

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014 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 and McCall.
Absent: Commissioner Crockett.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner Crockett called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

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

Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau stated, "The culvert pipes were installed on March 31, 2014 under the railroad east of Illinois Route 162. The midweek rainfall has delayed the installation of the fill around the pipe. The work is expected to begin on Monday, April 7th."

President Economy, "Will the area around the culvert be filled with rock?"

Mr. Juneau, "No, the area will be filled with concrete."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Is the District paying to treat the storm water that is going through the combined sanitary and storm water lines from National City?"

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Mr. Juneau, “Yes, the District is paying the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant to treat the water.”

Superintendent Presswood, “There is very little storm water going through the line. The only time there is any water is when it rains.”

Mr. Greathouse, “The State of Illinois separated the line at the box culvert, so part of the line has been separated. There are no businesses or residences on the line at this time. However, the District is paying for storm water entering the system between First Street and Exchange Avenue.

Executive Director Shipley and I met with the Mayor of Fairmont City. The Mayor wants to develop the area and use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to separate the lines.”

Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:04 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

A report from the Executive Director was presented:

Executive Director Shipley, “We are still working with Beelman in regards to the air conditioning system at the Bremen Station.”

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis, “The monthly financial reports have been included in your meeting folders.”

Superintendent Presswood reported, “I spoke with representatives from Fabick and Erb Equipment Company about the lease and or purchase of a new crawler dozer. Fabick provided a quote, but it was not for the piece of equipment we need.

Erb Equipment quoted a price of approximately Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for a new 850 crawler dozer.

Both companies will take the 1986 John Deere 850B as a trade-in on a new crawler dozer.

I recommend advertising for bids for the lease and or purchase of a new crawler dozer, with a trade-in option for the 1986 John Deere 850B.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to advertise for bids for the lease and or purchase of a 2013 or newer crawler dozer with a minimum of 205 horsepower with the option to bid with the 1986 John Deere 850B as a trade-in.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. The Madison and Venice Pump Stations were manned from Friday, April 4th through Tuesday, April 8th. We are out of the Pump Stations at this time.
2. A crew is pulling drift along the Mississippi River.
3. Cahokia Creek is being graded.
4. The mechanics stay busy repairing equipment.

Director of Operations Walter Greathouse reported:

1. Superintendent Fancher and I are working with the contractor at America's Central Port.

They experienced several wash outs and the dirt flowed into our relief stations.

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The East St. Louis Pump Station is the only Pump Station being manned at this time.
2. We are experiencing some problems with the lift stations and will be working on them.
3. The contractor stopped work on the discharge tunnels at the North Pump Station until the river is below seven feet.
4. The mowers should be out on Monday.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The residential and commercial bills have been mailed.
2. Illinois American Water Company is continuing to disconnect water for past due sewage treatment customers.

3. I am continuing to work with Illinois American Water Company to close accounts that no longer have water. Last week, we closed sixty-five accounts.
4. The State of Illinois Debt Recovery Program has collected One thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$1,700) for the District and has an additional One thousand, two hundred dollars (\$1,200) in holding.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 19, 2014 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; 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 and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2014 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2014 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of March 2014 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of March 2014 as submitted:

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2014 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2014 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2014 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of March 2014 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of March 2014 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of March 2014 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

President Economy, “Page 6 of the adjustments, why was House of Prayer given a One hundred eighty-six dollar and sixty cents (\$186.60) adjustment?”

Ms. Worthen, “Illinois American Water Company estimated the water usage too high in December. This information was verified with the Water Company.”

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 and McCall.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Crockett.

PAYROLLS:

The Payroll for the periods of March 2, 2014 through March 15, 2014 and March 16, 2014 through March 29, 2014 were submitted for approval.

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

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Filcoff, “Yesterday, Walter Greathouse gave me a request from the Illinois Department of Transportation for a temporary and permanent easement on Metro East Sanitary District property. I will have the property appraised to determine the value.”

Attorney Filcoff presented information regarding an Attorneys’ Guide to Local Government Law conference:

Attorney Filcoff, "I would like to attend the conference in St. Louis on May 8, 2014."

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing payment of Three hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$359) to National Business Institute to register Attorney George Filcoff for the Attorneys' Guide to Local Government Law seminar being held on May 8, 2014.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to intervene in the tax appeal of the Dial Corporation before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2014-R-002 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt
Resolution Number 2014-R-002.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded
Commissioner McCall to adjourn.

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

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

So adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Clerk