

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Payroll Clerk Kim Hogue.

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau, Juneau Associates, Helen Hawkins, Frank Dorris, Linda Knogl and Kathy Goclan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Juneau reported:

We are moving forward with MESD Special Service Area No.1.

Lansdowne meters: start putting in meters at all the tributary communities that have wastewater flowing into the interceptor sewer. There are about ten locations. We presented on Monday a meter that we think will more than meet your needs measuring the gravity flow into the system. We have requested the supplier to give us a proposal for review. Using this metering system will allow you to monitor each of the communities and possibly bill them for any excess flow.

IEPA and their review and monitoring of the Combined System Overflows (CSO) caused MESD to raise the weir levels. This has virtually caused MESD to increase the flow to the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant (GCRWTP). I recently had to send a letter to IEPA to justify the

effectiveness of the weir levels. The report to IEPA shows raising the weir has been effective, but at the expense of MESD. The cost from the Granite City Treatment Plant has escalated tremendously. You will need to find a way to pass on that cost to the communities that are causing the excess flow to Granite City Treatment Plant.

The Periodic Inspection was performed by the Corps of Engineers about five years ago. At that time, the Corps noted twelve major deficiencies. All but two of the items should be repaired within the next year. The lining of the East St. Louis outfall 126" sewer and the repair of the gate at Blue Waters Pump Station will be done within the next year and a half.

The Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District is repairing the 126" sewer to only meet the 100 year certification. The Corps is requiring MESD to meet the 500 year certification.

The District has two years to prepare a System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF), but really only has one year, since it takes the Corps one year to approve the SWIF.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

The sewage treatment collections are going well. Southwestern Illinois Correction Center paid \$65,451 this week, but they are still 4 months in arrears.

We had a commercial account that went inactive when the building was torn down. A new business opened and tapped into the Collinsville sewer line instead of the Caseyville line. I did not know they had a choice. I confirmed the tap on with Caseyville and Collinsville. MESD will no longer bill that account. Does the board want me to pursue this loss of revenue?

The board agreed that Ms. Worthen did enough checking, and no more information was needed.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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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 October 4, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 October 4, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

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

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 and Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; 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.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of September 24, 2017 through October 7, 2017 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Craney reported:

I am currently pushing to get a meeting with Ameren to discuss the expired Ordinances.

I have pending litigation to discuss in closed session.

Attorney Calvo reported:

I received a tax abatement request from Walmart in Collinsville. It really doesn't affect us; they are in a TIF District, but I still objected.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Calvo reported:

I need more history on the Twin 60" lines in Granite City. Executive Director Adler and I are going to get together to find the information on ownership. MESD put in the lines and Granite City annexed the property, so the question is who is responsible for the lines.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance proposing changing the boundaries of MESD Special Service Area No. 1 to exclude the Dorris farm land was presented. Ordinance No. 2017-0-010 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-010 proposing the boundary change of the MESD Special Service Area No. 1 to exclude the Dorris farm land.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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 9:26 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to return to regular session at 9:50 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, Attorney Calvo, Helen Hawkins, Cindy Worthen and Kim Hogue.

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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 9:51 A.M.

Clerk