

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

The Clerk reported that Commissioner McCall telephoned and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen, Heavy Equipment Foreman Steve Stone and Treasurer Ken Davis.

Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the third and final pay request from Moniger Excavating Co., Inc. for the Triple Culvert Rehabilitation project:

Mr. Juneau explained, "I recommend approval of the pay application from Moniger Excavating Co., Inc. However, I would hold the check until the site is cleared of all debris and unused materials."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the third and final pay request from Moniger Excavating Co., Inc. for the Triple Culvert Rehabilitation project and authorize payment of Five thousand, three hundred fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$5,358.50) when the site is cleared of all debris and unused materials.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

President Economy, "Steve Lathrop approached me about the Dobrey Slough area. Mr. Juneau would you please explain what is happening in that area?"

Mr. Juneau explained:

In 1973, an Agreement was reached between the Metro East Sanitary District, the City of Granite City and the State of Illinois.

The City of Granite City agreed to maintain the new pump station and the District agreed to maintain a pilot channel that is approximately 250 feet long. The channel then continues on through private property.

Mr. Lathrop wants the part of the channel cleared that goes through private property. The question exists as to who has the legal right to work on that property.

The Corps of Engineers is trying to acquire the property for an eco-system restoration project.

Mr. Davis, "At one time, a cease and desist order was filed against Mr. Lathrop because he was filling in the channel. I will see if I can obtain a copy of the order."

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Commissioner Hanfelder, "I do not think we should get involved in this matter."

Mr. Greathouse, "According to the terms of the agreement, the District must maintain the pilot channel, but that is our only obligation."

Mr. Juneau, "I can prepare a letter to Mr. Lathrop regarding this matter and send a copy to Attorney Filcoff and Attorney Calvo for their approval."

President Economy asked Mr. Juneau to prepare the letter and send it to the District attorneys for their review.

President Economy, "I do not think it is necessary for Mr. Juneau to attend all of the Metro East Sanitary District Board meetings. I recommend he attend the first meeting of every month."

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder that a representative from Juneau Engineering attends the first Metro East Sanitary District Board meeting of every month.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:12 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

Attorney Filcoff, "Executive Director Shipley, on your report you mention that a person is going to farm an area by Blue Water Ditch."

Executive Director Shipley, "Mr. Greathouse, Superintendent Maeras and I met with Dennis Traiteur last week. He wants to farm three (3) sections of land; each section is about nine (9) acres. Two sections are along Blue Water Ditch and the other is along Harding Ditch. Mr. Traiteur plans to start farming the property next year and will pay Seventy-five dollars (\$75) per acre. This is the same rate the farmer in Madison County is paying the District."

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis, "The June 2014 financial reports have been included in your meeting folders."

Director of Operation and Maintenance Walter Greathouse reported:

1. The yearly levee inspection is being performed today by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Superintendent Fancher and Foreman Scott Smith are attending the inspection.

This afternoon, the Corps will move to St. Clair County to complete the inspection.
2. Attorney Filcoff and I are still working to determine what legal rights MESD holds with a flowage easement.
3. Attorney Larry Calvo, Juneau Engineering and I are gathering property owner information requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a future project.
4. The Mississippi River stage is 32.0.
5. The District received a tax sale notice for two parcels of property along Shoenberger Creek. The minimum bid is Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per parcel.

The property would offer another area for the District to enter and exit Shoenberger Creek.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The residential bills for the Caseyville area and all of the commercial bills have been mailed.
2. Illinois American Water Company did not disconnect water last week for past due sewage treatment bills due to the holiday.
3. Connie Phillips is being trained to download water usage from the Village of Caseyville Water District and then calculate the bills.

The other billing clerks will be trained to download water usage from Illinois American Water Company.

4. We have two part-time employees helping this summer. They are doing an excellent job. They assist customers at the front counter and help with filing.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the June 18, 2014 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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, Crockett and Laub.
Nays: None.
Excused: Commissioner McCall.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of June 2014 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 McCall.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

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

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

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

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

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

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Commissioner Hanfelder, “Check No. 17195 to the Illinois EPA in the amount of \$5,000, what was the reason for this payment?”

The Clerk responded, “It is the yearly permit fee for the sewage treatment system.”

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of June 2014 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 McCall.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of June 8, 2014 through June 21, 2014 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 McCall.

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Filcoff, "I am still waiting for the Illinois Department of Transportation to respond to my letter regarding their request for an easement."

Attorney Calvo, "As Mr. Greathouse mentioned, I am working with him on a project for the Corps of Engineers."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Executive Director Shipley, "I recommend leasing the new crawler dozer for an additional month.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to lease the crawler dozer from Erb Equipment Company for one additional month.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Economy, “The Lansdowne Sewage Treatment Department is in need of a truck. A Ford F250 4x4 is available through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Agreement. I recommend the purchase of the truck.”

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing the Executive Director to order a 2015 Ford F250 4x4 through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Agreement, and to pay for the purchase with funds from the Lansdowne Sewage Treatment Department.

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

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

Executive Director Shipley, “I would like to address the issue of a salary increase for Roger Morthland during Executive Session.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

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

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:28 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 9:31 A.M. and the Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter during Executive Session, the request for a pay increase by Roger Morthland should be denied, as Mr. Morthland's position and pay rate are listed in the Agreement between the Metro East Sanitary District and Teamsters Local Union No. 525."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to deny the request for a salary increase by Roger Morthland.

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

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

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 McCall.

So adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

Clerk