

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 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, Laub and McCall.  
Absent: None.

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.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** None.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

## **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The air conditioner quit working on the 320 excavator. The front window does not open, so the excavator is inoperable until the air conditioner is repaired.
2. The 324 excavator is being used to mow Harding Ditch.

The other excavator is dredging along Cahokia Creek. Dredging has been completed on one section and that section is being seeded.

3. Dirt is being loaded with the 953 track loader.
4. At the last meeting, the Board voted to lease the new crawler dozer from Erb Equipment Company for an additional month. After the first month, only eighty-five percent (85%) of the lease amount applies towards the purchase price.

The old 850 crawler dozer is sitting in the yard. Erb Equipment Company offered the District Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the old crawler dozer as a trade-in on the new crawler dozer. I do not want to keep the old crawler dozer.

Commissioner Crockett, "Erb Equipment Company is penalizing the District fifteen percent (15%) for every month we lease the new crawler dozer?"

Executive Director Shipley, "I think Erb Equipment is taking advantage of the District, they should give one hundred percent (100%) credit for the lease amount paid."

Commissioner Laub, "I recommend contacting Erb Equipment Company and asking if they will give the District credit for one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly lease payments towards the purchase price."

Superintendent Presswood, "They normally do not give 100% credit. This piece of equipment is being used every day, even in the rain.

I realize this is a large amount of money, but it is not a waste of money. The old crawler dozer lasted the District thirty (30) years. I really wish the Board would consider purchasing the new crawler dozer."

President Economy, "I understand Madison County has some money that might be available for a grant."

Superintendent Presswood, "I asked a representative of Madison County if any grants are available and he said no."

President Economy, "I recommend contacting Madison County Board Chairman Alan Dunstan about any grants that may be available."

Executive Director Shipley, "I will contact Chairman Dunstan."

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. There are three mowers out on Cahokia Creek.
2. The mechanics are waiting on a part to repair the slope mower.
3. A trim crew is trimming along Route 3 by McKinley Bridge.
4. The Madison, Venice and Chouteau Nameoki & Venice (CNV) pump stations are all in operation.

Director of Operations Walter Greathouse reported:

1. Attorney Filcoff, the engineers and I are working on a project for the East St. Louis Port District.
2. Executive Director Shipley and I met with representatives from Waste Management. As soon as they provide me with the requested information, I will turn the matter over to Attorney Filcoff.
3. I am continuing to gather real estate information that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requested.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The closed reminder bills were mailed.
2. Illinois American Water Company is continuing to disconnect water for past due sewage treatment bills.
3. The office staff is sending past due letters and also working on tax deeds.

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. All of the pump stations are in operation. I am hopeful we will be out of all of the pump stations, except East St. Louis by Monday, July 28, 2014.
2. An MESD tractor was vandalized along Highway 163. They used tools to remove the parts, so the person knew what they were doing.

An insurance claim is being filed; there is approximately Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) worth of damage. The District has a One thousand dollar (\$1,000) deductible.

Contractors working off Water Street in Cahokia had about Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) worth of materials stolen. I warned them about theft and vandalism, they thought they had everything locked down.

3. Mowers are at Blue Water Ditch in Cahokia and along Harding Ditch.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes for the July 9, 2014 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett 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 Crockett; 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:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall 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:

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 22, 2014 through July 5, 2014 was submitted for approval.

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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, Hanfelder, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:**

Attorney Filcoff presented six (6) Notices to Remediate from the City of Madison:



Attorney Filcoff, “The City of Madison wants to demolish the properties, as they are a continuing hazard to the community. Ms. Worthen provided me with the information and the District has a lien on each piece of property. Each property has an outstanding sewage treatment balance. However, I recommend the Board honor the request from the City of Madison and release the liens.”

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to release all sewage treatment liens filed against the properties located at 1419 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 1832 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 1610 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 815 Washington Avenue, 830-832 Greenwood Street and 1625 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Madison, Illinois.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was presented from the Rescue Mission Church of God in Christ regarding their sewage treatment bill:

Ms. Worthen, “The Church had a water pipe break during the winter months and is requesting the sewage treatment bill be reduced to the minimum charge. The broken line has been repaired and I recommend writing off the charges associated with the water leak.”

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to write off the sewage treatment charges related to the broken water pipe at the Rescue Mission Church of God in Christ.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2014 of the Metro East Sanitary District Lansdowne Trunk – Madison and Venice Sewerage System Enterprise Fund, St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois was presented:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to accept the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2014 of the Metro East Sanitary District Lansdowne Trunk – Madison and Venice Sewerage System Enterprise Fund, St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois and place it on file.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Executive Session Minutes through July 9, 2014 were presented for review:

President Economy, “After reviewing the Executive Session Minutes, I recommend they remain closed.”

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall that all Executive Session Minutes remain closed to the public, as they contain confidential information regarding potential lawsuits, actual lawsuits and company personnel.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

President Economy, “The City of Madison has a bobcat for sale. The bobcat has new tires, an enclosed cab, large bucket and has been operated about 3,000 hours. The City is asking Six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500) for the bobcat.”

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder granting the Executive Director permission to purchase the bobcat from the City of Madison, providing it passes inspection and meets the needs of the District.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub 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.

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Clerk