

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.
LOCATED AT: 1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, IL 62040**

9:06 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:

Attorney Robert Sprague and Kim King-Treasurer.
Absent: Rick Fancher, Executive Director, Attorney Tom Schooley

Other Attendees: Joe Juneau with Juneau and Associates

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRMAN FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Commissioner Darwin nominated Scott Oney; Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion.

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

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: PRESIDENT

Commissioner Brinza nominated Scott Oney as the President; Commissioner Darwin seconded the motion.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS:

President Oney made a motion to reappoint Rick Fancher as Executive Director. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion to reappoint Rick Fancher as Executive Director.

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

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

President Oney made a motion to reappoint Amy Parkinson as District Clerk. Commissioner Darwin seconded the motion to reappoint Amy Parkinson as District Clerk.

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

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

Commissioner Darwin made a motion to reappoint Scott Smith as the Madison County Superintendent. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion to reappoint Scott Smith as the Madison County Superintendent.

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

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

President Oney made a motion to reappoint Scott Hillman as the Stormwater Maintenance & Operations Superintendent. Commissioner Brinza seconded the motion to reappoint Scott Hillman as the Stormwater Maintenance & Operations Superintendent.

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

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

President Oney made a motion to reappoint Kim King as Treasurer of the District. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion to reappoint Kim a King as Treasurer of the District.

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

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

President Oney made a motion to reappoint Tom E. Schooley and Robert Sprague as the District Attorneys. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion to reappoint Tom E. Schooley and Robert Sprague as the District Attorneys

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

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

President Oney made a motion to reappoint Tom E. Schooley as the Information Officer for the District. Commissioner Darwin seconded the motion to reappoint Tom E. Schooley as the Information Officer for the District.

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

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

- President Oney stated that the Board will go into Executive Session at the February 15th Board Meeting to discuss pay rates for the appointed employees of the Metro East Sanitary District.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rick Fancher was absent for the meeting therefore no report was given.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Please see attached report from Charlie Juneau.

MINUTES:

The Regular Minutes for the December 21, 2021, were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded Commissioner Brinza 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, Oney

Nays: None

Absent: None

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Jackson 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, 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, Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of December 2021 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson, seconded Commissioner Darwin 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, Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of December 2021 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza: 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, Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of December 2021 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; 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, Oney

Nays: None

Absent: None

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of November 28, 2021, through December 11, 2021, were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

The Payroll for the period of December 12, 2021, through December 25, 2021, were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Schooley was not present at the Board Meeting

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 there is still an issue regarding MESD holding onto its seats on the Regional Treatment Plant Board. Illinois American Water is wanting our positions on the Board when they purchase Lansdowne.
- Commissioner Brinza asked, "Where are we at with the retention of our employees and are we happy with the agreement."
 - o President Oney responded by stating MESD is still negotiating the purchase agreement.
 - o President Oney also explained to Commissioner Brinza that MESD is now required to start testing the relief wells and we can do that internally. Therefore, the employees that Illinois American Water does not absorb will be well testers for the District.

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussion and/or approval of Amendment #1 on the contract between Juneau & Associates and the Metro East Sanitary District for the Lansdowne Interceptor Sewer Improvements.

- President Oney stated that the old contract expired, and this is just granting an extension

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the amendment to the contract between Juneau & Assoc. and MESD.

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

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

Board review / discussion of Executive Session Minutes to determine if the minutes should remain closed or open to the public.

- President Oney stated that after discussing this matter with Attorney Schooley it is recommended that the Executive Session Minutes remain closed.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Jackson to keep the Executive Session Minutes closed to the public.

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

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

Board discussion on the TRRA easement construction near the Merchants Bridge.

- President Oney requested to table this discussion until the February Board Meeting.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Brinza to table the discussion on the TRRA easement construction near the Merchants Bridge.

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

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

Board discussion on the resolution of litigation case.

- President Oney requested to table this discussion until the February Board Meeting

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to table the discussion on the litigation case.

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

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

An Ordinance to discuss and or approval to authorize the loan agreement with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Metro East Sanitary District. Ordinance number 2022-0-001 was assigned.

- Commissioner Brinza stated that Illinois American Water did not feel that this needed to be done. If we do decide to sell how long do we have to cancel this agreement and what stage are we at in this process?
 - o Joe Juneau stated that this is currently out for bid.
 - President Oney informed the Board that he told Illinois American Water that MESD was moving forward with the loan.
 - President Oney stated that the ICC still has to approve the sale and he did not want to miss out on the loan if they decide not to approve it for whatever reason.
 - Commissioner Brinza stated that is why he wanted to know the timeline we had before we lose out on the 35%

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-0-001 approval to authorize the loan agreement with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Metro East Sanitary District.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of the bid package for Project 24B-78' Storm Sewer Rehabilitation.

- Joe Juneau informed the Board that this bid was for the storm sewer at Meachum Crossing Apartments.
- Joe stated that the lowest bid was \$250,740.00 and that this company is asking for consideration of hand spraying versus mechanical spraying at no additional cost.
- Joe stated that it is his recommendation to accept and award the bid to Municipal & Contractors Sealing Products.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Brinza accept and award the bid package to Municipal & Contractors Sealing Products.

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

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

ANY FURTHER BUSINESS PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD:

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

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

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

So, adjourned at 9:21 A.M.


Clerk