

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 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.

The Clerk reported that Treasurer Ken Davis called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras and Superintendent Rick Fancher.

Nameoki Township Highway Commissioner Charlie Luehmann and Kathy Goclan were also in attendance.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

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Executive Director Shipley reported that we are still experiencing heavy rains and the pump stations are in operation.

President Pennekamp, “Your report indicates there are several Intergovernmental Grants that need to be executed. Are they ready for approval?”

Executive Director Shipley responded, “No, they still need to be prepared.”

President Pennekamp, “A lawsuit is mentioned in your report, what is that regarding?”

Executive Director Shipley, “A woman claims to have fallen into Nameoki Ditch. Walter Greathouse, Rick Fancher and I gave our depositions yesterday.”

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

President Pennekamp explained that Cindy Worthen is running late, therefore the report of the Lansdowne Office Manager will be moved to later on the agenda.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the April 19, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

The Executive Session minutes for the April 5, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve them as submitted and closed to public viewing.

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 April 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 April 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 April 2017 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to accept the Various Specific Claims for the month of April 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 April 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of April 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 April 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of April 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:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of April 9, 2017 through April 22, 2017 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Payroll 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:

I received a letter from Attorney Glenn Bradford concerning the Lansdowne past due accounts he worked on before his retirement. He does not believe he is being paid correctly.

I gave the letter to Attorney Calvo and he will prepare a response to Attorney Bradford.

I am continuing to work on the Ameren ordinance renewals. I made three changes to the ordinances, now I am waiting to hear back from Ameren.

Attorney Calvo reported:

Yesterday, I spoke with Ms. Worthen in regards to the accounts that Attorney Bradford is questioning. The customers have been slow in paying. Ms. Worthen has been contacting the customers. She is hopeful they will get back on schedule and start making their monthly payments.

I reviewed the letter Charlie Juneau prepared regarding the excessive infiltration and inflow in the form of ground, surface and storm waters the District is receiving from the cities. I think it is a good letter.

The letters need to go out, since the Lansdowne system cannot afford the rate being charged by the Granite City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

President Pennekamp added that a meeting was held last year with the Mayors to discuss the infiltration problems. MESD asked for the cooperation of the Mayors in addressing the infiltration problem and helping to find the problem areas.

Attorney Calvo explained that MESD has an agreement with all of the cities requiring the cities to pay for infiltration. The original agreements were for forty (40)

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years and automatically renewed, unless both parties agreed to terminate. Flow meters are needed to determine what portion each community should pay.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen joined the meeting at 9:16 A.M.

Commissioner McCall inquired about the cost of flow meters.

Superintendent Presswood stated that flow meters can cost between Three thousand (\$3,000) and Twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars depending on the size of the meter.

Attorney Calvo explained that the cities can sell judgment bonds to pay for the infiltration if necessary. The cities can also apply to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for grants to repair their lines.

Superintendent Maeras suggested explaining in the letter that grants are available through IEPA to repair the lines.

Commissioner McCall asked to table the letter until he spoke with the St. Clair County Board Chairman and some of the Mayors.

Attorney Calvo agreed to contact Charlie Juneau to find out the contact information for IEPA, so it can be included in the letter.

The letter to the Mayors will be presented, with changes, at the next Board meeting.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

A customer called and requested a pay-off on a past due sewage treatment bill. There was a judgement from 2004 filed by Attorney Bassett-Butler. The property is going for back taxes, but the District has a valid lien. Attorney Bradford received the account from Attorney Bassett-Butler. There are Six hundred dollars in attorney fees. I am now working with the customer and trying to get some money. If the property goes for back taxes, the District will not receive any money.

Attorney Bradford filed a Substitution of Counsel on all of Attorney Bassett-Butler and Attorney Will Asa's accounts.

Attorney Calvo asked for a copy of the Substitution of Counsel to determine what is owed to Attorney Bradford.

Ms. Worthen continued with her report:

Jim Roth with Hurst-Rosche Engineers is continuing to work with St. Louis Auto Shredding regarding their sewage treatment account.

Juneau Engineering reviewed the industrial and commercial user surveys. I was not happy with their findings. I had more accurate information on the accounts. They recommended not testing for BOD's and TSS on accounts that have been paying monthly surcharges of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Calvo recommended extending the Family Medical Leave for Justin McElroy until April 30, 2017 as he returned to work on that date.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to extend the Family Medical Leave for Justin McElroy until April 30, 2017.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Temporary Construction Easement to the Village of Pontoon Beach was presented:

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Attorney Filcoff, "I have reviewed the Temporary Construction Easement and recommend approving the Easement."

Mr. Greathouse, "The easement is to help alleviate water problems within the Village of Pontoon Beach."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve a Temporary Construction Easement to the Village of Pontoon Beach to enter upon certain Metro East Sanitary District property (Parcel ID No. 17-1-20-12-00-000-008 and 17-1-20-12-00-000-012.002).

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

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

A Permanent Drainage Easement to the Village of Pontoon Beach was presented:

Attorney Filcoff recommended approval of the Drainage Easement as it is also needed for the Village of Pontoon Beach to solve some of their water problems.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Permanent Drainage Easement to the Village of Pontoon Beach.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Commissioner Laub asked, "What is the District doing to help with the water problems?"

Executive Director Shipley, "Horseshoe Lake is open, but KMOX Ditch is flowing into the lake."

Superintendent Maeras, "All of the pump stations are in operation. We are doing everything we can."

Mr. Greathouse, "Heavy equipment operators are pulling drift to keep the water flowing."

Commissioner McCall, "The employees should be commended; they are doing an excellent job."

President Pennekamp, "A Lansdowne Budget meeting is being held on Wednesday, May 24th and the auditor will be at the June 8th Board meeting to discuss the General Fund audit."

Ms. Goclan inquired about water standing on Parkview Drive in Granite City.

Mr. Greathouse said any questions regarding the water on Parkview Drive should be directed to the City of Granite City.

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 Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Clerk