

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.
Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

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

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

Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates and Michael Miller and Michelle Coady representing Centerpoint Energy were also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated May 30, 2013, which provides an update on current projects:

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Mr. Juneau, "The hydraulic study on the Nameoki Ditch culverts under the railroad tracks east of Illinois Route 162 should be completed in early June."

President Economy asked if there were any questions for Mr. Juneau. Hearing none, Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:02 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

Executive Director Shipley, “There are a few small sand boils in St. Clair County due to the extremely high river. The Mississippi River dropped about one foot overnight.”

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis, “The MESD Financial Report for May 2013 has been included in your meeting packets.”

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Water is flowing from the relief wells in Madison County.
2. Three mowers are out: two at Arlington Heights and one at the Control Gates. The Terrain King is at Cahokia Creek.
3. Crews are pulling drift daily at the Pump Stations and Control Gates.
4. One employee is training on the Terrain King.
5. All of the equipment is operational at this time.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The 203 Lift Station needs to be completely overhauled. Nothing has been done to the Station since 1997.

I had to go to the Lift Station Saturday night. The pumps went out and we had to take a portable pump to the site.

The Station needs new pumps, relay switches and the pipes in the bottom have rusted through.

I recommend having plans and specifications drawn up and advertising for bids. We want the work done correctly. This is a confined space, the pumps are thirty-five feet down.

Attorney Filcoff, “Milam Landfill, Gateway International Raceway, Burger King and the Truck Stop signed an agreement that they are responsible for repairs and

maintenance at the 203 Lift Station. I will send them a letter advising them of the necessary repairs.”

Superintendent Presswood continued with his report:

2. The 324 Excavator is being used to clear debris at the Pump Stations.
3. The pump has been installed in Clarifier Number 2.
4. The City of Granite City is going to loan MESD the equipment to asphalt the lot at Missouri Avenue in Granite City. MESD will only have to pay for the asphalt.
5. The 690 Excavator and the 953 Track Loader are both at the Control Gates.
6. We are also mowing along Route 3.
7. The check valve is being replaced in the Sampler Building.

Executive Director Shipley, “Yesterday, I received notice that the City of Granite City is proposing a Sixteen Thousand dollar (\$16,000) increase to the District’s share of the costs related to the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant.”

Superintendent Presswood, “When the ditches are full and the river rises, the infiltration always causes an increase of flow to the Treatment Plant.”

Executive Director Shipley, “We will discuss the increase at the Granite City Regional Treatment Board meeting being held next week.”

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. All of the Pump Stations are in operation. The Mississippi River is going down very slowly.
2. When the river goes down, we will work on the greasers and pumps.
3. There are a few sand boils in the Cahokia area. I have been in contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and they are also monitoring the sand boils.

The sand boils have not gotten any worse in the last three days. In fact, they are the same sand boils we experienced in 2008.

4. There are two mowers in Cahokia and one in Caseyville. The slope mower is on Lansdowne Ditch.
5. When the mechanics are not working on equipment, they are out on the levees mowing.

Commissioner McCall, "I would like to commend Superintendent Maeras, he is doing an excellent job in St. Clair County."

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The Illinois American Water Company conversion has not been easy.

Roger Morthland is continuing to work with Illinois American and LOCIS.
2. Illinois American Water Company did not send the required water disconnect letters. They have agreed to send fifty (50) disconnect letters to catch up the ones missed during the conversion.
3. We have been sending letters notifying customers with past due balances that they are being turned over to the State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program.

Several customers have called and made arrangements to pay their past due balance.

4. Attorney Larry Taliana is only handling bankruptcy cases for the District.

Attorney Glenn Bradford is the only collection attorney. He is taking all of the other attorneys' accounts.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the May 22, 2013 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to dispense with the reading of the minutes, approve them as submitted and place them on file.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2013 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 May 2013 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of May 2013 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of May 2013 as submitted:

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2013 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2013 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of May 2013 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of May 2013 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of May 2013 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of May 2013 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of May 12, 2013 through May 25, 2013 was submitted for approval:

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "Director of Operations Walter Greathouse informed me that trucks are dumping on a MESD flowage easement."

Mr. Greathouse, "Trucks have been dumping old bridge debris on the flowage easement. Nothing should be dumped there. I followed one of the trucks and asked the driver for the name and phone number of his employer. I will give that information to Attorney Filcoff."

Attorney Calvo, "Wood River Pipe Lines and Monsanto, both of which have large pipelines going through MESD property have signed agreements in accordance with the terms of the MESD rate Ordinance. I am still negotiating with the other pipeline companies."

President Economy, "Ms. Coady or Mr. Miller would you like to address the Board at this time?"

Ms. Coady, "Centerpoint Energy has three active pipelines. We have sent correspondence to the Board, through Attorney Calvo. After reviewing the MESD minutes from May 8, 2013, we thought there may be some confusion regarding the proposal from Centerpoint.

We sent a correspondence to the Board back in April 2013 renewing our offer to purchase a permanent easement for the three active pipelines crossing MESD property. It appeared the offer the Board thought we made was a little over Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for a permanent easement for those three properties. We are here today to clarify that offer, Centerpoint actually made an offer of Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to purchase permanent easements on those three lines.

Also, in the April 2013 letter, we asked for some clarification on the new Ordinance that is in place. What amount is due from Centerpoint under the licensing fees proposed in the Ordinance?

We have not received a response from that April letter. Therefore, we thought it might be beneficial to attend the meeting today. Another letter was sent last week renewing the offer.”

Attorney Calvo, “The Board authorized me to negotiate the right-of-way licenses. As of this date, Centerpoint has not agreed to meet the terms of the rate Ordinance, which was passed by the MESD Board.

We are at an impasse, in terms of their offer of a permanent easement. MESD is not giving permanent easements.

In addition to that, Walter Greathouse and I have not had time to review the three pipelines to determine a price according to the terms of the Ordinance.”

President Economy, “Attorney Calvo and Walter Greathouse are working to renew the Ordinances.”

Ms. Coady, “We have been working with Mr. Calvo, but after reading the May 8th minutes, we wanted to clarify the offer made by Centerpoint.”

President Economy, “As soon as Attorney Calvo drafts an Ordinance, the Board will discuss the terms and vote.”

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 FR Gateway Commerce Center/Ozburn Hessey Logistics before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2013-R-005 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt
Resolution No. 2013-R-005.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: Commissioner Hanfelder.

The Metro East Sanitary District Madison and St. Clair Counties Annual
Financial Report for Year Ended December 31, 2012 was presented:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to accept the Annual Financial Report as submitted and place on file.

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

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

Executive Director Shipley, "The District just purchased four (4) new trucks through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing contract. There are four (4) old vehicles in Madison County and two (2) in St. Clair County that need to be removed from the fleet. I recommend advertising for bids for the sale of these vehicles."

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to retire six (6) vehicles and advertise for bids for the sale of the 2008 Ford Expedition, 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, 1989 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck, 1992 Ford Ranger Pick-up Truck, 2001 Ford F-250 4x4 and 1993 Chevrolet Suburban.

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

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

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

So adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Clerk