

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT  
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024, 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, Dixon, Jackson, and President Oney  
Absent: None.

Others attending the meeting were:

Executive Director Mike Nordstrom, Superintendent Justin Roehr, Attorney Tom Schooley, Attorney Robert Sprague, Treasurer Kim King, and Engineer Joe Juneau

**PUBLIC COMMENT**      None.

**PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**      None.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Nordstrom reported the following:

There is a line repair underway at Garfield Avenue and Terrace Lane for our line, possibly due to a seal leak.

A bridge rating study is scheduled to take place at Rock Springs Bridge. Following its displacement from the pilings during the flood in 2019, repairs have been completed, but IDOT mandates a rate study.

The approved Barcom security systems are scheduled for installation.

There have been a few pump failures, one at 48<sup>th</sup> and Warren and another at Eagle Park. Both pumps have been pulled and sent to Illinois Electric for repair.

The Scada system software upgrade is currently being upgraded.

Mr. Nordstrom and Superintendent Roehr attended a Corps meeting in Waterloo, focusing on flood preparedness, discussing available resources and assistance in the event of a flood. The meteorologist at the meeting forecasted a dry spring and summer.

Lastly, Mr. Nordstrom reported that the inspection with Illinois American Water for Eagle Park and Lansdowne is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **REPORT OF ENGINEER**

Joe Juneau reported the following:

Charlie Juneau will be working with representatives from MESD and the Corps of Engineers on the Systemwide Improvement Project.

On the agenda is the permanent drainage easement with the City of Granite City for the project on Carlson/Myrtle/Joy Avenue. The project is scheduled to start around May 1st. The Construction Company, Groundworks, has completed the right of entry with MESD.

- Attorney Schooley stated the prepared ordinance sets forth the rights and obligations of the parties, specifying that the City of Granite City has the ongoing maintenance obligations once the line is in place.
  - o Mr. Juneau added, once the culverts are removed and replaced, the line will be relocated. This is a short-term permanent easement.

Mr. Juneau continues his report, stating that the Twin 60 cleaning operation has begun. The contractors are looking for a disposal location for the removed material and have potentially arranged with the Granite City Treatment Plant to accept it. At this point in time, there has been no televising or lining, just cleaning.

- Mr. Nordstrom stated it is his understanding the 48" section between Granite City High School cafeteria and Regions Bank will not begin until school is dismissed for the summer.
  - o President Oney questioned he thought that was the area a blockage was located.
    - Mr. Juneau responded that the area Mr. Oney is referring to is in the area of the Coolidge connection. There is a connection of a 24-inch diameter pipe that enters the north line of the 48-inch. Further investigation was requested. It appears to be an original T connection that has been abandoned.
    - President Oney stated he wants to ensure there are no issues that arise as we lead up to the spring season.
      - o Mr. Juneau responded that the line appears to be fully plugged, so it looks as if it has been abandoned at some point in time.

**MINUTES**

The Regular Minutes for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were presented for approval:

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

**CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS**

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by 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, Dixon, Jackson, and Oney  
Nays: None

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The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Brinza 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, Dixon, Jackson, and Oney  
Nays: None

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The General Fund Financial Reports for the month of February 2024 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Dixon: seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the General Fund Financial Report as submitted and place on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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The Special Funds Financial Reports for the month of February 2024 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the Special Funds Financial Report as submitted and place on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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The Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of February 2024 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza: seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the Lansdowne Fund Financial Report as submitted and place on file for audit.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**PAYROLL**

The Payroll for the period of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was submitted for approval:

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

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

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

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The Payroll for the period of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, was submitted for approval:

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

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

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

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**LANSLOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Report as submitted.

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

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

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY**

No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**     None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2024-0-007 consistent with Ordinance 2021-0-011 establishing uniform rates for pipelines to Ameren Illinois Company and updating ordinance 398, relating to Project 14.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Darwin approving Ordinance 2024-0-007 consistent with Ordinance 2021-0-011 establishing uniform rates for pipelines to Ameren Illinois Company and updating ordinance 398, relating to Project 14.

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

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

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Board discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2024-0-008 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the taxing districts concerning waiving of fees for right of entry applications and agreements.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Dixon approving Ordinance 2024-0-008 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the taxing districts concerning waiving of fees for right of entry applications and agreements.

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

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

Board discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2024-0-009 pertaining to the 2024 Annual Budget for the District.

- President Oney informed the board that the sale of Lansdowne is included in the budget. Additionally, the capital project plan includes some larger budgetary items.

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded by Commissioner Jackson approving Ordinance 2024-0-009 the 2024 Annual Budget for the District.

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

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

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Board discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2024-0-010 granting a Permanent Easement to the City of Granite City and setting forth the rights and obligations of the grantee.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Brinza approving Ordinance 2024-0-010 granting a Permanent Easement to the City of Granite City and setting forth the rights and obligations of the grantee.

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

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

Board discussion and/or approval authorizing the approval of bid results for (1) one 2025 model or used Mack Granite 64FR truck.

- Mr. Nordstrom reported that the current dump truck is very old, and all the possible repairs have been made to it. Due to the high costs of these dump trucks, everyone is looking for low mileage used options, but they are difficult to find.
  - o President Oney asked to read the bid price aloud.
    - Superintendent Roehr opened the bid, revealing a price of \$190,095 from Vanguard Truck Centers of St Louis.
      - Commissioner Brinza inquired about the timeline provided for the bid process.
        - o Mr. Nordstrom stated that the bid was posted in the paper and on the website for 21 days, as required. This is the only bid received.

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded by Commissioner Jackson approving the bid for purchase of (1) 2025 Mack Granite 64FR Truck.

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

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

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Commissioner Brinza inquired what Mr. Clayborne, who was hired for PR and or lobbying was working on, asking if he was engaged in anything at the moment.

- President Oney replied he does not believe Mr. Clayborne he has done anything yet as the District has not been billed for anything.
  - o Attorney Schooley stated he will check in with Mr. Clayborne for an update.
    - Commissioner Brinza asked that Mr. Clayborne take a look at the water coming off the hill from Edwardsville.
      - President Oney stated that MESD has been proactive on this, such as not approving things and personally taking calls from people to express why those things are not being approved, so people know the concerns of MESD. We are trying to be aggressive, but it's going to be politically tough.

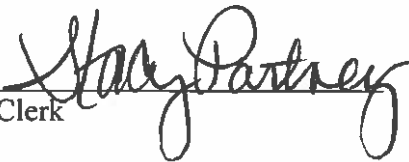


There being no further business placed before the Board, Motion Commissioner Darwin:  
seconded by Commissioner Brinza to adjourn.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

So, adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

  
Clerk