

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.
LOCATED AT: 1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, IL 62040**

9:01 A.M.- President Oney called the meeting to order, and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following were in attendance:

Present: Commissioners, Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney,

Absent: None

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were:

Rick Fancher, Executive Director, Attorney Tom Schooley,

Attorney Robert Sprague and Kim King-Treasurer

Absent: None

Other Attendees: Charlie Juneau with Juneau and Associates

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rick informed the Board that he and staff have had ongoing meetings with Marathon Oil regarding the oil spill up in Hartford. All the booms are out, and they are now in the restoration process. Marathon has hired a consultant and we met with him regarding our concerns. The consultant will in turn get with the Corp to ensure that all the permits are completed correctly. This will be an ongoing process for some time.

- Commissioner Brinza asked if any of the oil made it the river.
 - o Rick replied by stating that it did not and the furthest it reached was Oldenburg off of New Poag Rd halfway between 111 and Rt. 3.

Rick stated that the certification letter from FEMA should be completed. The Flood Protection District (Chuck Etwert) asked if they could hold the certification letter until the 26th. Rick informed the Board that he instructed Mr. Etwert to send us the letter now because it is MESD's not theirs. Apparently, the Flood Protection District is planning to hold an event on the 27th out at the Port Authority and they wanted to present the letter at that time. Rick stated that he was going to contact FEMA after the meeting and request the letter immediately. He stated that the levees have been certified for the 100 Year level. Rick continued to state that the Flood Protection District does not have the authority to withhold the certification letter.

Rick advised the Board that Invoice Cloud training is ongoing, and we plan on being completely online by June 1, 2022.

Rick continued to update the Board regarding the monthly Corp meetings pertaining to the Flood Wall project it should be completed by mid-summer July or August. They have other projects going on but the flood wall itself will be completed.

Rick stated that the IEMA project repairs that we received money for are still on going. These projects pertain to the repair of the pipes at the Madison Pump Station along with 7 or 8 other locations that they are repairing. This is all at their cost.

Rick notified the Board that the 78" lining project down at Meachum Crossing should be either today or sometime this week.

Rick reported to the Board that staff has met with the Attorney Brian Funk regarding the flood litigation pertaining to the flood from August 2019. This will be a long process.

Rick advised the Board that per our insurance policy all of our employees including Board members must complete the cyber security training. The whole training takes about 15 minutes to complete.

- President Oney requested that Rick get with individual Board members that might need assistance with this training.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Charlie Juneau informed the Board that we continue to have our monthly meeting with the US Army Corp of Engineers.

Charlie stated that he has a draft copy of the report regarding the relief well testing requirements. This report will consist of the cost comparison to conduct the testing inhouse versus subcontracting it out. In that report I will have two proposals from companies that do this type of testing for your review. This will include a description on their type of equipment and how they do their work.

The levee system 500-year level is ongoing.

The Lansdowne Interceptor Sewer Project everyone is aware of because we received bids pertaining this work. The Board will need to decide if we will be awarding the bid or rejecting all bids and request a redesign of it to decrease the cost.

The Annual SWIFT is completed and currently on his secretary's desk to be typed and should be out by the end of the week. We still have no comments regarding our previous SWIFT filing with the USACE.

We have received some correspondence regarding the Terminal Railroad sheet pile wall issue on Merchants Bridge. They are anxious to get that project started however, there are some issues that need to be addressed mainly the protection of those existing pipelines. We are concerned about the vibrations around a pipe that is over 100 years old.

MINUTES:

The Regular Minutes for the March 15, 2022, were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Brinza: 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 Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the Lansdowne and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney

Nays: None

Absent: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of March 2022 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson, seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the General Fund Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2022 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Special Funds Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of March 2022 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the Lansdowne Financial Report as submitted and place them on file.

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

**Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None**

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 20, 2022 , through March 5, 2022, were submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Payroll as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Payroll for the period of March 6, 2022, through March 19, 2022, were submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve the Payroll as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Report as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Schooley had nothing to report at this time

Attorney Sprague had nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or approval of Illinois American Water Lansdowne sale transaction.

- President Oney informed the Board that this matter is at a standstill at this time.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to table this discussion and or approval of Illinois American Water Lansdowne sale transaction

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

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Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-012 that is consistent with Ordinance Number 2021-0-013 and updating Ordinance 81-0-05 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

- President Oney reiterated that these are in accordance with our rates.
 - o Attorney Schooley stated “Yes, these are expired Ordinances that we are bringing current with our existing rates from 2021. “

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-012 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-013 that is consistent with Ordinance Number 2021-0-013 and updating Ordinance 82-0-06 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-013 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-014 that is consistent with Ordinance Number 2021-0-013 and updating Ordinance 89-0-05 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-014 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-015 that is consistent with Ordinance Number 2021-0-013 and updating Ordinance 82-0-06 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-015 establishing uniform rates for AT & T.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-016 establishing uniform rates for digital, optic fiber, analog cables / conduits for AT & T Project 11-D (Racetrack)

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-016 Project 11-D (Racetrack).

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

**Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None**

Board discussion on the Lansdowne Inceptor Sewer Improvement Project.

- **President Oney stated that at the last meeting we received the bids for this project. He continued to point out to the Board that this project is too expensive at 16.1 Million Dollars. He stated that the project cost is 2.1 Million Dollars over the authorized bond referendum of 14 Million Dollars. It is his recommendation that the Board reject all bids.**
- **President Oney continued the discussion by stating that after meeting with Juneau and Associates and reviewing the cost it would be best financially to scale down the project. Since it will be a such a dramatic scale down, we can't just award the project and just do "change orders".**
- **We will be bringing forward a different project along with rate changes. The last rate change was down in 2019.**

Motion by Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to reject the bids pertaining to the Lansdowne Inceptor Sewer Improvement Project.

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

**Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None**

Board discussion / approval of bid openings for retired MESD equipment.

The District Clerk recorded the following bids:

First bid received from Mr. Joe Failoni for the following items:

- 1985 Clark Trailer / 12 Ton Float for \$1,500
- 1994 John Deere 6200 Rubber Tire Tractor - \$5,200
- 1994 John Deere 6200 Rubber Tire Tractor – \$4,300
- 1999 John Deere 6210 Rubber Tire Tractor - \$7,700
- 2004 Ford F350 XL Super Duty Pickup \$250.00

Second bid received from Robyn Johnson for the following items:

- 1985 John Deere J.D. 2350 Rubber Tire Tractor - \$3,150.00
- 1995 Chevrolet GMT 400 Pick Up - \$751.00

Final bid received from Brittany Smith for the following item:

- 1995 Turbo 824 Mobile Office - \$200.00

Total Amount to be received: \$23,051.00

- President Oney asked what we were going to do with the remaining retired equipment.
 - Rick informed the Board that he would contact 111 Salvage to scrap the remaining items.

Motion by Commissioner Brinza; seconded by Commissioner Jackson to accept all bids pertaining to the sale of retired MESD equipment.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

ANY FURTHER BUSINESS PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD:

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Darwin seconded Commissioner Jackson to adjourn.

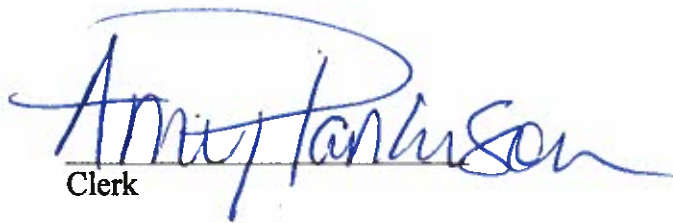
Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson and Oney

Nays: None

Absent: None

So, adjourned at 9:22 A.M.


Clerk