

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.
LOCATED AT: 1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, IL 62040**

9:01 A.M.- President Oney called the Public Hearing for 2022 Metro East Sanitary District Budget to order, and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following were in attendance:

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

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**

9:02 A.M. Public Hearing Closed

9:03 A.M. Regular Meeting Call to Order

The following were in attendance:

Present: Commissioners, Darwin, Brinza, Dixon, and Oney,
Absent: Commissioner Jackson at the time of roll call. (was present for remainder of the meeting.)

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 Fancher brought the Board up to date regarding the oil spill at the Cahokia Diversion Canal between Rt.143 and Rt.157. He informed the Board that staff has been up there since Friday afternoon. The EPA and Corp along with every Federal Agency has been involved in this situation. Marathon has numerous crews cleaning this oil spill. As of yesterday, out of the 3,000+ barrels of oil they lost in the Canal they have recovered about 2,200 barrels so far. They wanted to be done collecting off the water itself by sometime today or tomorrow. Then they will go back and start the remediation of the banks. This will be an ongoing process for months maybe years.

Rick informed the Board that MESD had the bid opening for the storm line and spray liner at Meachum Crossing. During an inspection of that we found a "CSO" which is a "combined sewer overflow." I am going to have Charlie Juneau get with them and find out what the status is and report back to me on how we can get this resolved. The line belongs to Madison.

- President Oney stated that before we go and cap the line we need to talk to Madison and let them be aware of it because if we cap that overflow, we can cause backups into residences. President Oney asked how long this has been there.
 - o Charlie Juneau advised the Board that it is in the middle of the pipe, and no one knew it was there. At one point in time there were five (5) overflows in Madison that met MESD system that everyone was aware of. One was way up at Bissel and the only way to get to was through it was a manhole then walk down the pipe. That one was plugged sometime ago. There was another one on Klein that was similar to this one and was eliminated by Metro East Sanitary District. There have not been any ramifications from those however, I am very hesitant to plug an overflow causing people's basements to flood and we get sued.
 - o Charlie requested that we talk to Mayor Hamm and make him aware of this situation. We need to be very careful how we approach this matter.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONT'D:

Rick informed the Board that MESD has met with the Corp. for our regular monthly meetings. The project pertaining to the flood wall will be completed sometime mid-summer. The wall itself is completed, now they are jet grouting around the window closures.

Rick stated that he met with Joe Monroe at the three (3) locations that we had problems with IDOT. Mr. Monroe is going to take care of all the washout issues we were having or had over the last several years. Rick said that once they start that project then he will sign off on the 111 Project and Route 3 Corridor Project.

- Attorney Schooley stated that we will have to pass those Ordinances first.
 - o President Oney asked if we wanted to bring the Ordinances up for the next meeting because we could be holding up their project.
 - Attorney Schooley stated that he would review it.

Rick advised that staff and Attorney Schooley have met with Zayo Fiber Company regarding cost. Zayo's complaint is what their cost will be for crossing four (4) of our locations. We told Zayo to come back to us with comparable length and width of crossings and how many fiber lines they will have at different locations, and we will compare. We have not heard anything back.

Rick notified the Board that the FEMA documents they are approving today are the final documents for our 100-year Certification. It will be sent off tomorrow morning and should have the certification by the end of next week.

- Charlie Juneau stated that this is very important because it takes MESD out of the required insurance.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Charlie stated that we continue to have our monthly Corp meetings.

Charlie informed the Board that he will be completing a report pertaining to the relief well requirements. The report will be a comparison of conducting the testing "In house" with the equipment you have to purchase, and the number of employees required for the testing vs hiring a subcontractor to perform the work.

Charlie stated that we received the bids for the Lansdowne Interceptor Sewer Project. Charlie informed the Board that MESD received three (3) bids however, they were all over the Engineers estimate that was conducted back in 2019. The lowest bidder was Michels Pipe Service out of Chicago for \$12,788,966.00 however, they have since withdrawn their bid. We will be meeting regarding the ramifications of their withdrawal. The next lowest bidder was Sak Construction at \$14,875,805.00. This project still qualifies for 35% loan forgiveness by the IEPA. We have been in correspondence with the IEPA on this matter. If the project is to be pursued, then a new Resolution being able to authorize borrowing necessary funds for that amount plus the amount of the engineering cost must be approved by the Board. The project could still be awarded but the cost of it has doubled. We will be meeting on that and reporting back to the Board with a recommendation.

Charlie advised the Board that in regard to the annual SWIF update he will be meeting with staff on Friday to get the rest of the information required to report to the USACE.

Charlie informed the Board that IDOT has plans for the Route 3 Interconnection to extend 203 from where it crosses right now to the new bridge extending it North. There were meetings over a year ago where they wanted to encroach onto MESD property however, they have now moved past requesting land from us. This is a good thing because it would have caused a lot of grief for all parties involved.

Charlie reiterated to the Board that we awarded the bid for the 78" storm sewer. The preconstruction conference was held on that March 8th for that project.

MINUTES:

The Regular Minutes for the February 15, 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, 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 Darwin; 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, and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza: 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 February 2022 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin, 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 February 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 February 2022 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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 January 23, 2022, through February 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 February 6, 2022, through February 19, 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, Brinza, Dixon, Jackson, and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; 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, 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 there is nothing to report at this time.
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NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-009 pertaining to the 2022 Budget for the District.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-009 approving the 2022 District Budget.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D:

Board discussion / approval of Ordinance Number 2022-0-010 to adopt the United States Army Corps of Engineers' system wide Operation & Maintenance Manual.

- Rick informed the Board that this Ordinance along with the next one is required by FEMA in order to get our 100-Year Certification.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-010 approval of USACE Operation & Maintenance Manual.

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 2022-0-011 011 to adopt the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Emergency Action Plan.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve Ordinance Number 2022-0-004 establishing uniform rates for Ameren.

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 Resolution Number 2022-0-003 to authorize and direct the sale of disposal of personal property in accordance with the law.

- President Oney raised a question regarding the property that is not purchased. He asked Rick if we scrap those items.
 - o Rick stated “Yes, we will scrap them.”
 - President Oney stated, “They will issue a check correct and not cash?” He stated the reason he asked this question was due to previous Administration.
 - Rick responded by stating “Yes, what we do is when we take items down there, we have them keep the ticket open. We take every reusable item off the equipment and take whatever is left to be scrapped. They give us a check at the end and Stacy deposits into the account.”
 - o President Oney clarified to the Board that he was just asking this question because that is not how it was handled during the prior Administration.
- Commissioner Brinza asked if this public notice had been placed in the paper or if it was just on our website?
 - o Rick stated that it had also been placed in the newspaper.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin of Resolution No. 2022-0-003 approval to dispose of personal property in accordance with the law.

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 for the Notice of Intent to award Michels Pipe Service the bid for Lansdowne Interceptor Project.

- This company withdrew their bid from the RFP. No further action will be taken.

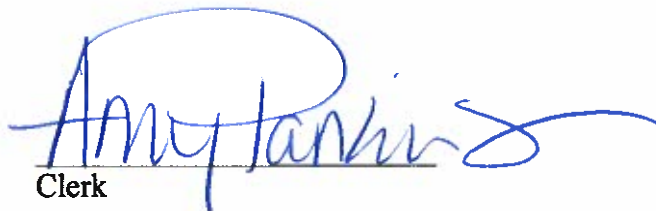
ANY FURTHER BUSINESS PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD:

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, and Oney
Nays: None
Absent: None

So, adjourned at 9:24 A.M.


Clerk