

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013 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, Laub and McCall.
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated August 6, 2013, which provides an update on current projects:

Mr. Juneau, “Bids are due on August 27, 2013 for the repairs to the Nameoki Ditch culverts under the railroad tracks east of Illinois Route 162.”

President Economy asked if there were any questions for Mr. Juneau. Hearing none, Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:02 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis, “The Commissioners all received a copy of the MESD Financial Reports for July 2013. Are there any questions?”

No questions were asked concerning the Financial Reports.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. Mike Perjak, Luke Shipley and David Smith are attending a Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) seminar.
2. A gantry was purchased to pull the pumps.
3. The check valves are getting old and are in bad shape. We ordered a new check valve to replace one of them.
4. Harding Ditch is being dredged.
5. Trees and debris are being removed from Judy Branch.
6. The low boy trailer is breaking down, the back axles are bad. The trailer is used constantly and has saved the District thousands of dollars in moves.

I would like to have permission to advertise for bids for a new trailer.

Commissioner Hanfelder, “Is the existing trailer still useable?”

Superintendent Presswood, “Yes, but I don’t know how much longer we can safely use it.”

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall to advertise for bids for the purchase of a triple axle trailer.

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

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

Superintendent Presswood, "I discussed the purchase of a four wheel drive backhoe with Executive Director Shipley, and he agreed it would be a valuable piece of equipment for the District to own. I would like to obtain bids, but we do not have to buy one if the price is too high."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall to advertise for bids for the purchase of a four wheel drive backhoe.

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

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

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Six mow units are finishing up at Cahokia Creek and will then move to Hartford. Two zero turns are following behind the mowers.
2. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has a pump station inspection scheduled for August 14, 2013.
3. The Terrain King slope mower is at Erb Equipment Company being repaired.

Director of Operations Walter Greathouse reported:

1. I told various employees at Juneau Associates that MESD wants a copy of the as-builts and shop drawings included as part of the bid for the repairs to the Nameoki Ditch Culverts under the Railroad East of Illinois Route 162.
2. Executive Director Shipley and I attended the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District (FPD) meeting. They plan to begin work on MESD projects; the estimated cost is around Two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).
3. MESD originally owned the Mo Pac Gates, and then several years ago the Mayor of Cahokia wanted the Village of Cahokia to take ownership of the gates. The gates were new when the Village took ownership of the gates.

The gates are not working properly and the Mayor of Cahokia has asked for our assistance. This is a major hole in the levee system.

Executive Director Shipley and I have made Les Sterman and AMEC Engineering aware of the problem. After discussing the matter with Les Sterman, we are ninety-five percent (95%) positive that the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District will cover the cost of the repairs.

One gate must be replaced at an estimated cost of Ninety-thousand dollars (\$90,000). It takes eight to ten months to fabricate the gate.

The gate needs to be ordered immediately, because when the water is high the water keeps going around in circles. This could become a huge problem.

Commissioner Hanfelder, "During the recent high river, was the Mo Pac Gate a problem?"

Executive Director Shipley, "Yes, the gate is stuck in the open position, causing the water to move in one giant circle."

Mr. Greathouse, "The shaft bent and the gate broke. Now there are two - five foot by five foot holes in the levee. It must be fixed, it is detrimental to the entire levee system."

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall to declare the repairs to the Mo Pac Gates an emergency and order a new gate from ICON Mechanical.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Mr. Greathouse, "The five foot discharge pipes at the North Pump Station started leaking during the high river. Representatives from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers went into the pipes and found that they are rusting out on the inside. They were actually able to reach their arms through one of the pipes to the ground. That particular discharge

pipe is out of service, but the others are also leaking. The pipes are leaking between the valve and discharge chamber.

Jim Roth from Hurst-Rosche Engineering also looked at the pipes and is working with the Corps to determine how to repair the pipes.

I would like to have permission to get these pipes repaired. North Pump Station protects Madison County and part of St. Clair County, so it is very important we get the discharge pipes repaired.”

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall to declare the repairs to the North Pump Station discharge pipes an emergency.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy, “Are the pumps at North Pump Station operational?”

Mr. Greathouse, “The pumps are in good condition.”

Mr. Greathouse then presented an article from the Sunday Post-Dispatch titled “Lessons Learned” regarding the Flood of 1993 and 20 Years Later:

Mr. Greathouse, "The Metro East Sanitary District was mentioned in the article by Mr. Busse, of the Army Corps of Engineers."

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. Illinois American Water Company is shutting off water for past due sewage treatment customers every week. They are back on schedule, which is very helpful.
2. The residential and commercial bills went out on time, even though we had several issues during the Illinois American Water Company software conversion.

Illinois American Water Company did not disconnect water for several weeks, but the MESD office staff continued to send out letters and work hard. I am very proud of the billing staff, as they were able to keep collections up during this time.

3. I am still working with the State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program. We submitted fifty test accounts, and now we are working to resolve a few issues.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 17, 2013 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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, Laub and McCall.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2013 were submitted for approval:

August 7, 2013

Page 8

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2013 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of July 2013 were submitted for review:

August 7, 2013

Page 9

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of July 2013 as submitted:

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2013 were submitted for approval:

August 7, 2013

Page 10

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2013 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of July 2013 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of July 2013 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of July 2013 was submitted for approval:

August 7, 2013

Page 12

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of July 2013 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

August 7, 2013

Page 13

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of July 6, 2013 through July 20, 2013 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, Laub and McCall.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "I sent a letter to Clean Uniform inquiring about the price increases and the extra charges. Clean Uniform sent me a response, stating they are entitled to a five percent (5%) yearly increase according to the terms of the contract. The additional charges are for uniform sizes 42 and up and also for extra length. I will distribute a copy of their letter at the next meeting.

I am still working with Slay Industries on the flowage easement."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to intervene in the Tax Appeal of Regions Financial Corp. before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2013-R-007 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Resolution No. 2013-R-007.

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

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

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub that all Executive Session Minutes remain closed to the public, as they contain confidential information regarding potential lawsuits, actual lawsuits and company personnel.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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

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

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

So adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

Clerk