

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014 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: Commissioner McCall.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent John Maeras 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 2014, beginning on the first day of January 2014 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2014 was presented for adoption. Ordinance Number 2014-0-002 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt Ordinance Number 2014-0-002 concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation for the year 2014.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau reported, "As soon as the weather allows, the old culverts will be removed and the new culverts installed under the railroad east of Illinois Route 162."

Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:02 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. MESD employees built a roll gate and installed it at the Missouri Avenue property in Granite City.
2. A crane hoist was ordered for the tall building at Missouri Avenue.
3. Fencing is needed at the Lansdowne Facility. Previously, there was a lagoon on that side of the property, but due to highway construction, a fence is now needed.
4. The 324 Excavator was used to widen the ditch behind Gateway International Raceway. The Excavator is being moved to Harding Ditch.
5. Pipes have been moved from the Madison Pump Station to Missouri Avenue. There is plenty of room to store the pipes.
6. The air conditioner still needs to be repaired at the Bremen Station. We need to contact Beelman.
7. The District needs a new 850 Dozer. The 850 John Deere Dozer we have was purchased in 1986 and needs extensive work. I recommend advertising for bids for the sale of the 1986 Dozer, with a minimum bid of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to advertise for bids for the sale of the 1986 John Deere 850B Crawler Dozer, with a minimum bid requirement of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

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

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

Treasurer Ken Davis did not have a report at this time.

Director of Operations Greathouse reported:

1. Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District's bid package 4 included pumps. After reviewing the documents, MESD felt it would be in our best interest to have the same brand of pumps throughout the District.

The cost is an additional Two thousand dollars, which will be the responsibility of the District.

Also, Bid Package 3 included bolt down casting and lids on manhole structures. MESD requested lock down lids. If they are not locking, they will be stolen. The cost is an additional Nineteen thousand, six hundred ninety-eight dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$19,698.78).

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the additional costs with the Southwestern Illinois Prevention District in order to upgrade the pumps and have lock down lids on the manhole structures.

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

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

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Mr. Greathouse, at the last meeting you reported that you were planning to attend a meeting with the National Weather Service. What did you learn?"

Mr. Greathouse, "It is very dry up north; the National Weather Service is anticipating that the water will seep into the ground. Unless, there is an abnormal amount of rain, the Mississippi River should not be high this year."

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. Work on the North Pump Station discharge pipes stopped when the river went up.
2. We plan to open East St. Louis Pump Station tomorrow, and then according to the forecast should be out of the Station next Monday.
3. Crews are cutting trees at Mudd Duck and Blue Water Ditch.
4. The mechanics have all of the tractors ready to mow. We should start mowing in about two weeks.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. We had a very disgruntled sewage treatment customer. He called the District Clerk and said he would be at the meeting today.

The customer was sent a water disconnect letter, then he came into the office, made a payment and signed an agreement to pay monthly.

He missed his payment and was turned over to the Water Company.

He called the office and stated he was going to make a payment on-line, but the Water Company was either at his house or on their way. We cannot stop the water disconnect, once it is scheduled by the Water Company.

The customer does not want to pay the disconnect fee.

President Economy, "Illinois-American Water Company will charge MESD for the disconnect, so the customer must pay the fee."

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 5, 2014 meeting were presented for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner McCall.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 16, 2014 through March 1, 2014 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; 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: Commissioner McCall.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, “Attorney Calvo and I are working to renew the expired Ameren Ordinances.”

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented an Addendum to the Metro East Sanitary District smoking policy:

Attorney Filcoff, "The Addendum states that smoking an electronic cigarette qualifies as a prohibited item. I read a study that states electronic cigarettes are also responsible for secondary smoke."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the Addendum to the Metro East Sanitary District Smoking Policy.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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 and Laub.
Nays: None.
Absent: Commissioner McCall.

So adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Clerk