

**REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR  
AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011 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, Penny, Crockett and Laub.

Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Shipley, Attorney Todd Neilson, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Charlie Hester. In addition, Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates was in attendance.

President Economy asked for a motion naming a Temporary Chairman for the selection of President.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to appoint Commissioner Scott Penny as the Temporary Chairman for the election of President.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

At this time, Commissioner Penny said he would accept nominations and a motion for the office of President for the Metro East Sanitary District for the 2011 calendar year.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to place the name of Andrew Economy in nomination for President.

Commissioner Penny noted there was a motion and a second on the nomination of Andrew Economy and asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. He again asked if there were any more nominations to be made.

Hearing none, Commissioner Penny moved the nominations be closed and Andrew Economy be elected by acclamation.

President Economy thanked the Board, and then called for the election of Vice President.

Motion Commissioner Economy; seconded Commissioner Crockett to appoint William Hanfelder as Vice President for the 2011 calendar year.

President Economy noted that there was a motion and a second on the nomination of William Hanfelder and asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. He again asked if there were any more nominations to be made.

Hearing none, President Economy moved the nominations be closed and William Hanfelder be elected as Vice President by acclamation.

President Economy recommended Robert Shipley be appointed Executive Director for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to appoint Robert Shipley as Executive Director for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy recommended Rosemarie Heath be appointed District Clerk/Administrative Assistant for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to appoint Rosemarie Heath as District Clerk/Administrative Assistant for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy recommended Charles Hester be appointed Treasurer for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Penny to appoint Charles Hester as Treasurer for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy recommended George Filcoff and Todd Neilson be appointed Attorneys for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Penny to appoint George Filcoff and Todd Neilson as Attorneys for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy recommended Walter Greathouse, Jr. be appointed Madison County Superintendent for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Crockett to appoint Walter Greathouse, Jr. as Madison County Superintendent for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy recommended John Maeras be appointed St. Clair County Superintendent for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Crockett to appoint John Maeras as St. Clair County Superintendent for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy recommended Randy Presswood as Heavy Equipment Superintendent for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Crockett to appoint Randy Presswood as the Heavy Equipment Superintendent for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy recommended the firm of Allison Knapp & Siekmann be appointed as the auditing firm for the 2011 calendar year.

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Crockett to appoint the firm of Allison Knapp & Siekmann as the auditing firm for the 2011 calendar year.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

Joe Juneau presented Lansdowne 24” Force Main Replacement Change Order No. 7 increasing the contract price by Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000):

Mr. Juneau explained the Change Order, “Granular backfill was purchased to fill along the shoulder of Route 3 in Brooklyn, Illinois.”

Executive Director Shipley, “I was aware of the additional backfill and recommend the approval of Change Order No. 7.”

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve Lansdowne 24” Force Main Replacement Change Order No. 7 increasing the contract price by Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Joe Juneau presented Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. Application for Payment No. 4 for the New Steel Gate Structure and Operating Bridge Widening for the Horseshoe Lake Control Structure:

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Executive Director Shipley, "I recommend the approval of Application No. 4 for payment to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve Application No. 4 for payment to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. in the amount of Five thousand, six hundred seventy-nine dollars and seventy-two cents (\$5,679.72).

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Joe Juneau presented Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. Application for Payment No. 7 for the Lansdowne 24" Force Main Project:

Executive Director Shipley, "I recommend the approval of Pay Application No. 7 to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve Application No. 7 for payment to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. in the amount of Seventy-three thousand, four hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$73,489).

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

Mr. Joe Juneau left the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

#### **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. I have not seen any AMEC employees on the levees since Christmas.
2. Joiner-Myers Construction has resumed work on the Triple Box Culvert tunnels.
3. The Board approved the purchase of two new tractors and brushhogs during the December 2010 meeting. I am ordering the tractors and brushhogs today, through the State of Illinois joint purchasing contract.
4. The 320 is being used to pull the banks back along Prairie DuPont. This project will take two to three months to complete.
5. Trees are being cut down along Hartford Canal. Also, relief trenches are being dug to relieve some of the water problems.
6. The Permit authorizing Keeley and Sons to pump water over the levee expires December 31, 2010. Attorney Filcoff is notifying Keeley that a new Permit is needed or they will no longer be allowed on MESD property.

7. Previously, MESD used a Water Company hydrant to wash away debris at the North Pump Station. The Water Company does not want MESD to use the hydrant. I do not understand, since MESD pays for the water.
8. Pump No. 1 has been installed at the North Pump Station. The motor is good on Pump No. 2, so the repairs will not be as costly.
9. The Corps of Engineers has scheduled an O&M Tour for later this month.
10. The 24" Force Main Replacement Project is moving forward. Several change orders are expected during the next few months. I have asked employees from Juneau to provide me with a list of changes, so that I will know in advance.
11. There are still some problems with the emergency generators. We are trying to resolve the problems.
12. I have been keeping a close watch on the areas where the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) drains water to MESD.

#### **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:**

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. Kevin from Guarantee Electric is working on the emergency generator at the Bremen Station.
2. The Link Belt is being used to clean the bay and dredge the canal at the North Pump Station.
3. A pipe was installed at Dobrey Slough in Granite City to help with the drainage. The pipe is being leveled today.
4. The installation of the Eagle Park sewer lines is behind schedule. The project is forty-one percent (41%) complete.
5. A retaining wall of concrete blocks is being built at the Horseshoe Lake Control Gates.
6. The walls and floors are being painted inside the Lansdowne Overflow building.

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The Mississippi River went up, so the contractor had to stop working at the North Pump Station.
2. Today, the umbrella is being installed on Pump No. 1 at the North Pump Station. Illinois Electric is working on Pump No. 2.
3. A crew is cutting trees.
4. The slopemower is being used in the Cahokia area.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Trees are being cut and brush cleared, that are on the Corps of Engineers inspection report. We are also using the stump grinder.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. Yesterday, twenty (20) sewage treatment accounts were turned over to the Water Company for disconnect. Three (3) of the customers paid in full and eight (8) signed agreements.

## **MINUTES:**

The minutes for the December 8, 2010 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Penny 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, Penny, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

## **GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:**

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of December 2010  
were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of December 2010 as submitted and order them paid.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The Various Specific Claims for the month of December 2010 were submitted for review:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of December 2010 as submitted:

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of December 2010 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of December 2010 as submitted and order them paid.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of December 2010 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of December 2010 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of December 2010 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of December 2010 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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, Penny, Crockett and Laub.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**PAYROLLS:**

The Payrolls for the period of November 28, 2010 through December 10, 2010 and December 11, 2010 through December 25, 2010 were submitted for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Payrolls as submitted.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Neilson presented an Ordinance renewing and modifying Ordinance 719 granting the St. Louis Pipeline Corporation, an easement to operate and maintain an eight inch (8") welded steel pipeline across Project Number 1, of the Metro East Sanitary District. Number 2011-0-001 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Neilson, "St. Louis Pipeline has agreed to pay Twelve thousand, two hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12,212.50) in past due charges and an annual fee of One thousand, two hundred twenty-one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,221.25). This rate will be in effect for twenty-five (25) years."

Commissioner Penny, "What was the fee proposed in 1998?"

Attorney Neilson, "St. Louis Pipeline was disputing the total footage. We have agreed to split the difference in the footage. The fee in 1998 was approximately One thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500)."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Ordinance Number 2011-0-001 renewing and modifying Ordinance 719 granting the St. Louis Pipeline Corporation, an easement to operate and maintain an eight inch (8") welded steel pipeline across Project Number 1, of the Metro East Sanitary District.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy, "I just want to thank you for finally resolving this matter."

Attorney Neilson, "The District Clerk gave me fifty-three (53) expired Union Electric, Illinois Power and Ameren ordinances. A Representative from Ameren Illinois contacted the District Clerk about renewing these ordinances."

Commissioner Penny, "Will the rate be consistent with the rate charged to St. Louis Pipeline?"

Attorney Neilson, "I am trying to be consistent with prior Ameren ordinances. However, one of the expired Illinois Power ordinances had an annual fee of Eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000), at the current rate; the new fee will be over One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) annually."

"I am proposing an annual fee of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for that Illinois Power ordinance."

Attorney Filcoff, "A few months ago, the Clerk gave me twenty-one (21) expired AT&T ordinances. Also, I have been trying to collect from Sprint, they have not paid MESD for their easement in five (5) years."

"I am continuing to attend tax objection hearings."

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Executive Director Shipley, "I am going to look at a new head for the excavator; it will cut trees five inches (5") in diameter and up. The cost is around Twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000)."

Commissioner Laub, "Can it be purchased through the State of Illinois bid program?"

Executive Director Shipley, "I do not know, but I will certainly check. Also, I would like to send four (4) employees to a pump seminar being held by Illinois Electric on February 9, 2011. The cost is Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per person."

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett authorizing the Executive Director of the Metro East Sanitary District to select four (4) employees to attend the Illinois Electric Pump Seminar at a total cost of One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**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 Economy, Hanfelder, Penny, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

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Rosemarie Heath, District Clerk