

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

9:00 A.M.- President Oney called the meeting to order, and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following were in attendance:

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

Absent: Commissioner Brinza

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Fancher reported Conoco Phillips had 30-40 trucks on MESD property at Rt 3 and Lewis & Clark doing a mock drill with the IEPA. He went on to say he spoke with a representative at Conoco Phillips and explained, due to protocol, MESD must be notified when the property is being used for drills. IEPA now has Metro East Sanitary District on a list to be notified.

Mr. Fancher reported he and Attorney Schooley are meeting to draw up a document to Terminal Railroad regarding the responsibility of clean up at Merchants Bridge.

Mr. Fancher informed the Board a negotiation meeting is scheduled with Teamsters for Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Fancher advised the Board of a current Ameren project. Ameren is putting in a new high pressure gas line at Maryville Road and Rt 162. Attorney School and Mr. Fancher have been going back and forth with Ameren on easements and right of ways. Mr. Fancher claims Metro East Sanitary District owns the ditch.

- Attorney Schooley responded, "It is a question on interpreting what the condemnation meant."
 - President Oney added, "Madison County records show Ameren owns the ditch."
 - Attorney Schooley responded, "Ameren's position is that MESD received a right of way easement through the condemnation proceeding, but no transfer of the property was ever done." Mr. Schooley advised they will discuss more after the meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Fancher updated the Board the US Army Corps. relief well project is ongoing and should be complete in 2023. USACE is now setting up projects for 2024.

REPORT OF ENGINEER: NONE

MINUTES:

The Regular Minutes for September 20, 2022, were presented for approval.

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

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of September 2022 were 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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of September 2022 were 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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the months of August 2022 and September 2022 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin, seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the Lansdowne 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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of September 4, 2022, through September 17, 2022, 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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

The Payroll for the period of September 18, 2022, through October 1, 2022, 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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Sprague had nothing to report at this time.

Attorney Schooley explained the Board of Review process to the Commissioners. He explained in these cases the businesses or industries are requesting more than \$100,000.00 assessed evaluation off their property tax assessment. These businesses are in Collinsville, and although MESD tax rate is not as big as the City of Collinsville or Collinsville School District, it is nice to go and let the people know that the taxing Districts are watching what they are doing, and to make sure the County Board of Review does a proper assessment. It is a check and balance system to make sure businesses don't get their taxes lowered. If businesses get their taxes reduced, that does not mean the amount of taxes paid goes down, it means other individuals will pay more to make up for the businesses, putting more of a tax burden on the individual people.

Attorney Schooley updated the Board on the bonding requirements. In previous years, the District paid a separate bond on Commissioners and management. He explained, after reviewing the policy with the Broker, the Commissioners bonds are covered under the comprehensive liability package. He advises MESD to drop the extra coverage and stick with the half million bonding requirements through the general policy.

- President Oney responded, "We will approve this when we get the quote from insurance."

OLD BUSINESS:

Board discussion and/or awarding of RFP & RFQ on Lansdowne Sewer System (IL. American Water) Sale.

- Attorney Schooley advised the Board he reached out to Attorney Ken Jones with Illinois American Water Company to let him know this was on the agenda. Mr. Jones requested we let him know if it passes, and he will make sure this precedes contemporaneous with the sale of Granite City Wastewater Treatment Plant. Attorney Schooley again clarified this is all contingent on the sale of Granite City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to award RFP/RFQ on Lansdowne Sewer System (Illinois American Water) Sale.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussion/approval of Ordinance No. 2022-0-028 establishing uniform rates for digital, optic fiber, analog cables/conduits to Everstream in consistent with Ordinance 2021-0-013 within Project 1.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve Ordinance No. 2022-0-028 establishing uniform rates for digital, optic fiber, analog cables/conduits to Everstream in consistent with Ordinance 2021-0-013 within Project 1.

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

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

Board discussion/approval of Ordinance No. 2022-0-029 establishing uniform rates for pipelines to Ameren Illinois D/B/A Ameren Illinois in consistent with Ordinance 2021-0-011 and updating Ordinance 591 relating to Project 2.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve Ordinance No. 2022-0-029 establishing uniform rates for pipelines to Ameren Illinois D/B/A Ameren Illinois in consistent with Ordinance 2021-0-011 and updating Ordinance 591 relating to Project 2.

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

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

Board discussion/request to approve all together the Board of Review Hearing Docket No. 2022-000047, 2022-000094, 2022-000095, 2022-000096, 2022-000103, 2022-000126, 2022-000127, 2022-000150, 2022-000171.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve all together Board of Review Hearing Docket No. 2022-000047, 2022-000094, 2022-000095, 2022-000096, 2022-000103, 2022-000126, 2022-000127, 2022-000150, 2022-000171.

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

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

Board discussion/request to intervene in Board of Review Hearing Docket No. 2022-000047, 2022-000094, 2022-000095, 2022-000096, 2022-000103, 2022-000126, 2022-000127, 2022-000150, 2022-000171.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to intervene in Board of Review Hearing Docket No. 2022-000047, 2022-000094, 2022-000095, 2022-000096, 2022-000103, 2022-000126, 2022-000127, 2022-000150, 2022-000171.

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

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

Board discussion/approval to publish RFP/RFQ for auditing services.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the publishing of RFP/RFQ for auditing services.

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

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

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, Dixon, Jackson and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: Brinza

So, adjourned at 9:15 A.M.


Clerk