

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND MADISON
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON TUESDAY,
MAY 21, 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 Stephen Adler, Deputy Executive Director Sawicki, Attorney Craney, Attorney Calvo, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Superintendent Scott Hillman and Superintendent Cedric Irby. Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates, Britt Donoho of Craney Law Group and Frank Dorris.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Dorris wanted to thank everyone at Metro East Sanitary District for their hard work with the river and keeping the water levels down.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

We were setting up to make some preliminary moves for some temporary gate closures. Fortunately we did not have to take those steps. Depending on what happens in the next month or two we will know more. The dry season usually does not start till July.

The cat program is on hold due to the water levels.

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We are doing a trial run with AT & T with fiber optics at Washington Park.

The Madison sewer surcharges have gone into effect.

Superintendent Hillman presented his report:

Deputy Executive Director Sawicki reported:

The Southwest Illinois Correction Center has made four payments. The beginning balance was over \$116,000 and now the current balance is just a little over \$57,000. There are still some questions in regards to penalties.

Attorney Craney “We researched this issue and they are exempt from interest and penalties.”

The Local Debt Recovery sent us over \$11,000 in back debt.

We have done some marking on the force main. We have 65 markers over five miles. The markers spacing is good but there is no labels on them for whom to call. We will take care of this issue this week.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

All guys are in the pump stations. All tractors are done, the only thing left to work on is the TK in Washington Park. We have mowed some, whenever I get a guy in I have him out mowing. We are going to start grading roads by the treatment plant.

Deputy Superintendent Irby reported:

My staff is in pump stations right now. I have been looking into manual and electrical gates to be put up on the levee roads, to help detour trespassers.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

We have a piece of equipment at all the major stations and are cleaning them daily, to make sure these canals stay down.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Juneau reported:

The Lansdowne sewer project IEPA has approved the specifications. We are working with Attorney Craney and Executive Director Adler to work through the Ordinance the IEPA want to be passed before we can get the loan.

We are continuing to work with United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the cutoff wall project. Hopefully in the next month or two we will have all the necessary easements and right of way to proceed.

When the water goes I will get with Superintendent Hillman to work on the pump station improvements.

We had a meeting with Deputy Executive Director Sawicki on the records kept at Washington Park garage. They are all hard copies and they need to be scanned. It is something that definitely needs to be put on the horizon. You need to get those records out of Washington Park before anything happens to the building.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the April 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 April 16, 2019 meeting were presented for approval:

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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, Dixon and Krekovich

Nays: None.

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

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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.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of April 7, 2019 through April 20, 2019 and the Payroll for the period of April 21, 2019 through May 5, 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 Calvo reported:

I am working on the 408 waivers for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The other waivers we are trying to do are all the telephone poles in Madison and St. Clair Counties on the basis that the USACE permitted them. We should not be penalized when the USACE allowed them to be there.

Attorney Craney reported:

Most of what we have been working on has to do with the USACE.

Executive Director Adler "The Corps has issued a demand for a date from us to comply with all these easements and sign a letter saying that we have obtained all the properties and easements that we need, to make the deep cutoff wall work. They want a date of July 1, 2019, can you commit to that date or give us a date."

I commit to the intentions of July 1, 2019. I think that date will be fine. I am billing all the hours to the project instead of MESD. What we are starting to see in the new business area that we are getting easements from property owners, transportation easements and a disposal site for this cutoff wall project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Letter from FEMA was presented:

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OLD BUSINESS:

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

Attorney Craney “I received the damage documents from Don Sawicki and I have called their attorney and left a voicemail on how they plan to pay this claim and have not received a return call at this time.”

NEW BUSINESS:

Final approval of the temporary construction easement with Kansas City Southern Railway (Army Corps of Engineers cutoff wall project).

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to approve the temporary construction easement with the Kansas City Southern Railway.

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

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

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 625 entitled final action to amend utility easement granted to Spire Company to broaden them to ensure their utilities, when relocated, will fall within the easement area for the Army Corps of Engineers deep cutoff wall project was presented. Ordinance No. 2019-0-006 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-0-006 amending Ordinance No. 625 to Spire Company granting the amended utility easement.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Final approval of Spire NGL Inc., facility relocation and adjustment agreement. (Army Corps of Engineers cutoff wall project).

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Krekovich to approve the Spire NGL Inc., facility relocation and adjustment agreement.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

An Ordinance renewing Ordinance No. 2013-0-011 granting Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC to operate and maintain a petroleum pipeline within and through property of the Metro East Sanitary District was presented. Number 2019-0-007 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-0-007 for the Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC, to operate and maintain a petroleum pipeline within and through property of the Metro East Sanitary District.

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

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

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:50 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:04 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

Absent:

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

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 9:05 A.M.

Clerk