

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT  
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, AT 9:00 A.M.  
LOCATED AT: 1800 EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, IL 62040**

9:00 A.M.- President Oney called the meeting to order, and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following were in attendance:

Present: Commissioners, Darwin, Brinza, Jackson and President Oney

Absent: Commissioner Dixon

Others attending the meeting were:

Executive Director Rick Fancher, Treasurer Kim King, Engineer Joe Juneau

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Fancher reported the following

The Corps. of Engineers has cancelled the berm project at Hartford Diversionary Canal. This project was to build a berm from Route 3 to the railroad tracks. Per the Corps of Engineers, after going back and looking at historical data from the 1993 flood, they do not feel as though there is a need. Because it is a double tiered levee system in that area, the water barely made it to the bottom of the levee during the 1993 flood.

The Mayor of Hartford called regarding a firm that is interested in developing at Route 3 and New Poag Road.

Mowing is in full swing.

The items needed for the relief well truck have been purchased. Still waiting on specs from the Corps of Engineers to know what size of pump to buy for testing.

Mr. Fancher is attending a meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> at Mr. McCall's office in Cahokia Heights with the Corps. of Engineers and twenty other entities regarding the flood hazard analysis that Hartland has provided.

Illinois Counties Risk Management performed a safety survey at the offices and maintenance buildings. Some of the items they looked for were current fire extinguisher tags, emergency lighting, trip and fall hazards etc.

**REPORT OF ENGINEERS:**

Joe Juneau updated the board on the 24-inch force main project under Merchants Bridge. The preconstruction conference with Haier is scheduled for Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. As of date, Juneau has not received the railroad protective liability policy nor has MESD received the right of entry.

**MINUTES:**

The Regular Minutes for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 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.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**MINUTES:**

The Executive Session Minutes for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to dispense with the reading of the minutes, approve them as submitted and place them on file.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of March 2023 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the General Fund Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2023 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Jackson to approve the Special Funds Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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



The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of March 2023 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Fund Financial Report as submitted and place them on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of March 5, 2023 through March 18, 2023 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

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The Payroll for the period of March 19, 2023 through April 1, 2023 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

**LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson; 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, Jackson and Oney  
Nays: None  
Absent: Commissioner Dixon

**REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:**

None

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion and/or approval of Illinois American Water / Lansdowne Sale.

- President Oney reported the City of Granite City has approved their purchase agreement on the Granite City Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Attorney with Illinois American has reached out to Attorney Schooley. Mr. Oney, Mr. Fancher, Attorney Schooley, and Engineer Joe Juneau are meeting Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> to go over the purchase agreement and get things going for the MESD sale.

Discussion regarding Mark Hudson request for extension of medical leave of absence.

- President Oney informed the board Mr. Hudson's extension of medical leave has expired. Based on the contract he will be suspended until he can provide a letter of full release. Attorney Mundorf is preparing a letter to send to Mr. Hudson. Once Mr. Hudson receives the letter, he will go on a list under the contract that will allow him to be the first one called back if an opening becomes available. The contract allows him to be on the callback list for two years. President Oney went on to say he hates to do this, but due to being mowing season and being shorthanded the district must move on. Mr. Hudson's last day of work was August of 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion and/or approval of agreement with World Wide Technology Raceway and Metro East Sanitary District of temporary easement for pedestrian bridge over Cahokia Canal.

- President Oney updated the board there are still two issues with the agreement that need to be worked out prior to signing. One being fencing. Temporary construction fence is not much protection especially when dealing with people drinking alcohol. Right now the water in the ditch is not high, but it could be then. The other question is security. How are they going to keep it secure? Attorney Schooley is reaching out to their attorney to get these two issues resolved.
  - o Commissioner Brinza added he is concerned with people walking around a line and just crossing through the canal.
    - President Oney agreed. Monitoring with just a camera really doesn't resolve the issue. He would like to have a security guard in place for all three days of the event. He would also like clarity on how it will be secured for the 45 days while the bridge is in place. President Oney asked the board to make a motion to amend the agreement, giving Executive Director Rick Fancher authority to sign once Attorney Schooley resolves these issues.

Motion Commissioner Brinza; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve amending the agreement between World Wide Technology Raceway and Metro East Sanitary District for a temporary easement over Cahokia Canal for a pedestrian bridge.

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

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

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Jackson giving Executive Director Rick Fancher authority to sign the agreement between World Wide Technology Raceway and Metro East Sanitary District for temporary easement over Cahokia Canal for a pedestrian bridge.

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

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

Discussion and/or approval of records disposal certificate.

- President Oney stated the State of Illinois requires MESD file a certificate to destroy old records.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin approval of records disposal certificate.

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

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

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Discussion and/or approval waiving right of entry fee for Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC) for training purposes.

- President Oney explained this is a non-profit organization that does training on oil spills. The training will be at the mouth of the Cahokia Diversionary Canal.
  - o Mr. Fancher added MSRC will be working with the Wood River Fire Department.

Motion Commissioner Jackson; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve waiving the right of entry fee for Marine Spill Response Corporation for training purposes.

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

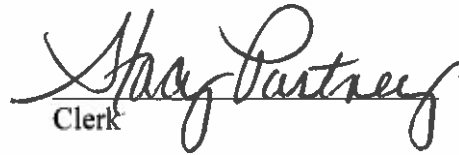
Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza, Jackson and Oney  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dixon

There being no further business placed before the Board, Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Brinza to adjourn.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

So, adjourned at 9:12 A.M.

  
Clerk