

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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, Brinza and Sawicki.

Absent: Commissioner Darwin.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Darwin called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Metro East Sanitary District employees attending the meeting were Executive Director Stephen Adler, Attorney James Craney, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Rick Fancher and Payroll Clerk Kim Hogue.

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau, Juneau Associates; Chris Goclan, Clean Uniform; Steven Hagopian, Aramark; Frank Dorris and Kathy Goclan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNIFORM BIDS:

Advertisement for bids for the rental of uniforms appearing in the News-Democrat were received before 9:00 A.M. today.

Three (3) bids were received from:

Aramark: Checkmark Shirt, Carpenter Jeans & 1 Jacket	\$3.65 Per Week
With Easy Care Insurance.....	\$5.80 Per Week
Carpenter Pants & Shirt (Without Laundry).....	\$2.25 Per Week
With Easy Care Insurance.....	\$3.20 Per Week
Denim Jeans Only	\$3.52 Per Week

Clean:	Jeans, Work Shirt & 1 Jacket.....	\$4.17 Per Week
	With Garment Protection	\$5.32 Per Week
	Jeans & Work Shirt (Without Laundry).....	\$2.13 Per Week
	With Garment Protection	\$2.68 Per Week
Cintas:	Shirt, Jeans & 1 Jacket	\$5.47 Per Week
	With Garment Protection	\$6.62 Per Week

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to table the award of the uniform bid until the January 10, 2018 meeting.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

Chris Goclan and Steven Hagopian left the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Juneau presented and explained the meeting minutes from the December 4, 2017 Coordination Meeting between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Metro East Sanitary District:

Mr. Juneau brought to the attention of the Board, that culverts are to be internally inspected every five years and relief wells are to be flow tested every five years. This will be very expensive.

Superintendent Maeras said to flow test a relief well is around Five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and the District has approximately four hundred (400) relief wells. Two hundred (200) of the relief wells are new, but the others are old and may need to be repaired. The cost to repair a relief well is Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the December 6, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

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 McCall 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, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of November 11, 2017 through December 2, 2017 was submitted for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Craney reported:

I have a meeting with Ameren on January 9, 2018 to discuss the expired Ordinances. I am hopeful we can reach an agreement early next year. My plan is to have one master license agreement with a list attached. The agreement can then be updated over time.

Attorney Calvo reported:

I have reviewed the Blue Waters Ditch Agreement. MESD is to maintain the pump station and gates, while the other five participants pay for the maintenance and repairs.

The five participants include: City of Alorton, City of Centreville, Centreville Township, Village of Cahokia and St. Clair County.

An Operation and Maintenance Fund was established in the Agreement. The balance is to remain at Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). When the Fund falls below that amount the District bills the five entities.

Commissioner Brinza, "Is the District collecting the necessary funds from the entities?"

The Clerk explained that the entities are being billed, but they are not all paying the amount due. The District has asked the State of Illinois to withhold motor fuel tax monies from the entities not paying.

Executive Director Adler suggested taking the entities that are in arrears to court, instead of trying to collect their motor fuel tax. The District has until the end of March 2018 to repair the Blue Waters Ditch gates.

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The State of Illinois has scheduled a meeting with all of the participants in January.

Attorney Calvo said, "I have been assisting with the Truth in Taxation requirements and Tax Levy for MESD Special Service Area No. 1. Also, I have responded to the Board of Review in regards to tax objections."

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Nameoki Township regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with Nameoki Township for Reconstruction of a Drainage Ditch was presented:

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Executive Director Adler explained that Nameoki Township is asking for assistance to reconstruct a drainage ditch. It will require about three days of work and will protect other homeowners within the District.

The Board agreed to assist Nameoki Township in reconstructing the drainage ditch.

A letter from the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council (FPD) dated December 13, 2017 was presented:

Executive Director Adler, “The FPD has completed the “100-Year” or “FEMA-Level” improvements to the MESD Segment of the East St. Louis and Vicinity Flood Protection Project Levee System. Next, they will address the “500-Year” improvements.”

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Director Adler reported:

Although, there have not been any meetings to review the rates, the District is continuing to receive invoices from Granite City for wastewater treatment.

Until a meeting is held to review the rates, I recommend putting the money in escrow. The District’s rate should go down significantly.

I have also asked Attorney Craney to review the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Board Agreement.

Meters need to be installed on the Twin 60” lines in Granite City. I would like Juneau Associates to prepare a plan.

Illinois American Water Company donated the generator to another company.

I would like to wait to discuss the salary increases.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 for the Fiscal Year 2017, beginning on the First Day of January 2017 and Ending on the Thirty-first day of December 2017 was presented. Ordinance No. 2017-0-015 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-015 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of Metro East Sanitary District Special Service Area No. 1 for the Fiscal Year 2017.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Metro East Sanitary District Special Service Area No. 1 Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 was presented. Ordinance No. 2017-0-016 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-016 Levying Taxes for Metro East Sanitary District Special Service Area No. 1 Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2017.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:45 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to return to regular session at 10:20 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners McCall, Brinza and Sawicki.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Steve Adler, Attorney James Craney, Attorney Larry Calvo and Kim Hogue.

No action was taken on pay increases for salaried employees at this time.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Darwin.

So adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Clerk