

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014 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, Laub and McCall.
Absent: Commissioner Crockett.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Ken Davis.

ENGINEERING REPORT: None.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

Executive Director Shipley, “Crews are busy clearing debris from the river front, which is very time consuming.”

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

Superintendent Presswood reported:

The 320 Excavator and the 324 Excavator are being examined, repaired and cleaned.

The other Excavator is still at Stanley Ditch.

The 690C excavator is in the yard in need of repairs. As soon as we have time, we will make the necessary repairs.

Everything is running smoothly with Lansdowne.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Crews are cutting and pulling drift along the front levee.
2. We are grading and rocking the levee roads.
3. The mechanics are winterizing the tractors.

Director of Operations Walter Greathouse reported:

1. The Attorneys and I are working on a few projects with Ameren.
2. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) notified the District that the Rock Springs Road Bridge is in serious need of repairs.

We are looking at other alternatives, such as installing culverts and doing away with the bridge.

3. The Corps of Engineers submitted their inspection report. The Superintendents are working to correct any problems mentioned in the report.

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. Yesterday, the contractor pulled Pump No. 2 at the Chouteau Nameoki and Venice Pump Station.

The motor is in good condition, which is very good news.

2. Pump Operators are working in the pump stations to make needed repairs.
3. Trees are being cut down along the front levee and Harding Ditch.
4. The mechanics are staying busy winterizing and repairing equipment.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The commercial and residential bills have been mailed this month.
2. We are continuing to have Illinois American Water Company disconnect water for past due sewage treatment bills. We do not shut off during the holidays.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the November 19, 2014 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of November 2014 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 November 2014 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of November 2014 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of November 2014 as submitted:

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of November 2014 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of November 2014 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of November 2014 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of November 2014 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of November 2014 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of November 2014 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; 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, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of November 9, 2014 through November 22, 2014 was submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff read a letter he prepared in answer to the grievance notification received from Mark Beil, Teamsters Local 50 regarding the usage of daily mileage logs:

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Attorney Calvo, "I think the letter is a little harsh. I believe we can clear up this matter with a telephone call to Mark Beil."

President Economy, "What is the problem with the mileage logs?"

Mr. Greathouse presented a copy of the email he received from Mark Beil to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Laub, “If the Union and their members have a problem with keeping a daily log of their mileage, then we can install a GPS system to monitor their mileage.

The GPS system would show where everyone is during the day. I have talked to a few people and they tell me that it saves on gasoline expenses and it prevents employees from sitting idle.”

President Economy, “Executive Director Shipley will you please look into a GPS system for District vehicles?”

Executive Director Shipley, “Yes, I will contact a few companies.”

Attorney Calvo, “Once again, I think a phone call to Mark Beil will be sufficient.”

Attorney Filcoff, “We need to follow the grievance procedures and respond within ten (10) days. Attorney Calvo and I will discuss this matter, and then I will respond appropriately to the grievance.”

Attorney Filcoff, “I am working with Slay Industries in regards to the new road proposed by the East St. Louis Port District. The question of who will maintain the road is being discussed.”

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

So adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

Clerk