

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015 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, Laub, McCall and Darwin.
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Director of Operations & Maintenance Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Ken Davis.

President Economy introduced Victor Darwin and welcomed him to the Board.

ENGINEERING REPORT: None.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

Commissioner Laub asked, “What is the current river stage?”

Superintendent Maeras, “The Mississippi River is currently at nine feet. The first pump station is opened at eleven feet.”

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. The residential bills were mailed April 1st.
2. The City of Madison plans to demolish seven properties. The City has asked MESD to release the sewage treatment liens against the properties. I gave the information to Attorney Filcoff.
3. The District is continuing to receive payments for past due sewage treatment bills from the State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program.
4. The office is receiving numerous calls about sewage backup problems in the Village of Washington Park. Employees at the Village are telling people that the sewage backup is a result of problems within the MESD lines.

I contact Superintendent Maeras about every complaint and he has someone verify that MESD is not responsible for the sewage backup.

Should we send a letter that MESD is responsible for sewage treatment and that the Village is responsible for the sewer lines?

Attorney Filcoff, “I think we should notify the Village of Washington Park that MESD is not responsible for the sewer lines.”

Superintendent Maeras, “MESD is responsible for four lift stations in Washington Park. The lift stations are all monitored, and I receive alerts on my phone anytime there are problems at the lift stations.”

Treasurer Davis, “MESD owns the main trunk line, but not the laterals.”

Attorney Filcoff, “I will send a letter to the Village of Washington Park.”

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 18, 2015 meeting were presented for approval:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2015 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2015 as submitted and order them paid.

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

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

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of March 2015 were submitted for review:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall to accept the
Various Specific Claims for the month of March 2015 as submitted:

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

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

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2015 were
submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2015 as submitted and order them paid.

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2015 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2015 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of March 2015 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of March 2015 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

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

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were submitted for approval:

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, Laub, McCall and Darwin.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

PAYROLLS:

The Payrolls for the periods of March 1, 2015 through March 14, 2015 and March 15, 2015 through March 28, 2015 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Payrolls as submitted.

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "I am updating the employee handbook with the recommendations made by the insurance company.

I have a few items to discuss under New Business."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Laub, "Is there any new information to report regarding the installation of a GPS tracking system on District vehicles?"

President Economy, "I found a company that will sell the GPS units to the District for One hundred twenty-five dollars each. I believe I can get a better price and will have a report at the next meeting."

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented an Ordinance granting North Cahokia Real Estate, LLC the privilege to construct, maintain and use a roadway upon an easement of the Metro East Sanitary District. Number 2015-0-004 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Filcoff, “Walter Greathouse and I have met with representatives from North Cahokia Real Estate (Slay Industries). We have discussed, reviewed and revised the Ordinance several times. I believe it is ready for approval.”

Commissioner Hanfelder, “How wide is the road?”

Mr. Greathouse, “The road is 3,684 feet long and is approximately 22 feet wide.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-0-004 granting North Cahokia Real Estate, LLC the privilege to construct, maintain and use a roadway upon an easement of the Metro East Sanitary District.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Filcoff presented an Ordinance renewing Ordinance No. 90-0-005 and granting Centerpoint Energy – Mississippi River Transmission as successor to Centerpoint Energy- Mississippi River Transmission, L.L.C. its successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and franchise to construct, operate, maintain, remove, replace, and repair existing pipeline facilities together with equipment and appurtenances thereto, for the transportation of natural gas, oil and byproducts within and through the property of the Metro East Sanitary District, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois. Number 2015-0-005 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Filcoff, "I recommend approval of this document."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-0-005 renewing Ordinance No. 90-0-005 and granting Centerpoint Energy – Mississippi River Transmission as successor to Centerpoint Energy- Mississippi River Transmission, L.L.C. its successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and franchise to construct, operate, maintain, remove, replace, and repair existing pipeline facilities together with equipment and appurtenances thereto, for the transportation of natural gas, oil and byproducts within and through the property of the Metro East Sanitary District, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

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

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

Attorney Larry Calvo entered the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. provided a preliminary opinion of probable construction costs for the Rock Spring Road Bridge:

Attorney Filcoff, “Only one home owner uses the Rock Springs Road Bridge. After researching the matter, I found that the current market value for the property is Eighty-nine thousand dollars (\$89,000). The repairs to the bridge are greater than the value of the land and buildings. I sent a letter to the homeowner, on behalf of MESD, to purchase the property at the current value. I recommend not taking any action until we hear back from the homeowner.”

Illinois Electric Works provided a quote for the repair or replacement of the variable frequency drive (VFD) at the Lansdowne Facility:

Mr. Greathouse, "Illinois Electric representatives looked at the VFD and thought a power surge must have occurred to blow up the VFD. I contacted a representative from Ameren and asked if there was a power surge in that area. He is going to look into the matter and get back to me."

Superintendent Fancher, "Ameren was contacted first to see if we can recover the cost of the repairs from them. If Ameren does not acknowledge the power surge was their fault, then we will turn the claim into insurance."

Superintendent Presswood, "The variable frequency drive is necessary and must be repaired, regardless of who is responsible."

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder authorizing Illinois Electric Works to repair or replace the variable frequency drive for a total project cost of Ten thousand, five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$10,582.00).

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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, Laub, McCall and Darwin.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Clerk