

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY  
20, 2010 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 and Laub.  
Absent: Commissioner Crockett.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Crockett called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Randy Presswood and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. The Number 2 umbrella needs to be installed at the North Pump Station. However, the Mississippi River needs to go down before the umbrella can be installed.

The other two umbrellas had to be repaired.

The impeller on Pump Number 3 broke into pieces. The Corps of Engineers, Illinois Electric and Guarantee Electric have all been called to look at the impeller. The repairs could take up to twenty weeks and cost as much as Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Three large pumps and the small pump at the flap gate are all operational.

The grease has been changed, the greasers repaired and the 4' x 6' grates cleaned. The bent fins are being cut off the grates and new ones are being welded onto the grates.

North Pump Station was in operation 180 days last year. The power bills at North Pump Station alone totaled Two hundred four thousand dollars (\$204,000).

2. Horseshoe Lake is at 406 today. We are lowering the level, since it is raining.
3. The variable speed drives are being installed on two of the pumps at Madison Pump Station.
4. Slope mowers are by South Pump Station and Cahokia Pump Station.
5. The levee roads are being rocked. We have switched to a heavier rock.
6. The 350 slope mower should run everyday, as there are several flat areas within the District. Last year, there were several days that it should have been used and it was sitting idle. I do not want that to happen again this year.
7. The Madison County Employment and Training crew were laid off for a week. It was very cold one day and it was reported that several of the crew members were sleeping in the van out on the levee.

They are all back to work now and it has been agreed that on the extremely cold days they will not come into work. They are clearing drift from under the Martin Luther King Bridge.

8. Preconstruction meetings have been held for the triple box culvert, the emergency generators and the replacement of the 24" force main.
9. I attended the Flood Prevention District meeting this morning. It was mentioned that FEMA has delayed the new flood insurance maps, due to the large number of appeals filed.

FEMA does not have documentation to support their claim that the levee system cannot sustain a 100 year flood.

Les Sterman was at this office last week reviewing MESD records. Superintendent Greathouse assisted Mr. Sterman with the records. Mr. Sterman also plans on reviewing MESD financial records and audits.

10. The Corps of Engineers is recommending a berm at the toe of the levee under the New Mississippi River Bridge. The only maintenance MESD would have to perform is mowing the grass.

The Corps also discussed alternatives that will meet the 100 year and 500 year flood protection requirements.

Although, I understand there were no problems along the northern levee during the 1993 flood, the Corps is proposing six berms and three relief wells in that area.

11. I have a meeting scheduled with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) today to discuss the sewer line south of Exchange Avenue.

I also have a meeting scheduled with IDOT for January 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the triple box culvert and the water that IDOT is pumping into the Lansdowne system.

12. MESD employees painted the long reach and did a very good job.

13. The East St. Louis Housing Authority wants to obtain 9.9 acres of MESD property located along 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Schoenberger Creek.

I spoke with St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern and East St. Louis Mayor Parks, they both asked that MESD try to work with the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority has offered to obtain property in that area, then exchange the properties between MESD and the Housing Authority.

If an agreement is reached, I recommend including a clause that if the property is not developed within five years, the property reverts back to MESD.

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District Executive Director to negotiate with East St. Louis Housing Authority for the transfer of the property along 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Schoenberger Creek in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

Executive Director Shipley, "MESD previously purchased a tractor trailer truck, now a trailer needs to be purchased in order that MESD equipment can be moved from one site to another. Last year, we spent Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) moving equipment."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District Executive Director to negotiate the purchase of a trailer (low boy) not to exceed Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

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

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The grates, umbrellas and pumps are all being worked on at the North Pump Station.

The switch gears are being repaired at Madison Pump Station.

Cleaning and painting have been completed at South Pump Station and Cahokia Pump Station.

Cleaning and painting are being performed at Canal No. 1 today.

2. The dump truck is hauling rock for the levee roads. We are trying a new larger, cleaner rock on the roads.
3. The mechanic is working on the 350 slope mower.
4. The Mississippi River is at 9.3 today and going up. The East St. Louis Pump Station is scheduled for opening this Friday.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. We are pulling the pumps out at the North Pump Station. Once we have the pumps out, we will need to bid the repairs.
2. The link belt and 850 dozer are at Mullins Creek.
3. If the weather cooperates, we will start repairing the levee slide by the South Pump Station on Monday. We have two dump truck loads of lime ready for that site.
4. The wastewater samples are all up to date.
5. The Lansdowne crew is still cleaning and painting the pipes at Lansdowne and Bremen. This project will take a very long time, since the men only work on this when they have extra time.
6. The Lansdowne Number 3 pump is not working. The pump is full of a dry material. We do not know why, but we are cleaning it out.
7. We are still waiting for Juneau Associates to bid the repairs to the control gate structure.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. There are 14 people in the Madison County Employment and Training crew.
2. A crew is repairing the fence at the Madison Pump Station.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The water disconnect agreements brought in Three thousand, fifty eight dollars (\$3,058) last week.
2. I have not received any updates from Illinois American Water Company regarding the continuance of disconnects. I will send an e-mail to my contact at the Water Company and ask if any progress has been made.
3. Non-judgment and Green Flag Collection Agency accounts are being assigned new account numbers for easier tracking.
4. Documents are still being scanned into the computer system.
5. We received 1,500 tax deed objections from St. Clair County. We are going through to determine which are MESD accounts, then turning them over to Attorney Bradford.

**REPORT OF ENGINEER:** None.

**LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORTS:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment reports were presented for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

**GENERAL FUND CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS LIST:**

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

**LANSDOWNE CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS LIST:**

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:



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Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of December 27, 2009 through January 9, 2010 was submitted for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Filcoff reported:

1. I need to draw up an agreement for trucks using the levee roads during the construction of the New Mississippi River Bridge Crossing. I previously told the companies bidding on the IDOT contract that the fee is Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000).

2. I am renewing ordinances with Waste Management and Conoco. Then I am going to start renewing two to four ordinances at a time.

I spoke with Joe Durako at Waste Management and they want to renew the ordinance.

Commissioner Hanfelder asked, "Was a rate structure ever established?"

Attorney Filcoff, "I did prepare an ordinance establishing rates, but we have not sat down and reviewed the rates. I need to discuss the rates with the Executive Director, Clerk and Superintendent Greathouse and then finalize the ordinance."

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Attorney Filcoff, "The new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) law requires local governments to designate one or more individuals to serve as a "Freedom of Information Officer," who must complete an electronic training course from the Attorney General's Office concerning FOIA by July 1, 2010. The District Clerk, Rosemarie Heath, brought this to my attention."

Executive Director Shipley, "I recommend Attorney George Filcoff and Rosemarie Heath be named the Freedom of Information Officers."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to name Attorney George Filcoff and Rosemarie Heath as the Freedom of Information Officers for the Metro East Sanitary District.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

Attorney Filcoff, "There were also some changes made to the Open Meetings Act (OMA). Each municipality must designate employees, officers or members to receive training on compliance with OMA. The municipality must submit a list of those designated trainees to the Public Assess Counselor. Each person designated by the municipality must complete a training curriculum developed by the Attorney General's Office by July 1, 2010."

Executive Director Shipley, "Once again, I recommend Attorney George Filcoff and Rosemarie Heath be designated to receive training on compliance with OMA."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to designate Attorney George Filcoff and Rosemarie Heath to receive training on compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Director Shipley, "I would like to discuss a personnel problem in Executive Session."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:54 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 10:02 A.M. and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

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Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff and Superintendent John Maeras.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter in Executive Session, no action will be taken at this time."

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Penny and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

So adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

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Clerk