

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 AT 1800 EDISON
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 8:00
A.M.**

President Brinza called the Public Hearing to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Absent:

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Pump Operator Foreman Scott Hillman.

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates Mike Baker, Chris Downs and Adrian Wallace of Johnson Controls, Kathy Goclan and Frank Dorris.

President Brinza then asked if there were any comments regarding the budgets for the Metro East Sanitary District and the Metro East Sanitary Districts Special Service Area No. 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018:

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2018, beginning on the first day of January 2018 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2018 was presented. Ordinance Number 2018-0-003 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to adopt Ordinance Number 2018-0-003 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2018, beginning on the first day of January 2018 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2018.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki
Nays: None.
Absent: None

BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018:

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District Special Service Area No. 1, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2018, beginning on the first day of January 2018 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2018 was presented. Ordinance Number 2018-0-004 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance Number 2018-0-004 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District Special Service Area No. 1, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2018, beginning on the first day of January 2018 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2018.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki
Nays: None.
Absent: None

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Adler reported:

We had a meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It was mostly clarification issues. There has been some progress on the levee slide in Cahokia Creek. There are 2 other levee slides that are under bid.

Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice levee District (CNV) sent us correspondence and wishes to be absorbed by Metro East Sanitary District (MESD). This process was started several years ago. If the Board has no objections Attorney Craney will draw up a petition.

Blue Water Ditch project Scott Hillman will give an update.

Mr. Hillman presented his report:

Executive Director Adler continued:

Commissioner Sawicki and I met with Johnson Controls about the JCI project they wanted it on the agenda but it just was not ready.

We had a meeting with Tom Long from the Flood Prevention District about improvements in the American Bottoms.

Granite City Police did come out and did a survey let us know what security changes could be made at the Madison Avenue office. We came up with a list of improvements and are implementing these changes now.

Ms. Worthen, "Employees are happy with the changes that are coming."

Lansdowne budget seems to be coming in where we expected. We did move one employee from Lansdowne and move them to the pump stations. I am hopeful that we will break even.

We have revised a fishing license MESD has been giving out for a spot within two hundred feet, North and South of the McKinley Bridge. The resident of the District can get a license at no charge, those outside the District have a ten dollar fee. We are only giving out 50 permits.

Roger Morthland entered the meeting at 8:30 AM.

Roger has been working on switching over the phone system to Verizon. I will let Roger tell you about the changes.

Roger Morthland explained that we are going to a voice over IP phone. There will be telephones in all the pump stations. There will be no more analog, everything will be cellular.

Roger exited the meeting at 8:37 AM.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Juneau reported:

The System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) is well at hand to meet the deadline in April. The draft should be ready at the end of the month. We are still pursuing AMEC to write their part of the SWIF.

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We also entered into a sub contract with AMEC. The Flood Prevention District (FPD) will pay for easement for cut off wall. They are supposed to go out for bids in May, if they get the money. Right now they say they have no money.

We had our monthly meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I sent out minutes for that meeting.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

We have collected sixty five thousand dollars in arrears for February.

I have been working with Superintendent Presswood and his men on the Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and Total suspended solids (TSS) charges.

Prison has not paid since January and it just became six months in arrears. The State will not even look into paying us again until they are six months behind. We have sent out collection letters.

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund and Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund and Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki

Nays: None.

Absent: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of February 2018 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of February 2018 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of January 28, 2018 through February 10, 2018 and the Payroll for the period of February 11, 2018 through February 24, 2018 were submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Calvo reported:

I called St. Clair County and spoke with the County Clerk to check on tax assessment for MESD. She said she was within two weeks of getting it done. I just wanted to check to make sure it is getting done.

Attorney Craney and I met yesterday and agreed to work together. We are going to meet once a month and are going to be more connected in terms of everything we do, so we will know what each other is doing. Whoever can do or does the work, so it runs more efficiently for the attorneys.

Commissioner Sawicki, "What is the status of Madison paying?"

They have turned it over to their insurance and they have not come back with a decision.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the City of Madison was presented:

Commissioner Sawicki, "That will take money out of our pockets."

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President Brinza, “My problem with that is the outstanding issues we have them, if this makes sense or not for us.”

Executive Director Adler remarked we have a couple options. We could give it to the attorneys and use it for negotiation. We could write a letter saying we do not support extending the TIF or we could do nothing.

President Brinza, “I would like the attorneys to take it and say if you would like our support on this, we need a little support on getting our bills paid.”

A letter from the village of Cahokia was presented:

Executive Director Adler stated for the record there has been an offer made and will be discussed in executive session.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin; 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 11. Pending or threatened or imminent litigation and land acquisition or disposal.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:05 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to return to regular session at 9:16 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Steve Adler, Attorney Larry Calvo.

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There being no further business, Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded
Commissioner Darwin to adjourn.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

Clerk