

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013 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.

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

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to acknowledge that a report was not given at this time.

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

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. Four (4) 2013 Ford F150 Super Cab trucks are being ordered today through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Agreement.
2. I met with representatives from America's Central Port to discuss the options of an alternate power source while the electricity is turned off.

America's Central Port decided against paying for a secondary electrical system while the power is shut off. I agreed, since the river is at 2.3 and falling.

3. Attorney Calvo, Attorney Filcoff and I met with attorneys representing Centerpoint Energy to discuss the renewal of an Ordinance. Centerpoint requested a lower rate.

Attorney Calvo explained that the rate is set by our Ordinance and will not be lowered.

4. We are continuing to cut trees in the Hartford area. The Corps of Engineers mentioned the trees in their inspection report.
5. Rock is still being hauled to the North Pump Station. The painting has been completed at the Pump Station.
6. The heating and air conditioning have been installed at the Missouri Avenue property in Granite City.
7. Levee roads are being rocked and graded.
8. Trees are also being cut down along Blue Waters Ditch and the riverfront.
9. Pedrotti was called to assist with the lifts station at 48th and Hallows in Washington Park. They were able to make the necessary repairs.
10. The brush hogs have been painted.
11. Additional rock is needed under the railroad bridge at Hartford Canal.
12. A mechanic was hired to replace the mechanic retiring in Washington Park. If he can perform the job, after thirty (30) days, he will become full time and join the union.
13. The remodeling at this office should be completed by the end of this week.

14. The mechanics have repaired the slope mower in Washington Park.
15. A meeting is scheduled for later today to discuss the MoPac gates. We are meeting with engineers from Hurst Rosche.
16. The 850 is being used to smooth out the road behind North Pump Station.
17. I asked Superintendent Fancher to keep the slope mower running every day.
18. Two employees are continuing to work on the manual describing the wastewater sampling test sites and how to perform the tests.
19. The area at the northeastern corner of Blue Water needs to be graded.
20. Ameren capped all of the holes at the closure structure.
21. Mr. Lombardi suggested moving the Lansdowne Billing Department to his building on Madison Avenue in Granite City. The current office is full and does not have room for additional files.

I do not recommend moving the office. I prefer to have the garage and office under one roof.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. As the Executive Director mentioned, we are continuing to meet to discuss repairs to the MoPac Gates.
2. The cable by the Casino Queen has been replaced.
3. Crews are continuing to cut down trees and clear debris.
4. One laborer is practicing in the Madison County dump truck for his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) test.
5. The mechanic is staying busy.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The asphalt has been cut out at Bellemore Village parking lot in Granite City where repairs were made to the Twin 60" Storm Water Lines. As soon as the weather warms up, we will pour the concrete.
2. We have stopped dredging Harding Ditch, as we have several other projects at this time.
3. The vacuum truck was returned to the City of Granite City. We will need to borrow it again to finish cleaning the Twin 60" Storm Water Lines.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. A crew has been busy remodeling this office. The work should be completed by the end of this week.
2. The boom on the slope mower is being changed.
3. Trees are being cut down along Hartford Canal.
4. One dump truck is being used to haul rock and the other is in the garage being repaired.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. America's Central Port (previously known as Tri City Regional Port District) asked that the electric be disconnected to the metering station. We informed the City of Granite City that the metering station was without power yesterday for an hour.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. Reminders were sent for all closed accounts.
2. I contacted Madison County and was told there is no charge to dispose of old computers at Total Metal Recycling.
3. The office staff is completing the "Substitution of Counsel" forms, which enable us to transfer legal accounts to Attorney Glenn Bradford.
4. We received eight Notices to Remediate: two from the City of Madison and six from St. Clair County. I gave all of the Notices to Attorney Filcoff. The City and County want MESD to release the liens or accept the property.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 6, 2013 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub 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:

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

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

Present: Commissioner Economy.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSLOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of January 20, 2013 through February 2, 2013 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "I am preparing two Ordinances that will give the District the authority to collect fees paid to the Water Company for disconnecting customers with past due sewage treatment bills."

Attorney Calvo, "I received a letter from Centerpoint Energy offering a one-time fee of Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to renew the expired Ordinance. I made it clear, that the District is going to remain consistent with pipeline fees."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Executive Director Shipley, "The District has two employees that have been on workers compensation for a lengthy period of time. I would like for the attorneys to look into this matter."

Attorney Calvo, "I will contact the workers compensation insurance carrier and ask for an update on the claims."

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented and read aloud an Ordinance of the Metro East Sanitary District, authorizing the sale of certain real estate owned by the Metro East Sanitary District. Number 2013-0-001 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall to adopt Ordinance Number 2013-0-001.

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 Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett 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 9:21 A.M.

Clerk