

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 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 and McCall.

Absent: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

The Clerk reported that Commissioners Crockett and Laub called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Todd Neilson, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Charlie Juneau from Juneau Associates, Madison County Board Chairman Alan Dunstan, and Tracey Kelsey and Mike Peterson from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers were also in attendance.

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS:**

Tracey Kelsey, "Colonel Hall is on his way, he had a meeting prior to this one. Colonel Hall took over the command in June of 2011 and wants to introduce himself to MESD staff.

Mr. Peterson, "I know Colonel Hall wants to hear from you and know your opinions."

Attorney Filcoff, "I am concerned about the financial terms of the Design Agreement between the Department of the Army and the Metro East Sanitary District and the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council for Design for the Design Deficiency Corrections for East St. Louis, Illinois Flood Protection Project."

Mr. Juneau, "The agreement also concerns me, because it pertains to the entire project and not individual projects."

Ms. Kelsey, "The Flood Prevention District is responsible for the matching funds. The Metro East Sanitary District will be responsible for maintaining the improvements to the levee system."

Colonel Chris Hall and Dan Linkowski entered the meeting at 9:10 A.M. and Chairman Alan Dunstan left at this time.

Mr. Juneau, "I am concerned that if the Flood Prevention District ceases to exist after four years, will MESD be responsible for the non-federal share of the necessary funds?"

Ms. Kelsey, "There are provisions within the agreement that address that issue. The agreement needs to be signed in order that we may move forward with the improvements needed to meet the 100 year flood design project."

Colonel Hall, "First, I want to apologize for being late. I do not have an agenda for today's meeting, I just wanted to introduce myself and meet the Board of Commissioners."

"I wanted to reinforce that what is happening on this level is very important to me. I also understand that the Non-Federal cost share is very difficult, but we can work together."

"Jamie McVicker and other key personnel will be here next week to discuss the new levee safety action classification system. I will try to be in attendance."

"Are there any questions for me at this time?"

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President Economy thanked Colonel Hall for attending the meeting and introducing himself to the Board.

Colonel Hall, Dan Linkowski, Mike Peterson and Tracey Kelsey left the meeting at 9:27 A.M.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated May 4, 2012, which provided an update on current projects:

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

Mr. Juneau, "There is a break in the twenty-four inch (24") force main. The area where the break occurred was not part of the force main replacement project. Superintendent Presswood has excavated the area."

Executive Director Shipley, "I spoke with Superintendent Presswood and his crew will replace the line. I understand Juneau Associates will prepare the plans for the work."

Mr. Juneau presented Change Order No. 1 for the Bar Screen at Venice Station:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Change Order No. 1 for the Bar Screen at Venice Station for an additional cost of Four thousand, seven hundred fifty-five dollars (\$4,755.00).

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

Mr. Juneau presented Contractor's Application No. 2 for Payment in the amount of Four thousand, two hundred seventy-nine and fifty cents (\$4,279.50) to Plocher Construction Co., Inc. for the New Bar Screen at Venice Station:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment, Application No. 2, to Plocher Construction Co., Inc. for the New Bar Screen at Venice Station for the amount of Four thousand, two hundred seventy-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$4,279.50).

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

Mr. Juneau presented Contractor's Application No. 3 and Final for Payment in the amount of Sixteen thousand, six hundred twenty-five and fifty cents (\$16,625.50) to Plocher Construction Co., Inc. for the New Bar Screen at Venice Station:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment, Application No. 3 and Final, to Plocher Construction Co., Inc. for the New Bar Screen at Venice Station for the amount of Sixteen thousand, six hundred twenty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$16,625.50).

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

#### **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. The Mississippi River level is 19.38, so the East St. Louis, Madison, Venice, North, Cahokia and Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice Pump Stations are all in operation.
2. A few part-time employees have been hired to assist at the pump stations.

#### **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

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

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The Mississippi River is up and five of the pump stations are in operation.
2. Six part-time employees are working at this time.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Superintendent Fancher has been working with the insurance company on the hail damage. MESD had fourteen (14) vehicles damaged and the roofs on the Madison Avenue building and the Edison Avenue building.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The residential and commercial bills have been mailed for the April 2012 time period.
2. The office staff is working closely with the attorneys to close uncollectible accounts.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the April 4, 2012, and April 18, 2012 meetings were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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 Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

**GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:**

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



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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

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

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of April 2012 as submitted:

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

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

**LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

**LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

**LANSDOWNE REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

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

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of April 1, 2012 through April 14, 2012 was submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Filcoff, "I have sent two letters complaining to T-Mobile about the cellular service. I requested a representative be sent to the District, to observe first hand, the lack of service."

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to Intervene in the Tax Appeal of Cherokee Properties, Madison, Illinois, before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2012-R-008 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt  
Resolution Number 2012-R-008.

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

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

Attorney Filcoff presented a letter regarding the “Innocent Landowner Provision”  
dated April 17, 2012:



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Attorney Filcoff, "I am concerned about the properties MESD acquired on State Street and Missouri Avenue in Granite City, Illinois. Both of these properties had prior uses that could have been contaminated sources of the land. At this time, I recommend performing a few test borings on each parcel of property."

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from Gary D. Dugan, Sr. dated May 2, 2012 was presented:

Superintendent Greathouse, “I quickly looked at this piece of property and I do not believe MESD can sell the property. There is an agreement that MESD will retain the small levee located on the property as a back-up to the Federal levee and certain other restrictions apply.”

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to deny the request from Gary D. Dugan, Sr. to purchase Parcel Number 22-1-20-06-00-000-006.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Design Agreement between the Department of the Army and the Metro East Sanitary District and the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council and Design for the Design Deficiency Corrections for East St. Louis, Illinois Flood Protection Project was presented:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Design Agreement between the Department of the Army and the Metro East Sanitary District and the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council and Design for the Design Deficiency Corrections for East St. Louis, Illinois Flood Protection Project and authorize Andrew F. Economy as President of the Board of Commissioners to sign the document.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and Laub.

So adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

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Clerk