

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF
THE METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST.
CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020 AT 1800
EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT
9:00 A.M**

President Oney called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Brinza, McCall Darwin, Oney and Dixon.

Absent:

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Treasurer Kim King, Attorney Schooley, Attorney Meinders.

President Oney asked if there were any comments from the public regarding Lansdowne budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Metro East Sanitary District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

President Oney called the regular meeting to order.

LANSDOWNE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021:

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the fiscal Year 2020-2021, beginning on the first day of April 2020 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2021 was presented. Number 2020-0-014 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance Number 2020-0-014 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the fiscal Year 2020-2021, beginning on the first day of April 2020 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2021.

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

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Fancher reported:

Everyone received a letter between MESD and the Wood River Levee District. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has changed the standards on relief well testing. The original letter was that they changed testing to every 10 years. Now we have received an email from USACE stating that the letter was wrong, and testing should be done every 5 years. My question and concern are how are we going to pay for this? Possibly approaching the Flood Prevention District (FPD) for help offsetting those cost, because without that help, FPD and the Levee system will never pass the 500-year level. I would like to have Chuck take it to the FPD Board and see what response we receive if the Board approves.

Commissioner Brinza “If we by chance can not get funding is USACE willing to work with us on a 7-year plan, seeing that the rules changed.”

We had a lengthy discussion with them last week and they are not willing To work with us on the time. What they will do is identify the ones that need testing now and in the near future. They going to send us that information. They are sticking to the 5-year plan.

Covid-19 we have been fortunate only contact exposure no one has been sick.

Flow meters are up and running. They are generating data, so we will know exactly which communities are sending what to us and any overages the communities are not paying on.

We had a meeting yesterday about the FEMA projects; Manhole #4 rehab, seeding and strawing, also the gravel overlay. The seeding will start in next couple weeks and gravel overlay next month.

Meeting today with IDOT about highway 111. Part of our approval of the project is for them to repair the things they said 5 year ago they would repair.

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 21, 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, McCall Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

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

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of July 12, 2020 through July 25, 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, McCall Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Payroll for the period of July 26, 2020 through August 8, 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, McCall Darwin, Oney, and Dixon
Nays: None
Absent: None

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Meinders reported:

I am working with Roger from the Lansdowne office on the flat rate for Commercial billing. We are going to try to meet this week again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or approval of the 2019 District Audit.

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President Oney “I went through the audit, does anyone have any questions?”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to accept the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended December 31, 2019 and place on file.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of renewing Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. contract with MESD.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to renew Juneau and Associates contract with MESD.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of hiring Juneau Associates to do a rate study.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve
Juneau and Associates to do a rate study for Metro East Sanitary District.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval to release the December 31, 2019 Special Meeting
Executive session minutes to the public.

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Brinza to dispense with the reading of the Executive Session minutes from December 31, 2019, approve them as submitted and place them on file for the public.

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

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

City of Granite City Nameoki Ditch Sanitary Sewer System Easements.

Executive Director Fancher “The City of Granite City is in the process of selling their water collection system to Water Company. We have an easement with Granite City along Nameoki Ditch where they have a sewer line. We are renewing the easement with Granite City and will be drawing up another easement with the Water Company.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the renewal of Easements with the City of Granite City.

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

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

Discussion of relief well testing.

President Oney “Are we going to make a motion to release the letter for the relief wells?”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the release of letter for the relief wells.

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

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

Mousette Lane Easement

Attorney Schooley “There is a construction project going on over there. They are widening Mousette Lane from Jerome lane to Carroll street putting in new curbs and everything. In doing so they require an easement from MESD.”

President Oney “They are asking us to waive fees of the permanent easement.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the easement for Mousette Lane and waive the fees for such easement.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall; to enter into Executive Session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, or performance of employees and pending or threatened or imminent litigation.

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

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:33 A.M.

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Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:38 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Brinza, McCall Darwin, Oney and Dixon.

Absent:

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Treasurer Kim King, Attorney Schooley, Attorney Meinders.

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, McCall Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: None

So, adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

Clerk