

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012 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 and Laub.  
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Todd Neilson, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Charlie Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance. Representing Aramark Uniforms were Mark Boehmer and his associate.

President Economy explained that Executive Director Shipley is still recovering in the hospital.

**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 2012, beginning on the first day of January 2012 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2012 was presented for adoption. Ordinance Number 2012-0-004 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt Ordinance Number 2012-0-004 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation for the year 2012.

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

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

#### **UNIFORM BIDS:**

President Economy asked to discuss the uniform bids at this time, since representatives from Aramark are in attendance.

Commissioner Laub, "The committee met this morning and discussed the three bids received on February 22, 2012. We have received some complaints about the Aramark delivery driver losing uniforms and the District being charged."

Mr. Boehmer, "This is the first time I have heard any complaints about Aramark losing MESD uniforms."

Commissioner Laub, "Is the Aramark bid a three year contract?"

Mr. Boehmer, "Yes, a three year contract is standard with new garments."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Does the Easy Care Insurance cover lost and ruined garments?"

Mr. Boehmer, "No, it only covers damaged items."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "After comparing the bids with insurance, I believe Clean Uniform submitted the lowest bid."

Commissioner Laub, "The recommendation of the committee is to accept the low bid from Clean Uniform."

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to award the bid for the rental of uniforms to Clean Uniform.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Mark Boehmer and his associate left the meeting at 9:17 A.M.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated March 2, 2012, which provided an update on current projects:

Mr. Juneau, "In addition to the items listed in the report, we have met to discuss the Chain of Rocks Canal and how it operates and ties together with the Corps of Engineers, America's Central Port (Tri-City Regional Port District) and the Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice Drainage District."

"Also, the Corps revealed during our meeting that although they obtained Federal Funds for the Local Share Agreement, the work must be included in the overall Flood Prevention District project."

"Therefore, although the local share is One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), it must be included in the entire project which has an estimated cost of One hundred twenty-one million dollars (\$121,000,000) to One hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000)."

"The small MESD project has now become a part of the larger project, which the Corps of Engineers wants upgraded to the 500 year flood level."

"As you are all aware, the Flood Prevention District is working to upgrade the system to a 100 year flood elevation, to eliminate the need for flood insurance."

"The local share of the entire project is thirty-five percent (35%) or approximately Forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000). The Corps wants MESD to sign documents stating they have the funds necessary to complete the project."

Superintendent Greathouse, "The original rehabilitation work began in the 1990's. There is still Thirty-eight million dollars (\$38,000,000) worth of work to be completed. MESD has had their share of the funding, but the Corps has not been able to secure their share."

Mr. Juneau, "The Colonel said that Congress will probably not appropriate all of the funding until the year 2044."

Superintendent Greathouse, "AMEC is working through the Flood Prevention District to upgrade the levee system to the 100 year flood level. AMEC has agreed to

certify the levee system if the work they are proposing is completed. The Corps of Engineers will only certify the levee system if it meets the 500 year criteria.”

Mr. Juneau, “The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will accept the 100 year certification.”

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** None.

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

Treasurer Ken Davis, “I reviewed the MESD Financial Report for February 2012.”

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The pump stations have not been in operation this year. Currently, we are cleaning and painting the stations.
2. Guarantee Electric is inspecting the Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice Drainage District Pump Station.
3. Trees and stumps are being removed along Blue Waters Ditch.
4. Debris is being gathered and burned along Prairie DuPont and Canal Number 1.
5. Yesterday, we attended confined space training.
6. The slopemower is at Goose Lake Ditch.
7. One employee is taking his CDL test today.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. We are completing the work at the North Pump Station, and will start laying the seed and straw on the levee next.
2. The fuel pump on the 450 went out; it is at Jerry Clark being repaired.

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3. Crews are continuing to clean up the Missouri Avenue property.
4. Erb Equipment Company is installing the new mower head on the 320D.
5. A new shaft is being made for the check valve on Pump Number 2 at the Bremen Station.
6. The wastewater sample taken from Bailey International last week, tested very high in BOD's and Total Suspended Solids. The wastewater sample was full of oil.

President Economy, "I asked the Superintendents to take another sample and provide a written report with pictures. Rosemarie Heath then contacted Charlie Juneau and requested his assistance."

President Economy presented the report on Bailey International:

Mr. Juneau, “The tests came back so high, that I recommend taking wastewater samples every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the matter is resolved.”

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Yesterday, nineteen employees participated in the confined space training. We had six hours in the classroom and one and a half hours in the mobile unit. STTS provided the training.
2. Yellow tubing is being placed on all of the levee cables.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Illinois American Water Company repaired the water line break on Monsanto Avenue. They performed the work according to the specifications set by the Corps of Engineers.
2. The Lansdowne Billing Department was contacted by a customer in Washington Park that stated he was not on the sewer line. I am researching the matter.
3. Earlier this year, Bunge North America signed an agreement with the District leasing a piece of property for twenty-five (25) years. They would like to extend the terms of the lease to fifty (50) years. Their agreement with Terminal Railroad is for fifty (50) years.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. This week, Illinois American Water Company shut off two customers for past due sewage treatment bills.
2. The residential and commercial bills were mailed March 1, 2012.
3. Attorney Filcoff is contacting Gateway Cold Storage regarding a past due sewage treatment bill.
4. A customer in Washington Park was sent a water disconnect notice. The customer called and said his home is not attached to the sewer line. He has a septic tank.

The Public Works Director called and confirmed that the house is not connected to the sewer line.

However, there are several ordinances and laws mandating that all homes and businesses be connected to the sewer line.

I have provided Attorney Filcoff with all of the information.

President Economy, "Yesterday, I received a telephone call from KMOV. I explained that we are investigating the matter."

Commissioner Crockett, "I wonder how many homes never connected to the sewer line."

Ms. Worthen, "In 1964, MESD entered into an agreement with the Village of Washington Park that all residences and businesses must attach to the sewer line."

Mr. Juneau, "There are City, County and State laws that require homes and businesses to attach to the sewer lines."

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the February 8, 2012, February 22, 2012 and February 27, 2012 meetings were presented for approval.

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

**GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:**

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2012 were submitted for approval:



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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2012 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The Various Specific Claims for the month of February 2012 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of February 2012 as submitted:

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2012 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2012 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of February 2012 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of February 2012 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of February 2012 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of February 2012 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**LANSDOWNE REPORT:**

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of February 5, 2012 through February 18, 2012 was submitted for approval.

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

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

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

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Filcoff, “October 19, 2011 the MESD Board adopted an Ordinance authorizing the Village of South Roxana to install a twelve inch (12”) water line over the MESD levee near Route 111 in Madison County for a distance of 683 feet. No fees apply, until after September 30, 2014 then regular rates apply.”

“I have sent several letters requesting the Village to sign the Ordinance and return to MESD. I have not heard anything, until yesterday when Joe Parente from Madison County contacted me.”

“Apparently, Senator Haine contacted Mr. Parente since he was responsible for obtaining the financing for the new water line. The Village does not want to pay MESD for the privilege of crossing MESD property.”

“I should have more information at the next meeting.”

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to intervene in the Tax Appeal of Gateway Distribution Center I Asset #229 before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2012-R-005 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Resolution Number 2012-R-005.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to intervene in the Tax Appeal of Gateway Distribution Center II Asset #256 before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2012-R-006 was assigned to this document.



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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt  
Resolution Number 2012-R-006.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary  
District to intervene in the Tax Appeal of Gateway Distribution Center II Asset #268  
before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2012-R-007 was  
assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Resolution Number 2012-R-007.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Attorney Neilson, "I would like to discuss the union contract negotiations during Executive Session and then return to this matter."

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

President Economy, "I recommend the Board enter into Executive Session at this time to discuss the union contract negotiations."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to enter into Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations.

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

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:10 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 10:21 A.M. and the Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.  
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Attorney George Filcoff and Attorney Todd Neilson.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter in Executive Session, I recommend Attorney Neilson continue negotiating with the unions on behalf of the District."

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing Attorney Todd Neilson to continue negotiations between the Metro East Sanitary District and Teamsters Local 50, Teamsters Local 525 and Operating Engineers Local 148.

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

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

So adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

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Clerk