

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR  
AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 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 Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Absent: Commissioner McCall

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

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates, Chris Downs and Mike Popa of Johnson Controls, Michael Brokering representing Scheffel Boyle, Kathy Goclan, Frank Dorris and Doug Jameson.

President Brinza asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Executive Director Commented that he would like the Board to consider changing the way we do our billing. I would like permission to look into the possibilities of two surcharges. The first surcharge would be off of the Granite City Treatment bill so the customers would pay what we pay, no more, no less. The second surcharge would be a maintenance surcharge for Madison customers to recoup the

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money we lost fixing their sewer break and would continue until the debt is paid off. Is the Board ok with Attorney Craney looking into these changes?

President Brinza "Check into the legalities for us to move on."

President Brinza then asked if there were any comments regarding the Lansdowne Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Dorris voiced his concern over the herbicide spraying and to make sure the appropriate license and bonding are in place so the district would not be open to a lawsuit.

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**LANSDOWNE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018:**

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the fiscal Year 2018-2019, beginning on the first day of April 2018 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2019 was presented. Number 2018-0-005 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance Number 2018-0-005 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the fiscal Year 2018-2019, beginning on the first day of April 2018 and Ending on the thirty-first day of March 2019.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

**REPORT OF AUDITOR:**

Michael Brokering passed out hard copies and explained the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended December 31, 2017:

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to accept the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended December 31, 2017 and place on file.

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

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

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Adler asked that the Superintendents give their reports.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

I was contacted Monday by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) about when would be a good time to have our upcoming inspection. I let them know sometime after Labor Day would be good. We are seventy five percent complete with the 2015 USACE deficiencies.

We also just had an appraiser from our insurance company come out and inspect all our properties, to make sure we have the right amount of coverage needed. We should receive his report soon.

Foreman Hillman presented his report:

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Superintendent Presswood reported:

Heavy Equipment is out and running. There is a list a mile long of ditches and canals that need to be cleaned out. We are working on wash outs every time the river comes up.

**REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:**

Ms. Worthen reported:

Executive Director Adler continued:

Chain of Rocks and 111 will be cleaned out by June 18, 2018.

Amy Morris a student from Saint Louis University will be coming out with us and working on some Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) measurements and mapping for us. This will probably start next winter.

We have been having a rodent problem on the levees. I have been talking to the county about making the levee home to some feral cats.

I would like to ask the Board for permission to talk to the Attorneys about some employment contracts for myself and some staff.

**REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

The next USACE meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2018. The cut off wall project no word on funding yet. We are still getting easements together. The USACE is difficult to work with due to their requirements. We have to have appraisals on all the properties, so the project is getting more and more involved.

Ameren is working with us on their roads and easements.

There is no word on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency forgivable loan. It takes about a year to go through the process. When I spoke with him last it was on the desk and they will get to it.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the May 9, 2018 were presented for approval.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

The executive session minutes for the May 9, 2018 meeting were presented for approval:



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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Sawicki to approve the executive session minutes, as submitted and place them on file.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

**CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of April 22, 2018 through May 5, 2018 and the Payroll for the period of May 6, 2018 through May 19, 2018 were submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Craney reported:

We are still waiting on the decision from the arbitration meeting from last month. We still have not received the final decision on the Greathouse lawsuit regarding the Open Meetings Act.

I have an email regarding Merchants bridge construction. They are requesting a temporary easement for use of the levee road and a letter of no objections from USACE. I will email a copy to Executive Director Adler and Charlie Juneau.

Executive Director Adler stated that we will not approve the request until our engineering firm approves it. We have had problems before where they do not bury lines deep enough and we cannot go over them with our equipment.

Charlie Juneau “We will discuss this with USACE at the next meeting, when everyone is together.”

Executive Director Adler asked Attorney Craney to look over some easements from the City of Pontoon Beach.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from Micheal Heinz was presented:

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Executive Director Adler commented Mr. Heinz met with us here for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources meeting. He just wants to know what is going on with the water levels of Horseshoe Lake. I assured them that the water levels would go up hopefully by the end of the month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Johnson Controls presented their Energy Efficiency Proposal:

Commissioner Sawicki “It a win, win for the district. They have the latest technology.”

President Brinza “Approval today is to move forward with the plan presented and an agreement at the end, if we say no there will be a minimal fee.”

Commissioner Sawicki “It is stated on page four through 6, and we will not have to pay that fee if we move forward with the plan.”

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to move forward with the Johnson Controls Energy Efficiency Proposal.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Darwin, Brinza and Sawicki.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An Ordinance to regulate the wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed by the Metro East Sanitary District was presented. Number 2018-0-006 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-0-006 regarding the Prevailing Wage Act

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

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

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to agree to pass on the credit card fee from online payments to the consumer.

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

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

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

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

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

So adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

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Clerk