

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND MADISON  
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 12, 2018 AT 1800 EDISON AVENUE,  
GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 8:00 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, Sawicki and Dixon  
Absent:

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

Also, attending the meeting were Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates, Britt Donoho of Craney Law Group, Frank Dorris, Fred and Beverly Whigham owner of Rays Chicken and Lisa Highfill representing Commercial Pumping Service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fred Whigham expressed his concerns that he has brought all his utilities down but his sewer bill and it is so high it will put him out of business. Mr. Whigham asked to be notified when testing will occur so that he can have a private firm test too. Lisa Highfill stated I pump Rays Chickens grease trap and this is what I do every day and we need to get to the bottom of Fred's bills.

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Executive Director Adler “We are more than willing to help resolve your customers grease trap problems. I recommend that Ms. Worthen and I and Superintendent Presswood sit down with Mr. Whigham and look into the problem.”

Commissioner McCall “I recommend to get with the Executive Director and Ms. Worthen and Superintendent Presswood. Come back if this problem does not get resolved.”

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Foreman Hillman presented his report:

Superintendent Fancher reported:

We are out of stations except for East St. Louis. We are grading roads on the front levee and cutting trees in Hartford. We are opening Lake today to drain some of the water out for expected rainfall.

In 2016 we had 24 inspection infractions on the levees in Madison and St. Clair Counties and in 2018 there were only 4 infractions.

Deputy Superintendent Irby reported:

Our guys are working from Forest to North Park Drive and Rock Springs Road that goes behind the prison. There was some debris on the bridge and the new owner was questioning the weight load of the bridge. He is possibly planning a swimming pool or a man-made lake and was just checking the strength.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

Bremen pump #3 is worn out and we are going to get bids to replace it. We are bidding for a submersible pump, so we won't have to worry if the basement floods again.

Heavy equipment has been working in Mitchell, working on ditch and just about ready to wrap up. We are just hauling dirt in there to cover up a drain tile.

Hopefully if the river forecast is right and the river will get down to seven foot, we will take a camera into the North tunnel.

Lansdowne Office Manager Ms. Worthen reported:

Ms. Worthen reported that collections are good.

I am working with Attorney Craney about tap on fees and also working on right of entry, to enter companies to test for BOD & TSS testing.

Executive Director Adler reported:

Southwest Leadership Conference is going to issue a press release for the ninety five million in funding we received for the flood wall in East St. Louis. We went into a long discussion on the Levee Action Safety Classification (LSAC), The CORPS has deemed our Levee high risk and we are trying to figure out how to lower that risk but they will not share the formula.

Charlie Juneau “Their idea of high risk levee is what we protect; it should be called a high priority levee but not high risk.”

The feral cat project is going forward and we have the final agreement. The feral cats are going to do rodent control on the levee in April.

We received a draft Levee report back from the CORPS of Engineers it had 27 findings on it. Only 4 of those were involving the Levees. Several of them were the CORPS of Engineers responsibility. We have written a letter to them and are trying to negotiate that down. We also believe that 20 of them are clerical errors or misunderstandings.

#### **REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

Lansdowne project is moving along with the designs. I would like to Schedule a meeting after the first of the year to go over the plans.

We had our monthly meeting with the CORPS. We discussed the cut off wall project and found there are big problems involving utility relocation.

We also had a meeting with a supplier contractor called Spectra Tech, looking into lining material for the twin 60's and the South pump station as an alternated bid to what you received from Keller Construction.

System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) filed with the CORPS of Engineers and the December deadline was met.

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I will have a lot of Ordinances to be passed for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan project in January. I will put MESD attorneys in touch with IEPA attorneys to work on those Ordinances.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the November 14, 2018 were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Sawicki and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

The executive session minutes for the November 14, 2018 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Sawicki and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: None

**CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

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

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Sawicki and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: None

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of November 4, 2018 through November 17, 2018 and the Payroll for the period of November 18, 2018 through December 1, 2018 were 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, Sawicki and Dixon  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Calvo reported:

Working on Ordinance for the property for CNV, there are 21 different parcels. Attorney Craney has prepared the Ordinance for a vote later in the meeting for the CNV drainage district pump station.

I will talk about Litigation in executive session.

Britt Donoho reported:

Attorney Craney is moving along with the Ameren agreement and hopefully can get taken care of in the next couple weeks.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency was presented:



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A request for an easement from Chris Deshon was presented:

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President Brinza “Since Mr. Deshon is not present to discuss his plans we will table it for now.”

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An Ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy for the Metro East Sanitary District, St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2018, commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 was presented. Ordinance No. 2018-0-008 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-0-008 providing for the Annual Tax Levy for the Metro East Sanitary District, St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year 2018, commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

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

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

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2017-0-012 entitled “An Ordinance providing for rules of order and procedure for the Metro East Sanitary District” was presented. Ordinance No. 2018-0-009 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-0-009 amending Ordinance No. 2017-0-012. The regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be held at 1800 Edison Avenue, Granite City, Illinois on the third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 A.M. commencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2019.

Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote

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

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to table the discussion regarding procedures and fees for sewer area tap on in Eagle Park sewer area.

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

An Ordinance for Metro East Sanitary District to accept ownership of the Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice Drainage and Levee District pump station was presented. Ordinance No. 2018-0-010 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-0-010 for Metro East Sanitary District to accept ownership of Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice Drainage and Levee District pump station.

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Sawicki and Dixon

Nays: None.

Absent: None

A Right of Way Template Application was presented:

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Right of Way Application for Metro East Sanitary District.

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

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Dixon to approve the bid for Blue Waters Ditch Station Pump for One hundred two thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$102,250.00).

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

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

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner Dixon to give permission for the purchase of a pump at the Madison Pump Station not to exceed twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

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

Ayes: Commissioners McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Sawicki and Dixon  
Nays: None.  
Absent: 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 pending or threatened or imminent litigation.

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

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:19 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Sawicki; seconded Commissioner McCall to return to regular session at 9:49 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

Also, attending the meeting at this time was Executive Director Steve Adler, Attorney Larry Calvo, and Britt Donoho from Craney Law Group.

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 McCall, Darwin, Brinza, Sawicki and Dixon  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None

So adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

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Clerk