

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.
Absent: None.

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

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The office staff is sending twenty (20) water disconnect letters weekly. All but four or five customers pay the past due balance or sign agreements to pay the balance in full.

The four or five customers that do not pay or sign an agreement to pay are having their water shut off by Illinois American Water Company.

2. Everything is running smoothly, we are not experiencing any problems.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 4, 2015 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Present: Commissioner Economy.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of January 18, 2015 through January 31, 2015 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Calvo, "Ameren Illinois Company signed and returned Ordinance No. 2015-0-001. I am giving the District Clerk the signed original.

I sent the rate Ordinance to Matha Parks at Ameren Illinois. Ameren Illinois has several expired Ordinances and Ms. Parks wants to renew the expired Ordinances.

I have requested the lineal feet for each Ordinance to compute the annual fee for each five year period.

Ordinance No. 2015-0-001 will be the model for all future Ordinances with Ameren Illinois."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution for participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program was presented. Number 2015-R-002 was assigned to the document.

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt
Resolution Number 2015-R-002.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

An Agreement granting Slay Industries the privilege to construct, maintain and
use a roadway upon an easement of the Metro East Sanitary District was presented.

Mr. Greathouse, "Attorney Filcoff asked that no action be taken at this time. The Attorney representing Slay Industries wants several changes made to the Agreement."

Executive Director Shipley, "The City of East St. Louis has a 10 ½ foot pipe that runs under the proposed road."

Mr. Greathouse, "I just left the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District meeting, where they stressed that no new development should be allowed on the levees without the approval of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and a 408 permit. Our job is to protect the area and the businesses and citizens within it."

Commissioner McCall, "Where is the road located?"

Mr. Greathouse, "The road will start at the old treatment plant off Route 3 by McArthur Bridge, run parallel to the Bridge and then along the toe of the levee to Monsanto Avenue.

The road will cross a 12 ½ foot storm water pipe owned by the District and a 10 ½ foot pipe owned by the City of East St. Louis. The 10 ½ foot pipe caused a sink hole in the levee, which we had Hank's Excavating televise."

Executive Director Shipley, "The joints in the 10 ½ foot pipe are leaking."

Mr. Greathouse, "We met with East St. Louis City Officials, but nothing was done about the sink hole. MESD staff contacted the Corps of Engineers then filled the hole. We also marked where the sink hole was to enable future monitoring."

Commissioner Crockett, "The proposed road has the potential of being very dangerous to the levee system. Is there an alternate route available?"

Mr. Greathouse, "Attorney Filcoff is trying to protect the District and the public with this agreement. The agreement states that the road cannot be too high and cars are not allowed to park off the road. However, Mr. Slay wants more than just the road.

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He also wants to fill an area where the District has a flowage easement. He started filling the area but we stopped him.”

Commissioner Crockett, “Is the road for the East St. Louis Port District?”

Mr. Greathouse, “Yes, the City of East St. Louis wants to start working on the road by June 2015.”

An Ordinance renewing Ordinance No. 89-0-005 granting Ameritech, successor in interest to Illinois Bell Telephone Company, to construct, operate and maintain an underground communications system under the right of way lands of the Metro East Sanitary District was presented.

President Economy, “Attorney Filcoff asked that no action be taken at this time, as he is still working with Ameritech.”

Clean Uniform Company presented a price proposal for uniform rentals:

President Economy, "Ms. Heath would you please explain the proposal?"

Ms. Heath, "Currently, uniforms are provided to all employees with the exception of the office staff. Employees are issued eleven shirts and eleven pants. Out of the forty employees using the uniform service only fourteen are having their uniforms laundered by Clean.

Clean is proposing that only the employees using the laundry service receive eleven shirts and eleven pants. The employees doing their own laundry will only receive five shirts and five pants.

Also, Clean is going to roll back the price to the price charged two years ago. This should save the District approximately One hundred dollars (\$100.00) per week. The majority of the employees have been very happy with the uniforms and the service. The only problem has been the price increases."

Commissioner Laub, "I thought when we originally negotiated with Clean Uniform the price was a guaranteed rate."

Ms. Heath, "No, the contract allowed for yearly increases. Attorney Filcoff read the contract and agreed that annual increases were included in the contract."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to renew the contract with Clean Uniform Company.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:28 A.M.

Clerk