

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012 AT 1800 EDISON
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:00
A.M.**

President Economy called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Rick Fancher, and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Charlie Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated March 29, 2012, which provided an update on current projects:

Mr. Juneau gave a brief explanation of the projects listed on the Engineer's Report.

Attorney Filcoff, "I am very concerned about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Design Agreement. MESD will need to provide 35% of the total cost of the project, which is estimated between One hundred twenty-one millions dollars (\$121,000,000) and One hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000)."

"Les Sterman with the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council (FPD) replaced the FPD with non-federal share in the design agreement. I am worried MESD will be responsible for 35% of the total cost of the project."

Mr. Juneau, "That also concerns me. We need to meet with Les Sterman to discuss the matter in more detail. Also, the agreement does not expire until the year 2044."

Superintendent Greathouse, "The FPD will cease to exist after the work is completed which will bring the levee system up to the 100 year flood level. My understanding is that is the main reason Mr. Sterman crossed out FPD in the agreement and inserted non-federal share."

Mr. Juneau, "The FPD is to bring the levee system up to the 100 year flood level and then obtain the necessary certification to that fact. The FPD will then be dissolved."

Executive Director Shipley, "MESD is to maintain the levee system after the work is completed."

Mr. Juneau, "Also, the Corps stated that MESD will have the right to approve or deny any projects. The Agreement will be presented at the FPD meeting on April 18, 2012. It will then be presented at the MESD meeting on May 9, 2012."

Attorney Todd Neilson entered the meeting at 9:17 A.M.

Mr. Juneau presented a "Notice to Proceed" to R.E. Pedrotti Company, Inc. for the Central Monitoring System for the Pump Stations."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the “Notice to Proceed” to R.E. Pedrotti Company, Inc. for the Metro East Sanitary District Central Monitoring System for the Pump Stations.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Mr. Juneau, “I met with Rosemarie Heath, Cindy Worthen and Roger Morthland to discuss Bailey Noodle. Bailey Noodle has had very high waste water concentrations of BOD and TSS. Upon my recommendation, MESD has been taking waste water samples three times every week.”

“The BOD and TSS numbers have gone down. Therefore, I am recommending one test per week.”

President Economy, “I believe Bailey Noodle found the problem and repaired it.”

Mr. Juneau, “A change order for additional conduit and wiring and additional stainless steel plating for the bar screen at the Venice Station will be presented at the next meeting.”

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. One grate still needs to be installed at South Pump Station.
2. The property around Blue Water Ditch looks very good. The men did excellent work.
3. It looks like the Mo Pac gates are working again.
4. All of the work completed at North Pump Stations looks very good.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis, "I reviewed and signed the March 2012 Financial Report."

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The Mississippi River is up and we will probably be in the Pump Stations until this weekend.
2. The Corps of Engineers will begin the pump station inspection on April 11, 2012. The inspection will start at the North Pump Station.
3. The zero turn and five mowers are out daily.
4. Yesterday, the 650 slopemower broke down. It will probably be two to three weeks before the repairs are completed.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. We are removing trees from Hartford Canal.
2. Waste water samples are being taken from Bailey Noodle weekly.
3. The Missouri Avenue property looks very good. We are trying to determine what size building will be needed to house the equipment.
4. The new climber screen at Bremen is working great. The energy bills should go down because of the new climber screen.

The waste water going to the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant is much cleaner due to the climber screen. This should save some money with the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant.

5. Monday, we cut the grass, trimmed and sprayed at Lansdowne. Tuesday, we cut along the new 24" force main.

Superintendent Fancher presented a report on the mole and gopher problems:

Superintendent Fancher, "Critter Control, Ken Staley and Barnett Pest Control have all agreed to charge Fifty dollars (\$50) per mole or gopher."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "I do not understand why MESD employees cannot purchase the mole worms and insert them."

Superintendent Fancher, "A licensed applicator must insert the mole worms. MESD only has two employees that are licensed. It would take all day to cover a small area."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "MESD spent Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) last year for mole and gopher removal."

Executive Director Shipley, "I think that is reasonable and we should continue to use outside companies for mole and gopher extraction."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to hire the least expensive companies for the removal of moles and gophers.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 7, 2012, and March 21, 2012 meetings were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2012 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2012 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of March 2012 were submitted for review:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of March 2012 as submitted:

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

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

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2012 were submitted for approval:

April 4, 2012

Page 9

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2012 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2012 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2012 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of March 2012 was submitted for approval:

April 4, 2012

Page 11

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of March 2012 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of March 4, 2012 through March 17, 2012 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

A letter regarding the Madison County Board of Review – Final Decisions dated March 22, 2012 was presented:

Attorney Filcoff, "I just wanted the Board to be aware of the final decisions reached by the Madison County Board of Review."

Attorney Filcoff continued with his report:

1. Gateway Cold Storage (Polarville Ice) has not paid their sewage treatment bill. The account is being turned over for water disconnect.
2. The Village of South Roxana installed a 12" water line last year through MESD property. They began work on the project before obtaining permission from MESD.

We worked with the Village and gave them authorization to install the water line, before an agreement was reached.

MESD passed an Ordinance on October 19, 2011 authorizing the Village of Roxana to install a water line. There is no fee for first three years of the agreement, then after October 1, 2014 the regular MESD rate will apply.

The Village has never signed the Ordinance and has never bothered to reply to any of my correspondence. Then last week I received a phone call from Madison County, that the Village is unhappy with the terms of the Ordinance, they do not want to pay any future fees.

However, they will be selling the water to future customers, while MESD receives nothing.

Commissioner Laub, "I am still not happy with the current cellular telephone system. The reception is terrible and employees are constantly losing calls. What can we do to either improve the system or get out of the contract?"

Attorney Filcoff, "I will review the contract."

Commissioner Laub, "I have checked with another carrier and they will give the District new phones, waive the activation fees and reimburse us the Two thousand twenty-five dollars (\$2,025) portal fee. There is no fee for mobile to mobile, only when calling a land phone."

Attorney Filcoff, "I will need to review the contract, normally if you cancel within twenty-four months a Two hundred dollar (\$200) per phone fee is assessed."

Attorney Neilson, "I would like to discuss union contract negotiations during Executive Session."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Superintendent Greathouse, "Baxmeyer Construction has offered to sell the triple box culvert gates to MESD for Seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$17,500). Originally, Baxmeyer wanted Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the gates and MESD made a counter-offer of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)."

"The gates originally cost Baxmeyer Thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000) plus a fabrication fee of Four thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$4,800)."

"I believe Seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$17,500) is a very fair price for the gates."

Superintendent Fancher, "I priced the metal at Sligo and the metal alone is worth more than \$17,500."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the purchase of the triple box culvert gates from Baxmeyer Construction for the cost of Seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$17,500).

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

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

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Economy, "I recommend the Board enter into Executive Session at this time to discuss union contract negotiations and a personnel problem."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to enter into Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations and a personnel issue.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:56 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 10:40 A.M. and the Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Attorney George Filcoff and Attorney Todd Neilson.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter in Executive Session, I recommend Attorney Neilson continue negotiating with the Operating Engineers Local 148 on behalf of the District."

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to take Superintendent Randy Presswood off the Metro East Sanitary District cellular phone plan and reimburse him the average cost of the other Superintendents' cellular telephone usage, to be used towards his personal cellular telephone bill.

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

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

President Economy, "I would also like to have it posted on the MESD bulletin boards that MESD cellular telephones are to be used for MESD business only."

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

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

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

So adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

Clerk