

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 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 and Laub.
Absent: None.

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

Charlie Juneau, representing Juneau Associates, Inc. was also in attendance.

President Economy explained that Executive Director Shipley is still recovering in the hospital and Attorney George Filcoff is representing MESD at the Board of Review hearings today.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau reported:

1. The bar screen has been installed at the Bremen Station. The bar screen worked when it was installed and later started tripping out. We are calling the sales representative and asking him to send a maintenance person to determine the problem. Superintendent Presswood is aware of the problem and working to resolve the issue.

2. I have forwarded the information to Superintendent Greathouse regarding ownership of the two ends of the triple box culvert. The District has the right to build a platform at the north end of the triple box. Executive Director Shipley wanted a screen placed at the end of the triple box culvert to catch debris and keep drift away from the North Pump Station. We will begin drawing up the preliminary plans.
3. There are still seven businesses in National City that are on the combined sewer line. We need to meet with Fairmont City to discuss an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) grant or loan.

MESD is paying for the stormwater going into the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant.

4. The Pre-application for Loan Assistance for Wastewater Facilities has been submitted to IEPA before the March 31st deadline. The project consists of the replacement or lining of the 24" force main from the Village of Caseyville to the Lansdowne Facility. The estimated cost is Nine million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$9,200,000).

The line is over sixty (60) years old and is in terrible condition. The District is continually repairing or replacing sections of the line.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: None.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. I received a letter from the United States Government regarding the rules and regulations that apply to bald eagles. As soon as we were notified of the eagle's nest, we immediately stopped work. I think the issue has been resolved.
2. Attorney Filcoff and I are working with Illinois American Water Company on three different ordinances
3. Ameren is having the old union electric building next to McKinley Bridge torn down. Eventually, the basement area will be filled with sand, and then covered with top soil.

4. The City of Centreville and the Village of Alorton both made payments towards the Blue Waters Ditch project.
5. Wastewater samples are being taken from Bailey International every Monday, Wednesday and Friday per the recommendation of Charlie Juneau. This will continue until the tests come back normal.
6. Ms. Worthen has all of the Ordinances between MESD and the various Cities requiring all residences and businesses to connect to the sewer lines.

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The East St. Louis Pump Station was opened and manned on Sunday, March 18, 2012. The Station is now closed, but according to the forecast will be re-opened this Saturday.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The Link Belt and 320D are being used at the discharge ditch at the Madison Pump Station to spread out the mud and dirt.
2. Iron has been ordered to repair the bottom of the Link Belt bucket.
3. The 850 and 320D are knocking down trees at North Pump Station.
4. MESD employees are repairing the 450. The bolts broke off the C frame.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. The mowers are at Hartford and Cahokia Creek today.
2. The white dump truck is being moved to Washington Park.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. Several customers have broken their agreements to pay after their water was shut off. They are being turned over for disconnect again, preventing us from turning over new customers.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

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Motion Commissioner Laub; 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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 and Laub.

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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of February 19, 2012 through March 3, 2012 was submitted for approval.

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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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Neilson presented a letter dated March 1, 2012 from Attorney George Filcoff regarding the Madison County Board of Review – Final Decisions:

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Attorney Neilson, "I will present the Agreement between the Metro East Sanitary District and the various unions under new business."

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Madison County Government Emergency Management Agency regarding a Madison County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team was presented:

Superintendent Greathouse, "I will be happy to represent the District on the Madison County Hazard Mitigation Planning Team."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Economy, "Executive Director Shipley is still recovering at the hospital. Until his return, we need a full time employee to act as Executive Director. I recommend Superintendent Walter Greathouse."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to temporarily appoint Walter Greathouse as Assistant to the Executive Director and to oversee the day to day operations of the Metro East Sanitary District.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Neilson presented the Agreement between Metro East Sanitary District and Teamsters Local Union No. 50:

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Attorney Neilson, "Members of Teamsters Local 50 voted to accept the agreement. I recommend the approval of this agreement."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Agreement between Metro East Sanitary District and Teamsters Local Union No. 50.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Neilson presented the Articles of Agreement by and between Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers Local Union No. 525 and Metro East Sanitary District:

Attorney Neilson, "Members of Teamsters Local 525 voted to accept the agreement. I also recommend the approval of this agreement."

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Articles of Agreement by and between Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers Local Union No. 525 and Metro East Sanitary District

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

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

Attorney Nielson, "Yesterday, Operating Engineers Local 148 voted against the new agreement. I would like to discuss the negotiations during Executive Session."

Commissioner Laub, "I understand MESD recently contracted with a new cellular phone company. I have had several complaints about the service. While I was talking to Superintendent Fancher, we lost our connection five times."

President Economy, "We are trying to resolve all of the problems."

Commissioner Laub, "I do not understand how we changed providers without the authority of the Board."

President Economy, "I signed the contract, as I was promised the District would save several hundred dollars monthly."

Commissioner Laub, "If the service does not improve, can we cancel the contract?"

President Economy, "If the service does not improve and the cost does not go down, we will have to cancel the contract."

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Attorney Neilson, "I would like to discuss contract negotiations during Executive Session."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder 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 9:40 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 10:11 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 Acting Executive Director Walter Greathouse and Attorney Todd Neilson.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter in Executive Session, I recommend Attorney Neilson, Acting Executive Director Walter Greathouse and Commissioner Laub meet with representatives from Operating Engineers Local 148."

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There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded
Commissioner Hanfelder 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 10:14 A.M.

Clerk