

**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. SEPTEMBER 15, 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: McCall

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Fancher reported:

Attorney Schooley and I have responded to the request for a new Station at CNV with a cost of 8.6 million dollars.

Attorney Schooley "It just seems is a waste of taxpayers money since we have 2 stations there, with a little cooperation and compromise if they would change their operation and maintenance procedures. There are letters back from the forties and fifties that state the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) will cooperate in the drainage of it. USACE must go all the way up the chain to D.C. to get approval to operate the pump. If USACE would be reasonable this could all be worked out"

Twin 60 letters went out to everyone who has property over the pipe should we need to do the maintenance. Only received 2 calls about letters.

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We have been doing a lot of work at Nameoki Ditch also Cahokia Creek.

Covid guidelines still in place at MESD.

Commissioner Brinza “Could we get the reports on the pumps from Scott Hillman again?”

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None

MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 18, 2020 were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: McCall

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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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:

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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 August 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 August 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 August 2020 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of August 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 August 2020 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of August 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 August 9, 2020 through August 22, 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 August 23, 2020 through September 4, 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:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Brinza 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:

Attorney Meinders could not be here, but he is meeting with Lansdowne Office Manager Roger about commercial flat Rates and will have a report next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or approval of the Riley Owens lease:

Attorney Schooley “In essence due to Covid and the temporary closing of 255, he has lost 50% of his business, his letter states.”

President Oney “Did the people that lease the sign from him get a break? Is he passing the savings on? I would like more information”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to table discussion for next meeting.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of waiving liens for low-income housing

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President Oney “I would like to have more information on this before deciding.”

Attorney Schooley “This applies to about 7 parcels and I think the total they are asking us to waive is about ten thousand dollars.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to table discussion for next meeting.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of the cooperation agreement between Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District and MESD.

Ordinance No. 2020-0-015 approving Levee improvements and rehabilitation project was presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-0-015 approving Levee improvements and rehabilitation project.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Brinza, Darwin, Oney, and Dixon

Nays: None

Absent: McCall

Ordinance No. 2020-0-016 approving authorization to enter cooperation agreement. was presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-0-016 approving the authorization to enter into cooperation agreement.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval for Bremen pump station, pump bids were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the Illinois Electric Works pump bid for \$73,668.00 for Bremen pump station with provision for certified payroll.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:37 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Dixon; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 10:12 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

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

President Oney “We need a motion to deny a nonunion employee benefit request.”

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to deny a nonunion employee nonunion benefit request.

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

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

President Oney “Need a motion to send a letter to John Maeras informing him his \$300 a month benefit will stop the end of September.”

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Dixon to send a letter to John Maeras to inform him that his \$300 a month benefit will stop at the end of September.

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

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

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 10:15 A.M.