

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AT 1800
EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT
9:00 A.M.**

President Pennekamp called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Attorney George Filcoff, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

The Clerk reported that Executive Director Shipley asked to be excused due to an illness and Treasurer Ken Davis asked to be excused as he was out of town.

Kathy Knogl was also in attendance.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

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Commissioner Laub asked, "Have Walter Greathouse and Randy Presswood put together a list of obsolete equipment to sell?"

Mr. Greathouse, "We are discussing if the office trailer should be sold or used at the Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice (CNV) Pump Station. Also, we are waiting on Superintendents Fancher and Maeras to provide a list of any vehicles the District is no longer using."

Commissioner McCall, "Currently, we receive the Executive Director's report the day of the meeting. I would prefer the Executive Director's report be included in the meeting packets."

The Clerk responded that she would tell Executive Director Shipley that the Board would like to receive the report with the meeting folders.

Attorney Filcoff asked, "Has Pump No. 1 at the North Pump Station been repaired?"

Mr. Greathouse, "The pump has been removed from the North Pump Station and is at The Pump Shop being repaired. Also, I spoke to Mike Kessler at the Corps and they plan to repair the discharge pipe and flap gate at the North Pump Station in July, 2017. They also have plans to repair the levee slides in Cahokia in April, 2017. We are hopeful the Corps will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of both projects."

Commissioner Hanfelder asked, "What does 'Rick on Levee accident for lawyers' refer to?"

Mr. Greathouse explained that a few years ago, a woman living along Nameoki Ditch went out her back gate and somehow fell into the ditch. She filed suit against the District and the lawsuit was turned over to the District's insurance carrier. They assigned an Attorney to represent the District. The Attorney has requested copies of all of the

reports showing the work and maintenance performed on Nameoki Ditch during the last five years. Superintendent Fancher is going through all of the records and copying all of the daily sheets and reports concerning Nameoki Ditch.

Commissioner Hanfelder, "I have seen individuals using the Metro East Sanitary District levee road along Cahokia Creek between Highway 162 and Horseshoe Lake Road. I understand that Madison County Special Sewer District employees also use the road. MESD personnel and Madison County Special Sewer District employees should all be reminded to lock the gates when not using the road. We do not want to take a chance of someone being injured."

Superintendent Presswood stated that "No Trespassing" signs are posted at both entrances.

President Pennekamp suggested a letter be sent to the Madison County Special Sewer District stating the gates need to be locked for liability reasons and a copy of the letter placed on file.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

Walter Greathouse, Randy Presswood and I met to discuss the report from Horner & Shifrin regarding industrial and commercial users. We later met with Superintendent Jeff Hamilton and Andy Costello at the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. They were very helpful.

Andy Costello called and asked if he could use the forms and information that MESD received from Horner & Shifrin. I told him that I would have to get permission from the Board.

Mr. Costello would like a copy of the report showing which companies MESD is testing for BOD's and TSS and which companies are not being tested. He wants to make certain that the Granite City Regional

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Wastewater Treatment Plant is aware of the businesses that are on MESD's line.

Superintendent Presswood added that Granite City was surprised that MESD does not have a Class 1 Operator on staff.

Mr. Greathouse explained that MESD does not have a Class 1 Operator, because we do not perform any type of sewage treatment. We own the force main that carries the wastewater to Granite City.

Superintendent Presswood said he thought Granite City was suggesting the employees taking the wastewater samples should have their Class 1 certification.

Ms. Worthen stated that Granite City would like to work more closely with our office to get a better understanding of the businesses.

President Pennekamp directed Ms. Worthen to provide Granite City with the form and commercial information they requested.

Superintendent Presswood mentioned that the Lansdowne sewage treatment Ordinance needs to be updated and MESD needs to take more wastewater samples.

President Pennekamp asked if there was anything the Board could do at this time to help the staff to comply with the recommendations made by Horner & Shifrin.

Ms. Worthen said the first step is to mail the forms prepared by Horner & Shifrin to the commercial and industrial users. Hopefully, the forms will go out next week.

Attorney Filcoff, "I will contact the Attorney for Granite City, and ask for a copy of their wastewater and sewage treatment ordinance."

Mr. Greathouse, "Granite City has the authority to go on private property; I would like to know if we have the same rights."

Attorney Filcoff said that he would find out if MESD has the authority to go on private property.

Ms. Worthen continued with her report:

Attorney Calvo is going to take all of the active accounts from Attorney Bradford and review them.

Illinois American Water Company is continuing to disconnect water for past due sewage treatment accounts.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the January 18, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

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 Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2017 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of January 2017 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of January 2017 as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2017 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of January 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of January 2017 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

PAYROLLS:

The Payrolls for the period of January 2, 2017 through January 14, 2017 and January 15, 2017 through January 28, 2017 were submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff reported that he reviewed the eleven agreements with the cities concerning stormwater and wastewater entering the MESD system. Meetings need to be held with each mayor individually.

President Pennekamp, “Does MESD have the authority to bill the cities for the stormwater being sent through the MESD line to the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant? If so, meters will be needed on the lines.”

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented an Ordinance replacing Ordinance No. 303 and granting Ameren Illinois Company D/B/A Ameren Illinois, an Illinois Corporation, its successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and easement to construct, reconstruct, use, operate, maintain and inspect an electric light and power transmission line, over and across, and under, property of the Metro East Sanitary District, of Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois. Number 2017-0-001 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall, seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-001 replacing Ordinance No. 303 and granting Ameren Illinois Company D/B/A Ameren Illinois, an Illinois Corporation, its successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and easement to construct, reconstruct, use, operate, maintain and inspect an electric light and power transmission line, over and across, and under, property of the Metro East Sanitary District, of Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Filcoff presented an Ordinance replacing Ordinance No. 383 and granting Ameren Illinois Company D/B/A Ameren Illinois, an Illinois Corporation, its successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and franchise to construct, operate, maintain, remove, replace, and repair existing pipeline facilities together with equipment and appurtenances thereto, for the transportation of natural gas products within and through the property of the Metro East Sanitary District, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois. Number 2017-0-002 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall, seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0-002 replacing Ordinance No. 383 and granting Ameren Illinois Company D/B/A Ameren Illinois, an Illinois Corporation, its successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and franchise to construct, operate, maintain, remove, replace, and repair existing pipeline facilities together with equipment and appurtenances thereto, for the transportation of natural gas products within and through the property of the Metro East Sanitary District, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Clerk reported that a Public Hearing will be held at the February 22, 2017 meeting to present the 2017 Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Pennekamp, "I would like to discuss salary increases during executive session."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to enter into Executive Session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:40 A.M.

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 10:02 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting at this time was Attorney George Filcoff.

No action was taken at this time regarding the Executive Session discussion.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

Clerk