

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 AT 1800
EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT
9:00 A.M.**

Vice-President Hanfelder called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Absent: Commissioner Economy.

The Clerk reported that President Economy called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Also, attending the meeting were Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Executive Director Shipley, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

Joe Juneau, representing Juneau Associates, Inc. was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau reported:

New pipes have been ordered for the work being performed by Moniger under the railroad tracks east of Illinois Route 162.

The other pipes did not fit. Juneau is purchasing those pipes.

Executive Director Shipley, "The District might buy the old pipes from Juneau Associates. The pipes can be used at Mudd Duck, Judy's Branch or some other areas."

Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:02 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

Executive Director Shipley, “The Budget for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014 will be presented at the March 19, 2014 meeting.”

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The 320D Hydraulic Excavator stopped working. The Excavator was purchased new in 2009 and the part that was needed is obsolete.

Caterpillar staff came to the site and repaired the Excavator at no cost to MESD.

2. The new mower head has been installed on the 324 Excavator and is operational. The Excavator will be moved to the job site tomorrow.
3. MESD staff met to discuss the 2014 budget. I asked that a dozer be added to the budget.

It was decided that the dozer would be used for more Lansdowne projects, than General Fund projects. Therefore, I am hoping the dozer will be included in the Lansdowne Budget for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2015.

A new dozer is approximately Two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000).

We recently retired the dozer that was purchased new in 1986; it lasted twenty-seven (27) years.

4. MESD employees built a new roll gate for the Missouri Avenue property. The posts are being installed for the gate.
5. The bracket broke on the pump at Eagle Park Lift Station No. 1. A crew is in the process of repairing the pump.
6. The trees that were stacked at the control gates have been burned and the area has been cleaned.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Crews have been cutting and clearing trees along Hartford Canal that were damaged during a recent storm.
2. The mechanics are still winterizing equipment.
3. The garage and kitchen on Madison Avenue are being cleaned and painted.

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. Hank's Excavating began work on Discharge Pipes 1, 2 and 4 at the North Pump Station.
2. The contractor is megging at the East St. Louis Pump Station.
3. Superintendents Greathouse, Fancher and I attended two meetings with AMEC and the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District.

They have several projects planned and should be very busy this next year.

4. A crew cleaned and painted the offices in Washington Park.
5. Another crew is cutting down trees and brush.
6. The 650 slope mower should be out cutting next week.
7. The Mo Pac Gate has an anticipated delivery date of May 1, 2014. The first gate was not accepted by the contractor.

The old gate is in the closed position and blocked. The old gate will hold in the event of a high river.

8. The St. Clair County Maintenance Mechanic looked at two used dump trucks that were for sale. After reviewing the information with the Executive Director it was decided not to purchase either dump truck.

Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

- 1 We are still working on problems that resulted from the Illinois American Water Company conversion last year.

2. Illinois American Water Company fell behind on water disconnects due to the extremely cold temperatures. They are trying to catch up.
3. MESD is receiving payments on past due sewage treatment accounts through the Illinois Debt Recovery Program (IDRP). At this time, IDRP is mainly collecting from employees of the State of Illinois.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 5, 2014 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Laub; 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 Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Economy.

Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Economy.

Absent: None.

LANSLOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Economy.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment reports as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Economy.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of January 19, 2014 through February 1, 2014 was submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Economy.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff presented “Rules for Public Participation at Board Meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metro East Sanitary District of Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois”:

Attorney Filcoff, “No action is required today. I wanted the Commissioners to have a copy, as it will be presented at the next regular meeting of the District.

After completing the annual Open Meetings Act training, the District Clerk brought this matter to my attention. The Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan recommends a public body adopt rules governing how public comments are to occur at meetings. These rules may include reasonable limits on commenting.

I believe the information I presented today conforms to the recommendation of the Attorney General.”

Attorney Calvo, “Ameren has requested an easement from the District. However, the District gave an easement on that property to the Madison County Transit District. The Transit District has a bike trail on the property. Ameren wants to put power poles with electrical wires along the easement. I do not know if the Transit District wants power poles and electrical wires along the bike trail. I have given the information to Attorney John Papa who represents the Transit District.”

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Director Shipley, “The District owns a 1987 Trail King trailer that is no longer in use. The City of Granite City is interested in the trailer. I recommend transferring title to the City of Granit City.”

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to declare the 1987 Trail King Semi Trailer surplus property and transfer title to the City of Granite City.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.
Nays: None.
Excused: Commissioner Economy.
Absent: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adjourn.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.
Nays: None.
Excused: Commissioner Economy.
Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Clerk