

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF
THE METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST.
CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 AT
1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY,
ILLINOIS AT 9:00 A.M**

President Oney called the Public Hearing to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Brinza, Darwin, Oney and Dixon.

Absent: Commissioners McCall

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Treasurer Kim King, Attorney Schooley, Attorney Meinders. Also, attending the meeting Frank Dorris and Norma Scrum.

President Oney asked if there were any comments regarding the 2019 budget for the Metro East Sanitary District.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Norma Scrum addressed the Board asking for the Madison surcharge to be stopped.

President Oney called the regular meeting to order.

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BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020:

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2020, beginning on the first day of January 2020 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2020 was presented. Ordinance Number 2020-0-005 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance Number 2020-0-005 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2020, beginning on the first day of January 2020 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2020.

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

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: None

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 18, 2020 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, Oney, Dixon and Brinza
Nays: None
Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The executive session minutes for the February 18, 2020 meetings were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall 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, Oney, Dixon and Brinza

Nays: None

Absent: None

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 McCall, Darwin, Oney, Dixon and Brinza
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of February 2020 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund Financial Reports for the month of February 2020 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of February 2020 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of February 2020 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of February 2020 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Brinza to approve the Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of February 2020 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 9, 2020 through February 22, 2020 were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

The Payroll for the period of February 23, 2020 through March 7, 2020 were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

LANSLOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Schooley reported:

I sent a letter out for the requirements on the sexual harassment training. The other question asked was about if the training carries over from one employer to another. If you provide a certificate of completion to MESD that would work.

Attorney Meinders reported:

We talked a little bit about the flat rate ordinance. I think Roger met with Juneau. I will follow up on that meeting, I did not receive any paperwork from when they met.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or approval of Canteen-Cahokia Creek Watershed cost share program.

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President Oney “My opinion is No. If you read the information, we are giving up control for 10 years.”

Commissioner Brinza “Is it done by parcel. If we had a certain parcel that would work well give them one instead of all?”

President Brinza “I think they want all parcels. My recommendation is No, not good for MESD.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to decline being a part of the Canteen-Cahokia Creek Watershed cost share program.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of Vehicle and equipment for bid/scrap.

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President Oney “This is for the Executive Director Rick Fancher to discuss and since he could not be here to answer questions, we should table this till the next meeting.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to table till next meeting.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of License Agreement with DDI Media.

Attorney Schooley reported:

These are the Billboards that DDI Media wants access to on MESD Roads. The licensing agreement is for 20 years and has a total payout of \$37,500. The one thing I wanted is they add us as additional insured on their policy. Which they agreed to do and hold us harmless under their operation should someone get hurt. There is a provision should they do any damage to our levee road or any other road they are responsible for repairs.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the 20-year license agreement with DDI Media.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of Repealing and Resending the Levying of a surcharge for the cost incurred in maintaining and repairing sewage collection lines in the City of Madison. Ordinance No. 2020-0-006 was assigned to this document.

President Oney “The question is not what caused the break but who has the responsibility for the section that broke. The United States Corps of Engineers (USACE) installed the pipe that was on top of MESD line. Based on what Joe Juneau said is that failed. There is an agreement between MESD and the USACE to maintain the line that broke.”

Commissioner Brinza “We debated over this for almost 2 years. We were told by our attorneys at that time we were not responsible for that line. There was a lot of thought that went into it. You have reviewed and are comfortable with this decision.”

Attorney Schooley “I have review Juneau’s email. I did not get a copy of the lease agreement, but I have spoke to Mr. Papa who I know very well. He has indicated in the lease agreement MESD assumes responsibility for those pipes.”

President Oney “Based on what I have from the attorney recommendations and the engineer’s recommendations. I seek a motion to repeal.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-0-006 to repeal and rescind the levying of a surcharge for the cost incurred in maintaining and repairing sewage collection lines in the City of Madison.

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

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

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Discussion and/or approval of Intergovernmental agreement for borrowing equipment.

Ordinance No. 2020-0-007 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Schooley “In an Emergency situation the executive Director would have the authority to approve provided he runs it by the Board President and then it is presented at the next meeting for Board approval. The equipment use agreement is flexible enough to it should fit any circumstance or situation. The Executive Director asked that there be no charge between taxing districts, but the agreement does allow for there to be a fee should the circumstance require it as well as to make sure their insurance will cover any damages to the equipment.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-0-007 an Intergovernmental agreement for borrowing equipment.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval to become a member of JULIE. Ordinance No. 2020-0-008 was assigned to this document.

President Oney “Julie is a nonprofit, they charge a minimal fee. Granite City runs abut

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\$5000 a year and most of out the fee for Granite was they hired outside contractors to do the marking. Julie will send us notifications and we will go out and do the marking of our lines. What this does is gives us notification of these companies that are doing the borring and borring into our lines.”

Commissioner Brinza “Do we know what the cost will be?”

Attorney Schooley “Julie has nothing on their website on costs.”

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-0-008 to become a member of JULIE.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of regulating the installation of underground facilities near or around MESD facilities. Ordinance No. 2020-0-009 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-0-009 regulating the installation of underground facilities near or around MESD facilities.

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

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

Commissioner Brinza “I would like to recommend that MESD send a letter to all our representatives requesting State of Illinois to allow conference call as attendance to meetings for these times of emergency.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Oney to send those letters from the Board.

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

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

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, Darwin, Oney, Dixon and Brinza
Nays: None

Absent: None

So, adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Clerk