

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011 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, Penny and Laub.

Absent: Commissioner Crockett.

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

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

Charlie Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented a report titled "MESD Pumping Station Monitoring Alternatives" to the Commissioners, Executive Director and Attorney:

Mr. Juneau explained the report:

Yesterday, I met with Executive Director Shipley and MESD staff to discuss the monitoring of the pump stations.

MESD will be acquiring three new lift stations in Eagle Park. Originally, Madison County Special Sewer District planned to monitor the lift stations. They planned to use the Motorola monitoring system.

MESD employees voiced concerns about Madison County Special Sewer District receiving notification, since MESD will own the lift stations and be responsible for any problems that occur.

The Motorola system is not compatible with other systems and is very expensive.

Glen Carbon and Maryville both use a computer based system to monitor their pump stations. This type of system can be used at all of the pump stations and lift stations.

The cost for a computer based system is between \$2,400 and \$4,500. The price depends on the type and amount of monitoring selected.

My understanding is that MESD wants to install a monitoring system on the Eagle Park lift stations, the Washington Park lift stations and the 203 lift station at this time.

I recommend further researching of the systems, especially the OmniSite system.

President Economy, "Will Madison County pay for the Eagle Park lift station monitoring system?"

Mr. Juneau, "Yes, if the Motorola system is cancelled, we will try to recover that money."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to terminate the agreement with Motorola to monitor the Eagle Park lift stations, and investigate other alternatives for the monitoring of the lift stations and pump stations.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

Mr. Juneau continued his report:

Korte & Luitjohan Contractors are finishing the clean-up work along the 24" force main.

The sewer break by the Bremen Station is being repaired at no cost to MESD. The City of Venice is taking responsibility for the break. The City is going to use motor fuel tax (MFT) monies to fund the project.

Fifty-six (56) homes have connected to the old sewer line in Eagle Park. MESD is currently billing these 56 accounts.

I provided Attorney Filcoff with information pertaining to the request from Becker Iron to tap onto the MESD 64" storm water line.

Executive Director Shipley, "There are sink holes along the twin 60" storm water lines running from the Granite City High School to Nameoki Ditch. Manholes are needed along the 60" lines to provide us with entry points. Juneau Associates will determine where the manholes should be installed. Once the manholes are installed, we will be able to fill the voids."

"The twin 60" lines were originally built for Nameoki Township and ownership should have been transferred when the area was annexed into Granite City. The lines are 70 years old. MESD applied for an IKE grant and was denied."

“Juneau Associates has also obtained quotes for the climber screen at the Bremen Station.”

Mr. Juneau, “Walters Metal Fabrication provided a quote of \$108,380.00 to rebuild the climber screen and an additional \$19,360.00 to remove and install the rebuilt climber screen, for a total price of \$127,740.00.”

“A new climber screen would cost approximately \$30,000 more.”

Executive Director Shipley, “Previously, we applied for an EPA loan to purchase the climber screen and were denied. Another option might be to ask the Cities of Madison and Venice to assist with the cost of the climber screen. The new climber screen only benefits those two cities.”

Commissioner Penny, “None of the cities connected to the Lansdowne sewer system have the funds to help MESD with the cost of repairs. You cannot ask Madison and Venice to help with the climber screen, unless you have plans to ask the other cities for assistance in the future for other projects.”

Superintendent Presswood, “The new climber screen comes with a new conveyor belt, new technology and the motor does not go down into the water. All of the working parts are above ground.”

Mr. Juneau, “I thought the existing climber screen could be rebuilt for about half the price quoted. However, for the price difference I recommend the new climber screen.”

Executive Director Shipley, “We do not have to make a decision today, but we do need to let Walters Metal Fabrication know that we do not want their assistance at this time.”

Mr. Juneau asked if there were any additional questions and hearing none, left the meeting at 9:26 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. All of the pump stations are in operation. The river is staying around 32 feet.
2. The mowers are out daily, providing it does not rain.
3. Pump No. 2 is scheduled to be installed at the North Pump Station on Monday, June 13th.
4. The sewer break by the Bremen Station has been repaired.

The sewer break in Washington Park has also been repaired. The contractor still needs to pour the concrete to finish the street.

5. I met with Robert Betts and members of the East St. Louis Housing Authority to discuss the land swap on 79th Street in East St. Louis.

The Housing Authority is trying to acquire 4 more acres. They were able to obtain 7 acres through tax sales.

If the Housing Authority is able to purchase the additional 4 acres, then it should be a fair trade.

6. Mayor Cornwell contacted me about the Mo Pac Gates. The gates are leaking and the water is going in a big circle. I told the Mayor we would work with the Village to determine the problem and help find a solution.

7. I have a meeting scheduled with Conoco Phillips to settle a land dispute. Conoco Phillips is requiring MESD to wear special suits when entering their property.

However, MESD owns 70 feet of property inside their fence. That is the property we want to mow and trim. It is an area about 70 feet wide and 1,500 feet long.

I just want to put a lock on the gate, so MESD employees can enter the property without wearing special clothing and gloves.

8. I received another water sample full of coal dust. The coal dust is coming from Beelman again.

President Economy, "Can we ask Beelman to pay for the new climber screen?"

Commissioner Penny, "We need to make certain the coal is coming from Beelman. Can we hire a consultant to determine where the coal dust is coming from and the cost for treatment?"

Superintendent Presswood, "Beelman has always worked with us in the past."

Attorney Filcoff, "Yes, when coal dust was entering the Bremen Station, Beelman paid to seal the station and install air conditioning."

Executive Director Shipley, "Terry Kelahan retired from the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant and has contacted me about employment."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing the Executive Director to employ Terry Kelahan as a consultant for the Metro East Sanitary District Lansdowne Sewage Treatment Department.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The Mississippi River is at 32 feet and is expected to go down to 30 feet over the weekend.
2. Six mowers are out today. The slope mower is at Frank Holten State Park.
3. A crew is trimming around the relief wells.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The 850 bulldozer is clearing dirt off the concrete slab at the control gates.
2. The link belt is being used to dredge Harding Ditch.
3. I am continuing to attend the Eagle Park meetings. The project is moving very slowly.
4. The air conditioner is being repaired at the Bremen Station. The methane gas ate the coating off the A-coil.
5. The old 401 tractor and brush hog have been moved to the Lansdowne facility. The tractor and brush hog will be used to keep the grass mowed.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. We are on the second and third cuts in Madison County.
2. Part-time employees are trimming.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The residential and commercial sewage treatment collections are good.
2. Illinois American Water Company is continuing to disconnect water for past due sewage treatment bills.
3. Fifty-six (56) homes were billed in Eagle Park for sewage treatment by Illinois American Water Company. Eventually, one hundred forty-one (141) accounts will be on line in Eagle Park.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the May 4, 2011 and May 18, 2011 meetings were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Penny 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, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2011 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2011 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of May 2011 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of May 2011 as submitted:

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2011 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Penny to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2011 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of May 2011 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of May 2011 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of May 2011 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of May 2011 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

PAYROLLS:

The Payrolls for the period of May 1, 2011 through May 14, 2011 and May 15, 2011 through May 28, 2011 were submitted for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Payrolls as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff presented documents from the State of Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the purchase of property from the Metro East Sanitary District:

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Attorney Filcoff, “Ms. Sanford e-mailed these documents to me last night. I have not had time to review them. I will review the documents and make a report at the next meeting.”

“Attorney Neilson is not able to attend today, because he is at a trial.”

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual financial report for year ended December 31, 2010 and independent auditor’s report was presented:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to accept the annual financial report for year ended December 31, 2010 and place it on file.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

Commissioner Laub, "My grandson, Mark Smith, has been working for the District as a part-time employee. He is a very good employee and needs full time employment. I would really appreciate if you would consider him for the next full time position."

President Economy, "Paul Miller and Harry Hollingsworth are both retiring the end of this month. However, they are both St. Clair County positions."

Executive Director Shipley, "I do not have any plans of filling Paul Miller's position at this time. Marcus Nunn is moving up to that position and Scott Hillman will assist Mr. Nunn. Mr. Hillman is very good with computers and technical problems."

Commissioner Laub, "If you would keep Mark Smith in mind for any future full time positions, I would really appreciate it."

Executive Director Shipley, "I would like permission to build three pole barns; one at South Pump Station, one at East St. Louis Pump Station and one at the Lansdowne Facility. The pole barns will be used to house the tractors and mow units."

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the purchase and installation of three pole barns.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

So adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

Clerk