

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 17, 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, Crockett and Laub.  
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Todd Neilson, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Randy Presswood and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen. Bob Massa from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

**REPORT OF ENGINEER:**

Mr. Massa presented Change Order No. 1 for the Cahokia Canal Triple Box Culvert Cleaning project:

Mr. Massa, "The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) wants the contractor, Joiner-Myers Construction, to furnish a golf cart, generator, scaffolding, ladder and an air monitor. The contractor will also be responsible for storing the items and providing fuel. This was not in the original bid. The total cost is Seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$7,500)."

Commissioner Penny, "Will IDOT reimburse MESD for the additional expense?"

Mr. Massa, "Yes, MESD will be reimbursed. After researching the matter, I found that it would be less expensive to purchase the items. However, I do not think IDOT would approve the expenses if MESD purchased the equipment."

Attorney Filcoff, "I do not understand why MESD would pay more to rent the equipment, if purchasing is less expensive."

Mr. Massa, "It has been my experience that IDOT will reimburse for rental equipment, but not equipment that is being purchased. These items were not discussed during the pre-construction meeting or included in the original plans. IDOT wants to use the equipment for their inspection purposes."

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub to table Change Order No. 1 for the Cahokia Canal Triple Box Culvert Cleaning until the next regular meeting of the Metro East Sanitary.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Mr. Massa presented Change Order No. 1 for the Emergency Standby Generators at the Pump Stations:

Mr. Massa explained the change order:

The original plans for the generator at the Bremen Station showed the location of the generator behind the Bremen Station.

MESD does not own that property, so the generator must be installed on the side of the building. The change will cost an additional Twelve thousand, nine dollars (\$12,009).

The second change is necessary because there is a second power source that feeds into the Bremen Station. A manual transfer switch is recommended in this situation. The cost for the manual transfer switch is Four thousand, two hundred three dollars (\$4,203).

The third change request is for the addition of telephone dialers at the Bremen and Lansdowne Stations. In the event of a power failure the phone system will automatically dial MESD personnel. The price for the telephone dialer is Five thousand, nine hundred six dollars (\$5,906).

The total cost for all three changes is Twenty-two thousand, one hundred eighteen dollars (\$22,118).

Charlie Juneau believes the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will approve the financing of all three changes.

Executive Director Shipley, "I am concerned that the cost of the project has already increased by ten percent (10%). If IEPA does not approve these changes, the Lansdowne Department is not healthy enough to absorb the costs. The project has just started."

President Economy and Commissioner Penny felt the telephone dialer was very expensive.

Attorney Filcoff, "I think the Board needs time to review the changes."

Mr. Massa, "Item Number 2 is very important. A manual transfer switch must be installed to protect the generators and electrical system."

Superintendent Presswood, "Due to the two power sources, there cannot be an automatic switch over to the generators. This must be done manually."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve Item Number 2 for the change of the Venice 800 amp disconnect to a manual transfer at a cost of Four thousand, two hundred three dollars (\$4,203), which is listed on Change Order No. 1 for the Emergency Standby Generators at the Pump Stations.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

No action was taken on Item Numbers 1 and 3 listed on Change Order No. 1 for the Emergency Standby Generators at the Pump Stations.

Mr. Massa presented an Application for Permit or Construction Approval for the relocation of the existing 24" and 36" sewer lines that serve the Polarville property:

Mr. Massa, “The sewer lines need to be relocated due to the construction of I-70 and the New Mississippi River Bridge crossing. Approval is needed for the Metro East Sanitary District Executive Director to sign the application.”

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District Executive Director to sign the Application for Permit or Construction Approval for the relocation of the existing 24” and 36” sewer lines that serve the Polarville property.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Mr. Massa left the meeting at 9:21 A.M.

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. I attended the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District meeting this morning.

The Corps of Engineers released their cost estimate to bring the MESD levee system up to the 500 year (52 + 2) standard. The anticipated cost is One hundred fifty-nine million dollars (\$159,000,000).

The cost to meet the 100 year standard is One hundred thirty-one million dollars (\$131,000,000).

Twenty-three million dollars (\$23,000,000) of the cost is for the disposal of hazardous and toxic waste. There is no federal match for hazardous and toxic waste.

Included in the total cost are: the closure of three hundred eighty-six (386) relief wells; four hundred twenty (420) new relief wells; twenty thousand feet (20,000') of cut-off walls and two thousand, one hundred feet (2,100') of seepage berms. Seepage berms cost less than relief wells and there are no operation or maintenance costs.

The Corps has also included operation and maintenance costs for the next ten (10) years on the relief wells into the total cost estimate.

Yesterday, I met with the Corps and received all of this information. I will have copies made for all of the Commissioners.

2. One of the questions brought up at the Southwestern Illinois Flood Protection District meeting, was why FEMA is requiring a higher standard of protection from the Metro East area than any other area in the United States. The Southwestern Illinois Flood Protection District has attorneys researching the matter.
3. As of Sunday, all of the pump stations were closed.
4. Plans are to close the gates at Horseshoe Lake, so the triple box culvert can dry out. Then the contractor can begin work on the project.
5. As soon as the Mississippi River is six feet or less, the umbrella will be installed at the North Pump Station. There are still several projects remaining at the North Pump Station, but the River needs to be six feet or less to complete the work.
6. The actuator at the South Pump Station still needs to be calibrated.
7. The direct drives for the soft start motors on Pump Numbers 2 and 3 have been installed at the Madison Pump Station.
8. Labor crews are continuing to cut down trees.
9. The levee roads are being rocked.
10. Levee slides are being repaired.
11. The Corps of Engineers is setting up a Value Engineering Team and has asked for a MESD representative. I have asked Superintendent Greathouse to join the team.

They will attend a one week seminar in St. Louis. I understand some of the top engineers from the Corps will be on the team.

12. I was notified that another periodic inspection will be conducted this year. I never received a report from the last periodic inspection.

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:**

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. Providing the weather and the river cooperate, the umbrella should be installed at the North Pump Station this week.
2. The pump stations are all being painted. East St. Louis Pump Station is scheduled to be painted next.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The levee roads are being rocked and graded.
2. An operator is using the 320D at the North Pump Station to pull out the grates. The bars on the grates are straightened or replaced and then the grates are put back into place.
3. Levee slides are being repaired, but we have had to stop the project due to weather.
4. 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.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. The Madison County Employment and Training crew is still cutting down trees on the levees.
2. The final tractor is in the process of being winterized, and then all of the equipment will have been winterized.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

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1. A meeting has been scheduled with Illinois American Water Company for March 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the new water disconnect procedures. I am still hopeful that shut offs will begin in March.
2. A Lansdowne attorney meeting is scheduled for today at 10:30 AM. I have several questions regarding bankruptcies, tax sales and foreclosures.

**LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORTS:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment reports were presented for approval:



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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS LIST:**

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of January 24, 2010 through February 6, 2010 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Penny; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Payroll 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 Filcoff, "I have a personnel issue that should be addressed during executive session."

Attorney Neilson did not have a report at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Economy, "I had some sample light bulbs installed in this office. The bulbs give off twice the light and last for five years. The new bulbs qualify for a grant, due to the energy savings. I am waiting on a price quote, to see how much it will cost to transfer the entire office building over to the new light bulbs."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

President Economy, "Attorney Filcoff would like to address a personnel issue during Executive Session."

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:42 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 9:50 A.M. 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 at this time were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff and Attorney Todd Neilson.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter in Executive Session, I think Attorney Filcoff should try to settle the grievance."

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing Attorney Filcoff to work with Teamsters Local 50 to settle the grievance.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Penny 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 9:51 A.M.

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Clerk