

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013 AT 1800 EDISON
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:01
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, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Rick Fancher and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2013, beginning on the first day of January 2013 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2013 was presented for adoption. Ordinance Number 2013-0-002 was assigned to this document.

March 6, 2013

Page 2

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Ordinance Number 2013-0-002 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation for the year 2013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated March 1, 2013, which provides an update on current projects:

Mr. Juneau, "The Engineer's Report provided in your meeting packets provides a brief description of current projects we are working on with the Metro East Sanitary District."

Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:06 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. Superintendent Presswood is pricing used long reach excavators.
2. Walter Greathouse, John Maeras and I met with Engineers from Hurst Rosche Engineering to discuss the Blue Waters Ditch Pump Station and MoPac Gates.

We have asked Hurst Rosche to monitor the repairs of the Pump Station and Gates.
3. The slope mower is being moved to Lansdowne Ditch behind Gateway International Raceway.
4. Superintendent Presswood and his crew are working on the new office building at Missouri Avenue in Granite City.
5. MESD employee Joe Wallace passed away last Friday evening.
6. A crew is cleaning up debris along Harding Ditch.
7. Trees are still being cut down around the relief wells.
8. A few employees are practicing to take their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) test.
9. The flap gate by Continental Grain is being repaired.
10. The Mississippi River is at 5.2 today and predicted to drop by Monday.
11. The new mechanic in Washington Park started on February 25, 2013.
12. Walter Greathouse attended the yearly Corps of Engineers meeting to discuss the river stage and weather conditions for the upcoming year.

13. A grievance was filed against Superintendent Presswood. We will meet with the employee and Superintendent Presswood to discuss if the matter can be resolved without going onto the next step.
14. The Madison County slope mower has been repaired.
15. Two used pick-up trucks have been purchased.

President Economy, "Ritchie Brothers is having an auction. Do you plan on attending the auction and looking for a long reach excavator there?"

Superintendent Presswood, "We have attended previous auctions and the items go for extremely high amounts. Plus, they do not offer a warranty on equipment purchased."

Executive Director Shipley, "I recommend advertising for bids for the purchase of a used long reach excavator."

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to advertise for the purchase of a used long reach excavator.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Executive Director Shipley, "Superintendent Maeras and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen are both off work due to an illness."

Treasurer Ken Davis, "I reviewed and signed the MESD Financial Report for February 2013. It has been included in your meeting packet."

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The cabinets have been installed and we are grouting the floor at the new office on Missouri Avenue in Granite City.

We still need a stove and refrigerator for the kitchen.

2. We are continuing to take the monthly wastewater samples.
3. As soon as the weather warms up, we will resume work on the Twin 60" storm water lines.
4. Lansdowne Pump No. 3 has been packed. Because the pump was leaking the building needs to be painted. Also, I am looking into new lighting.
5. Granite City is continuing to haul dirt and debris from their leaf dump to the North Pump Station. The dirt and debris were needed, as we are filling a large hole behind the North Pump Station.
6. One member of my crew is studying to take his CDL test.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Four (4) new trucks have been ordered through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing agreement.

We still need a fuel truck in Madison County. Superintendent Presswood and I have discussed trading trucks. He has a flatbed truck that can be used as a fuel truck.

However, his Department may need to borrow the flatbed at times, which should not be a problem.

2. A St. Clair County Pump Operator was involved in a car accident. Another car sideswiped him. The Pump Operator was not injured and there was minimal damage to the District truck.

The other driver did not have a valid driver's license or insurance.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. As the Executive Director mentioned, I attended a meeting held by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers last Wednesday.

The Corps does not expect a high river this year.

2. The Operation and Maintenance Manuals were discussed during our monthly meeting with the Corps of Engineers.

We are trying to make the manuals as easy as possible to follow.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 20, 2013 meeting were presented for approval.

Commissioner Hanfelder, “The minutes need to be corrected, on Page 1 Commissioner Costello was named as making the second on the Engineering Report. I believe Commissioner Crockett seconded the motion.”

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to dispense with the reading of the minutes, approve them as submitted with the following correction on Page 1 “ Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to acknowledge that a report was not given at this time.” 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 for the month of February 2013 were submitted for approval:

March 6, 2013

Page 7

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2013 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.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of February 2013 were submitted for review:

March 6, 2013

Page 8

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of February 2013 as submitted:

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 for the month of February 2013 were submitted for approval:

March 6, 2013

Page 9

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2013 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of February 2013 were submitted for approval:

March 6, 2013

Page 10

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of February 2013 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of February 2013 was submitted for approval:

March 6, 2013

Page 11

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of February 2013 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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:

March 6, 2013

Page 12

Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 3, 2013 through February 16, 2013 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall 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, “Attorney Calvo and I are working to renew Ordinances with Centerpoint Energy and Shell Pipeline. Shell Pipeline offered Six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) per linear foot. If the offer is accepted, I will need to amend the rate Ordinance.”

Executive Director Shipley, “Attorney Calvo is also making inquiries about some workers’ compensation claims.”

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

March 6, 2013

Page 14

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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 9:22 A.M.

Clerk