No. 2019-0-005 was assigned to this document.



Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-0-005 amending Ordinance 2019-0-002 to add on the tap on fee amount.

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

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

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

Attorney Craney commented:

I think we shouldn't have any more trouble since I spoke with their attorney. I do not think any legal action will be required until we get to the point of asking for reimbursement for the repair cost, but that is premature at this time.

Executive Adler "Should we put this on the agenda for next meeting in case we need to take action."

Attorney Craney "I think that might not be a bad idea."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:40 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:18 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Brinza, Krekovich and Darwin.  
Excused: Commissioner Dixon.

Also, attending the meeting at this time was Executive Director Steve Adler, Deputy Executive Director Sawicki, Attorney Craney, and Britt Donoho from Carney Law Group

President Brinza “Can we get an official opinion from our lawyer on the issue of the letter to the residents of Madison.

Attorney Craney “I do not believe any vote is required of the Board to approve a letter that explains the rate increase. The Executive Director can unilaterally draft and put on the website.”

President Brinza “Does anybody feel a need for a vote? Since no one feels a need for a vote. I also like to mention that we may potential have a Special Meeting of the Board on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, but there will be a notice put out 48 hours in advance with an agenda if that happens.”

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, Brinza, Krekovich and Darwin.  
Nays: None.  
Excused: Commissioner Dixon.

So adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

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Clerk