

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21,
2010 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: Commissioner Penny.

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

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Superintendent Randy Presswood and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen. Bob Massa from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

REPORT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Massa presented Joiner-Myers Construction LLC application for payment along with a letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation:

Executive Director Shipley, "Joiner Myers Construction has not performed any work on this project for several weeks."

Mr. Massa, "This pay request is for work performed between March 2, 2010 and April 1, 2010. Also, Change Order 1 was previously approved."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Joiner-Myers Construction LLC application for payment dated April 13, 2010 and authorize the Executive Director of the Metro East Sanitary District to sign the application for payment along with the letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation requesting One hundred thirty-seven thousand, seven hundred three dollars and sixty cents (\$137,703.60) to recompense Joiner-Myers Construction LLC.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

Attorney Filcoff, "Bailey Noodle Company has a fence and trees along the right-of-way where the 24" force main is being laid. The right-of-way states MESD must replace anything that is disturbed. The fence and trees may cost Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to replace."

Mr. Massa, "I am looking into this matter."

Executive Director Shipley, "The contractor is working on the 24" force main. The railroad wants the line encased under the tracks. We are looking at using the old 18" line, since the section under the railroad tracks is encased."

"The railroad also wants Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) annually for any new easements. We are trying to use the old force main where we have easements for Two hundred dollars (\$200) per year."

Mr. Massa left the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. I received a draft copy of the 2009 audit for year ending December 31, 2009. The Clerk needs to prepare Management's Discussion and Analysis of the audit and submit it before the audit is complete.
2. A copy of the Madison County personnel policy handbook was obtained and given to Attorney Todd Neilson.

I understand Attorneys Neilson and Filcoff are using the information to prepare a similar handbook for MESD.

3. Attorney Filcoff is working on a policy requiring all MESD employees to have a valid driver's license.
4. Yesterday, Rosemarie Heath, Larry Rose (Allison Knapp & Siekmann) and I attended a Flood Prevention District (FPD) meeting. The meeting was called to discuss how the Flood Prevention District is going to obtain funds for the required levee improvements.
5. This morning Superintendent Greathouse and I attended the regular meeting of the Flood Prevention District (FPD). I had to leave that meeting, to be here. I asked Superintendent Greathouse to stay at the FPD and that is why he is not at this meeting.

A representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was at the meeting.

6. The impellor is ready to be installed at North Pump Station.
7. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) hired an outside engineering firm to perform the levee inspection this year.

The inspection was to begin at 7:30 A.M. on Monday, April 19, 2010 behind the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant.

The Superintendents and I were there, but we did not see anyone from the Corps or the other engineering firm. Finally, employees from the engineering firm contacted me and they were at the Edwardsville Treatment Plant.

Once the inspection began, they walked all of the levees. They were very thorough.

Other than having a problem with voles and moles, I thought the levees were in excellent condition. We have hired an exterminator for the vole and mole problem.

North Pump Station, Venice Pump Station, Madison Pump Station and three outreach stations were also inspected.

Pump No. 1 at North Pump Station did not kick on during the inspection. An electrician is at North Pump Station today working on the pump. We will call the engineers back when the problem is corrected.

8. I spoke with St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern. He was concerned that MESD is moving the Washington Park facility out of St. Clair County.

I told him that I am concerned for the safety of the employees, but there are no plans to move the facility. If the operation is moved, it will still remain in St. Clair County.

It does not make any sense to have St. Clair County employees driving from Granite City to the work site daily.

9. I received a letter from St. Clair County, Department of Roads and Bridges regarding the bridge on Rock Springs Road. The runners are loose on the bridge deck and there are some trees under the bridge.

I will make certain the items mentioned in the letter are corrected.

10. At the last meeting, the new variable frequency drives for the Lansdowne and Bremen Facilities were discussed. I thought the Board made a motion to approve the new variable frequency drives providing a grant is received for ninety percent (90%) of the total cost.

However, the Deputy Clerk said there was not a motion on record.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve grant applications for variable frequency drives (VFD) at the Lansdowne and Bremen facilities and authorize the installation of the VFD upon acknowledgment of grant approval.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The second levee slide on Blue Water Ditch has been repaired.
2. The new low boy trailer was used last week for the first time. Jerry Clark had to make some adjustments, but it is now ready.

The link belt is going to be loaded and moved to a new site today on the low boy.

3. Wastewater samples are being taken weekly and are up to date.
4. Pump No. 1 at the Bremen Station needs to be cleaned.
5. Fence lines are being sprayed for weeds.
6. Two breaks were repaired on the twin 60 inch storm water lines behind Bellemore Village in Granite City.

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. Ten sewage treatment accounts were scheduled for water disconnect this week. Five of the ten made payments and signed agreements to pay the remaining balance in full. The other five will be turned over to Illinois American Water Company to have the water shut-off.

2. I am trying to arrange a meeting between MESD and Illinois American Water Company to discuss Eagle Park. I understand from Engineer Charlie Juneau that 142 new users will be attached to the sewer system within the next few months.

MESD wants Illinois American Water Company to bill the accounts in Eagle Park for sewage treatment and a maintenance fee for the collector system.

3. There is a Lansdowne collection attorney meeting today. Attorney Larry Taliana is bringing information I requested on bankruptcies.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS LIST:

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

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.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS LIST:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORTS:

The Lansdowne Adjustment reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of March 21, 2010 through April 3, 2010 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.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "Attorney Neilson asked that I let the Board know he is in Boston attending to a legal matter."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Attorney Filcoff, "I would like to address a policy change in Executive Session."

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to enter into Executive Session to discuss a policy change.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:32 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 9:50 A.M. and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.
Excused: Commissioner Penny.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Bob Shipley and Attorney George Filcoff.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter in Executive Session, Attorney Filcoff is to prepare a policy regarding employee driver's licenses for the next meeting."

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

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

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

So adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

Clerk