

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
TUESDAY, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:00
A.M. JULY 21, 2020 AT 1800 EDISON AVENUE,**

President Oney called the meeting 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Fancher reported:

We are working on the Lansdowne budget and the District audit is done. We should have a copy of that in the next couple weeks.

The rate study on our commercial accounts is in progress so that is fair for everyone.

The last rate increase that was passed by the Board ended in 2019. It was a three-year incremental raise. I feel that we need to readdress that at another meeting, about another incremental increase in the rates. Everything is getting more expensive as we go and the incremental increase would be better than down the road hitting them with a big raise all at once. We will get with Attorney Schooley and start looking at rates.

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President Oney “We will have to authorize a rate study. EPA requires a rate study, so on the next agenda we will probably have the authorization to hire Juneau and Associates to do the rate study.”

Executive Director Fancher continued:

COVID-19: We have had 4 people get calls that they were at a function And one person at that same function tested positive. Attorney Schooley and I met, and our policy is following the CDC guidelines. They are off work until they are tested. They have all been tested and everything is fine they all came back negative. We have not had any cases at all with our employees. We have provided everything the offices need, gloves to handle money and mask. They have the separation of the glass at the Madison office. The Edison office keeps the door locked.

We have been having conversations with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) about relief well testing. We were told last year in writing by USACE that we were to have our relief wells tested every 10 years. Now we have got a call from one of the Corps people that it is every 5 years. We are going by the 10-year guideline and we will be testing hem or we will put it out for bid to be tested.

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 16, 2020 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 Brinza, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: McCall

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of May and June 2020 was submitted for approval:

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

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

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

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of May and June 2020 was submitted for approval:

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

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

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

The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of May and June 2020 were submitted for approval:

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

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

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of May 31, 2020 through June 13, 2020 were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

The Payroll for the period of June 14, 2020 through June 27, 2020 were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

LANSDOWNE 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 Brinza, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: McCall

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Schooley reported:

The only thing I wanted to talk about is the employment related litigation for Adler, Sawicki, Foster and Irby. We have turned that into our insurance carrier and they have assigned Attorney Brian Funk to that litigation.

We are working on some encroachments here in Granite. We are going to prepare some letters for Executive Director Fancher to send to the various property owners whose fences or sheds are encroaching on MESD properties

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

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

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

So, adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Clerk