

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013 AT 1800 EDISON
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:01
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, Laub and McCall.

Absent: None.

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

Charlie Juneau representing Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau, "Alton & Southern Railroad reviewed the hydraulic study performed on the Nameoki Ditch culverts under the railroad tracks east of Illinois Route 162. The railroad approved the study and gave MESD the right to proceed with the project.

I need authorization to advertise for bids for the repair of the Nameoki Ditch culverts under the railroad tracks east of Illinois Route 162."

Mr. Greathouse, "I spoke with Bob Massa from Juneau Associates about this project and inquired about the estimated cost. Mr. Massa stated the project should cost around Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett authorizing Juneau Associates to advertise for bids for repairs to the Nameoki Ditch culverts under the railroad tracks east of Illinois Route 162.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Mr. Juneau, "Les Sterman with the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council (FPD) offered to assist the District with some projects. I think we should set up a meeting with Mayor Hamm and Mr. Sterman to discuss televising the 30" sewer line along the base of the levee."

Mr. Greathouse, "The sewer line Mr. Juneau is referring to carries all of the sewage from the City of Madison and runs through the levee."

President Economy instructed Mr. Juneau to set up the meeting.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley distributed a copy of his report:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. All of the pump stations are closed except East St. Louis Pump Station.
2. Mowers are on Lansdowne Ditch, Harding Ditch and Water Street in Cahokia, IL.
3. The 650 slope mower is along Cargill Road.
4. We are installing a drainage pipe near Interstate 255 where the levee keeps washing out. The Corps has mentioned this area in their inspection report, so we are taking the appropriate measures to repair the area.
5. Representatives from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers examined the four (4) discharge pipes at North Pump Station that are leaking.

The Corps members went into the pipes and took pictures. Numerous holes exist within the pipes. It is going to be very expensive to repair the pipes.

President Economy, "Can the pipes be lined?"

Superintendent Maeras, "The Corps is not leaning in that direction."

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Three mowers are out on Nameoki Ditch and the front levee.
2. The Terrain King is by the twin culverts in Cahokia.
3. We should be closing the pump stations.
4. Trimming around the relief wells along the front levee is almost complete. Next, they will move to Nameoki Ditch.

President Economy, "After months of pumping, what is the condition of the pumps and stations?"

Superintendent Fancher, "All of the pump stations will require some maintenance."

Superintendent Maeras, "The only serious problems are at North Pump Station."

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. We have been borrowing a gantry from Illinois Electric. Illinois Electric does not want to continue loaning us the gantry, so we need to look into purchasing one.

As soon as we purchase a gantry, we will go down the 203 Lift Station. It is very dangerous and considered a confined space.

2. The 850 crawler dozer is being used to knock down dirt along Route 40.
3. Both of the excavators are at Harding Ditch dredging.
4. The motor on Pump No. 1 at Bremen is being installed and wired today. Pump No. 2 is showing signs of wear as well.
5. A new motor has been installed at Lansdowne.
6. The track loader is in use at the control gates.
7. We are mowing above the force main along Route 3, as Executive Director Shipley requested.
8. We have not had time to repair the sink hole at Eagle Park.

Attorney Filcoff, "Have you put up fencing or something around the sink hole, to prevent anyone from falling into it?"

Superintendent Presswood, "The sink hole is inside the gated area, no one can get to it."

Director of Operations Walter Greathouse reported:

1. We have a verbal commitment from Les Sterman to assist MESD financially with several areas where breaches in the levee could occur. He has also agreed to help with the repairs to the Mo Pac Gates.
2. The City of East St. Louis hired Hurst- Rosche Engineers to assist with the repairs to the 10 foot sewer line by the East St. Louis Pump Station. It will cost about Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to video the line.

3. Executive Director Shipley while driving the levee, noticed a problem where the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant (GCRTTP) was pumping water into the river. We notified the GCRTTP of the problem.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. We are finally making progress with the Illinois American Water Company software conversion. There are still a few problems, but we are continuing to discuss things during the internet meetings.
2. Illinois American has resumed disconnecting water for past due sewage treatment bills.
3. Accounts are being turned over to the Illinois Local Debt Recovery program.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 3, 2013 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, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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President Economy, “Page 4 of the Adjustment Report shows a customer with a Nine thousand, five hundred forty dollar (\$9,540) sewage treatment bill. How does a bill get that high?”

Ms. Worthen, “That is an error; the total bill is Ninety-five dollars and forty cents (\$95.40).”

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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of June 23, 2013 through July 5, 2013 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the Payroll as submitted.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "I have been working with Slay Industries. They own the property where MESD has the flowage easement. They stopped dumping on the easement. However, they had a title search performed on the property and claim the flowage easement was never recorded."

Mr. Greathouse, "I found the original recorded flowage easement. Attorney Filcoff had the document recorded several years ago."

Attorney Filcoff, "I will provide a copy of that document to Slay Industries."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

Clerk