

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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: Commissioner McCall.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendents Greathouse, Fancher and Presswood, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

BIDS:

Advertisement for bids for the purchase of Workers Compensation Insurance for the period from December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013 appearing in the St. Louis Post Dispatch Illinois were received before 9:00 A.M. today.

Four (4) bids were received:

1. Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.....\$246,788.00
2. W. G. Stern and Company Unable to Secure Competitive Bid
3. Charles L Crane Agency Unable to Secure Competitive Bid
4. Jackson Kahl Insurance..... Unable to Secure Competitive Bid

President Economy, "What was the Workers Compensation premium last year?"

The Clerk responded, "The premium was Two hundred twenty-seven thousand, three hundred ninety-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$227,398.75)."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to accept the bids and award the bid to Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated November 1, 2012, which provided an update of current projects:

Mr. Juneau, “Charlie Juneau met with MESD staff on October 17, 2012 to discuss the following projects: Twin 60” Storm Sewer Rehabilitation, Triple Culverts at Nameoki Ditch, the Trash Racks at Horseshoe Lake and the Proposed Trash Racks for the Triple Box Culverts. Charlie Juneau will continue to meet with MESD regarding these on-going issues.”

Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:03 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. The rip-rap near the Ameren building was sprayed with weed kill.
2. The slope mower is being used along Hartford Canal.
3. A crew trimmed around the swing gate by the New Mississippi River Bridge and also around the guard rail at the CNV Pump Station.
4. Mowing has been completed along Black Lane. The mower is currently by the Junior High School in Cahokia.
5. Attorneys Filcoff and Calvo have prepared the necessary documents for MESD to enter the Comptroller’s Local Debt Recovery Program.

Attorney Calvo has also prepared an amended annexation Ordinance.

6. The floodwall has been sealed.
7. The Long Reach is being repaired.
8. The doors have been painted at the Missouri Avenue location and the grounds have been sprayed with weed killer.
9. Attorney Calvo is reviewing the agreement with Chouteau Nameoki and Venice Drainage District. The current agreement expires this year.
10. A crew seeded Hartford Canal.

11. The grass covering the MESD force main along Route 3 has been mowed for the last time this year.
12. The concrete has been removed from the triple box culvert.
13. Mechanics have begun winterizing the equipment.
14. The fence along Nameoki Road and 23rd Street has been repaired.
15. Dirt is being hauled to the riverfront to cover the existing rip-rap.
16. A hiring freeze was placed in effect as of November 1st.
17. A meeting was held with the Lansdowne staff to discuss wastewater sampling.
18. Work began on the twin 60" storm sewer rehabilitation.
19. The slope mower is at Interstate 64 and moving south.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis, "The October 2012 Financial Reports are on today's agenda. Are there any questions regarding the reports?"

There were no questions for Treasurer Davis.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. MESD employees are going to complete the cleaning of the twin 60" storm water lines and then seal the joints. This will be much cheaper than having Hank's Excavating seal the joints. There are a total of one hundred forty-four (144) joints.

Hank's Excavating is going to excavate the sunken area behind Bellemore Village, seal the pipes, backfill the area and then restore the pavement.

2. We replaced one hundred feet (100') of pipe in Harding Ditch. We are hoping to cover the pipe today.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Mowers are at Cahokia Creek and Nameoki Ditch finishing the final cut for this year.
2. Dirt is being hauled to the front levee to cover the rip-rap.
3. Temporary employees are trimming and cutting around trees at various sites.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Linde LLC sent a letter requesting permission to test its 6" oxygen pipeline overhead crossing of the Cahokia Diversion Canal. The pipeline is located on both Wood River Levee and Drainage District and Metro East Sanitary District properties and is hung off the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge.

Due to the liability, I have referred the request to Attorney Filcoff.

The original Ordinance was between MESD and Airco. The Ordinance expired in 1995.

2. I asked Attorney Filcoff to review an Agreement dated January 3, 1948 between the East Side Levee District and Alton & Southern Railroad.

MESD has three 9' culvert pipes under several railroad tracks.

The railroad complained that the area between the pipes and the track is losing its level of ballast. It is causing problems with trains that are passing over and presents itself as a potential risk to MESD.

After reviewing the Agreement, Attorney Filcoff sent a letter to Executive Director Shipley. Attorney Filcoff recommends sending someone out to inspect the area and then make the necessary repairs.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. Collections are going very well.
2. MESD billed the Eagle Park residents for the first time. As a result, we have had numerous telephone calls. Also, several residents have complained about a sewer gas smell in their homes.

3. Several of the yearly wastewater test samples were returned, as there was no flow at the time of the test. We met to discuss why there was not any flow. MESD employees are going to try again at a different time of the day.
4. We are continuing to work closely with the attorneys. We are trying to write-off some of the uncollectible accounts.
5. I am going through occupancy permits received from the cities and matching them with Illinois America Water Company records. There are several discrepancies.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the October 17, 2012 meeting were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder 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: Commissioner McCall.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Present: Commissioner Economy.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of October 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: Commissioner McCall.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of October 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 October 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: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of October 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: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of October 14, 2012 through October 27, 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: Commissioner McCall.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Calvo, "I have several documents listed on the Agenda under Unfinished Business and New Business; I will make my report at that time."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Calvo presented an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2011-0-004 annexing certain property within Madison County, Illinois to the Metro East Sanitary District. Number 2012-0-013 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Calvo explained, "This Ordinance removes twenty-three (23) parcels from the recent annexation. All of the parcels are located along the eastern boundary. A small portion of each of these parcels is located within the FEMA AR zone. However, the majority of each property and the actual residence are outside of the AR Zone. I recommend approval of Ordinance No. 2012-0-013."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-0-013 amending Ordinance No. 2011-0-004.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller for access to the Illinois Debt Recovery Program. Number 2012-R-017 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Resolution Number 2012-R-017 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller for access to the Illinois Debt Recovery Program.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

A Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to intervene in the Tax Appeal of FR Gateway Commerce Center before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2012-R-018 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Resolution Number 2012-R-018 authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to intervene in the Tax Appeal of FR Gateway Commerce Center before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

A Report of Support provided during October from O'Connor & Partners, Inc. was presented.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to place the report from O'Connor & Partners, Inc. on file.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

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 Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

So adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

Clerk