

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT  
ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 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, County Ditch & Drainage Attorney Jack Humes and Madison County Administrator Dave Tanzyus

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Attorney Jack Humes addressed the Board regarding the county ditch located North of Route 162 and Route 111. Mr. Humes stated the county received ARPA funds and would like to use the funds to get their ditch back to design specs. The end of this ditch discharges into the north end of MESD Cahokia Canal. Previously there was an intergovernmental agreement between MESD and Madison County in 1996. Mr. Humes is asking permission to excavate some of the sediment that has accumulated in the Canal.

- Attorney Schooley stated MESD will need engineering documents sent to himself and Juneau for review.
  - o Mr. Tanzyus expressed there is a time restraint for the ARPA funds, requesting a rush on the process.
    - Attorney Schooley assured as soon as the documents are received, they can be reviewed.

**PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**    None.

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Nordstrom reported the following:

MESD has been cleaning a large amount of driftwood at the Control Gates and South Pump Station due to the large storms that have come through the area.

Bids are out for a new slope mower.

Washington Park garage needs a new roof. Due to the size of materials, and roof this project will go out for bid.

MESD has been working on desilting approximately 100-200 yards of ditch next to East St. Louis High School.

Both Madison and St. Clair Counties have been consistently mowing MESD levees.

## **REPORT OF ENGINEER**

Joe Juneau reported the following:

Mr. Juneau stated the City of Granite City has bids out for the St. Clair Ditch at St. Clair Avenue and Holy Family School. Once bids are received, they will provide MESD with a new right of entry and easement ordinance for the consideration of the Board.

## **MINUTES**

The Regular Minutes for May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 were presented for approval:

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

## **CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS**

The General Fund and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded by 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 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 May 2024 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded by Commissioner Dixon 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 May 2024 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Darwin 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

## **PAYROLL**

The Payroll for the period of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Brinza: seconded by Commissioner Jackson 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 May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, through June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Dixon 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

## **LANSDOWNE 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**

Attorney Sprague- No Report

Attorney Schooley- No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Board discussion of the Eagle Park Sanitary Collection System.

- Attorney Schooley stated that he had received an email from Ken Jones, the Attorney for Illinois American Water, indicating that the average of the three appraisals came back \$167,000 less than the original agreed upon sale price. Mr. Schooley explained to Mr. Jones that the Board anticipated the appraisal would not affect the final sale price of the collective system. He noted that the Board has the right to terminate the agreement. Since Illinois American does not want the sale to fall through, Mr. Schooley, Mr. Oney and Mr. Jones have been working on a solution to make up the difference. One proposed solution is crediting the wastewater treatment bill for one month, which would cover the shortfall. He further explained that they are still in discussions and that any decision made would be brought back to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion for Attorney Schooley and President Oney to continue discussions with Illinois American Water to come up with a credit to offset the sale. Commissioner Darwin seconded the motion.

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Board discussion and/or approval of Ordinance 2024-0-016 pertaining to the 2024/2025 Lansdowne Annual Budget.

- President Oney informed the Board the budget shows a large cash influx due to budgeting the sale as well as a note to pay off the IEPA loan.

Motion Commissioner Darwin: seconded by Commissioner Jackson approving Ordinance 2024-0-016 pertaining to the 2024/2025 Lansdowne Annual Budget.

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 2024-0-017 waiving fees for the electrical transmission lines for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

- Attorney Schooley stated IDOT is running an overhead transmission line to provide electricity to the communication sign for the I255 drivers. The anchors points for the transmission line are not on MESD property, however IDOT stated in the letter of understanding they will require that any of their contractors comply with the District's right of entry fee. MESD will not have an annual fee for IDOT.

Motion Commissioner Jackson: seconded by Commissioner Dixon approving Ordinance 2024-0-017 waiving fees for the electrical transmission lines for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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

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

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Motion made by Commissioner Darwin to enter Executive Session for employee/personnel matter per 2(C)(1) of open meetings act – discuss specific personnel employment status. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion.

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

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

**BOARD ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:18 A.M.**

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**BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:27 A.M.**

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

Absent: None

Executive Director Mike Nordstrom, Superintendent Justin Roehr, Attorney Schooley, Attorney Sprague, Treasurer Kim King

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

So, adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

  
Clerk