

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 AT 1800 EDISON
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:00
A.M.**

President Brinza called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.
Absent: None.

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Attorney James Craney, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Payroll Clerk Kim Hogue.

Also, attending the meeting were Rob Dorman, Madison County Director of Information Technology, Chris Bethel, Madison County Information Technology, Helen Hawkins, Frank Dorris, Cindy Dorris, Martha Burich, Linda Knogl and Kathy Goclan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Helen Hawkins asked Executive Director Adler to read the letter from Chouteau Township:

Rob Dorman advised the board that he has been working on the website for MESD. It's been completely redesigned and waiting on approval from Executive Director Adler before going on-line.

MESD SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NO.1:

Frank Dorris commented that he was here Friday for the Public Hearing on the MESD Special Service Area No.1 (SSA) and he is concerned about Section 32 on the map, along the Northern end around Bend Road as it is all farm land. There is no sewer line running to the farm land, and no way to hook up if they wanted. They have septic tanks and feel they should not be taxed for something that will never be available to them. All run off from the fields goes into Horseshoe Lake.

Executive Director Adler advised that he would need to speak to the attorney about legal descriptions and boundaries. If someone wanted to connect they can and it would be available to them.

Cindy Dorris commented that if the property is developed later or they need to connect to the sewer line the property can be rezoned. We pay school taxes because we have access to the system if we should need it. We do not have access to the sewer line and our water does not go into the system, we have wells.

Executive Director Adler and President Brinza said they would take it under advisement.

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

The September 2017 sewage treatment collections were good.

Our office has been receiving a lot of calls on the SSA postcards that went out. There seems to be a lot of confusion on if this is part of their sewage treatment bill and if this has anything to do with

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the Madison sewer break. We copied the handouts from the meeting and have been passing them out and they seem to be satisfied. They want someone to talk to, so I have been telling them to contact Executive Director Adler.

Southwestern Illinois Correction Center has not made any additional payments. They are on the water shut off list for next week.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the September 20, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The Executive Session minutes for the September 20, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Executive Session minutes as submitted, and the minutes are to remain closed to the public.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims, Specific Claims and Lansdowne Claims for the month of September 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund Claims, Specific Claims and Lansdowne Claims for the month of September 2017 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 September 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund, Special Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of September 2017 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 September 10, 2017 through September 23, 2017 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Sawicki 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.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Craney reported:

I have several things to discuss in closed session.

Executive Director Adler and I have a meeting with the Corps of Engineers tomorrow concerning Stanley Ditch.

I have also been in touch with the USEPA, they have sent us a Special Notice of Liability letter related to some alleged clean up in the Sauget area.

I have been in communication with supervisors from Ameren trying to set up a group meeting. I would like to negotiate one master agreement instead of 50 individual Ordinances.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Director Adler reported:

The 10 ½ foot sewer line by the East St. Louis pump station has been lined. One more item needs to be completed to meet the 100 year levee improvements and that is the clay cap.

We met with representatives from the Village of Cahokia at Blue Waters Ditch pump station last week. We pulled MESD employees from ditch cleaning so they can clear the mud from Blue Waters Ditch to enable the water to flow into the pump station.

A new pump has been ordered to replace Pump No. 1 at North Pump Station and Pump No. 4 is being repaired.

The SSA hearing went relatively well and numerous tax payers attended and voiced their concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Director Adler commented that Attorney Larry Calvo is working on the issue of ownership of the twin 60" storm water line. Attorney Calvo will give a report at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Sawicki 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.

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 9:22 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to return to regular session at 9:28 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 James Craney, Helen Hawkins, Linda Knogl, Kathy Goclan, Cindy Worthen and Kim Hogue.

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 9:34 A.M.