

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015 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, Laub, McCall and Darwin.
Absent: None.

The Clerk reported that Treasurer Ken Davis called 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 & Maintenance Walter Greathouse and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

ENGINEERING REPORT: None.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

Executive Director Shipley, “A report prepared by Scott Hillman regarding the pump stations has also been included for your review.

The pump stations have been in operation for three months as of August 6, 2015. We are hoping to close all of the Madison County pump stations this weekend.”

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. The monthly residential bills have been mailed. We are waiting for the water readings from the Village of Caseyville to compute the Caseyville residential accounts and the commercial accounts.
2. We are continuing to submit water disconnects to Illinois American Water Company. An apartment building is scheduled for disconnect next week.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 22, 2015 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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, Laub, McCall and Darwin.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2015 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2015 as submitted and order them paid.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of July 2015 were submitted for review:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to accept the
Various Specific Claims for the month of July 2015 as submitted:

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

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

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2015 were
submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of July 2015 as submitted and order them paid.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of July 2015 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of July 2015 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of July 2015 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of July 2015 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were submitted for approval:

President Economy, “Page 1 of the adjustment report states the owner of the property is deceased. Is the lien still good?”

Ms. Worthen, “Yes, the lien is good. Hopefully, the estate will sell the property and MESD will receive the amount owed.”

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Adjustment Reports as submitted.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of July 5, 2015 through July 18, 2015 was submitted for approval:

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

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

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

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff reported:

1. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has required new language for the Personnel Policy Handbook. There are ninety-one (91) pages regarding discrimination, harassment and sexual misconduct, workplace violence and other topics.

All employees will receive a copy of the changes, including the Commissioners, Treasurer and Attorneys. The Supervisors will need to go over the changes with the employees. Employees will be required to sign a document stating they have received the changes.

2. I spoke with Mr. Hellman, the owner of the property by the Rock Spring Road Bridge. Mr. Hellman does not want to sell his property for Eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000).

Mr. Hellman has added stalls for the horses, a chain link fence, an in-ground swimming pool and a racetrack for the horses. He believes the property is worth much more than he was offered by MESD.

Mr. Hellman thought the bids to replace the Rock Spring Road Bridge would be around Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000). He suggested I speak with his attorney.

3. I thought the Representative from Phillips 66 was going to attend the last Board meeting to discuss the replacement of three pipelines on MESD property. He does not agree with the rates I stated using the MESD rate Ordinance.

An attorney from HelplerBroom Law Firm called me representing Phillips 66.

I am going to present the Ordinance at the next Board meeting.

Attorney Calvo, "I am working with Ameren to renew two Ordinances. I will present both Ordinances at the next meeting."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A bid notice appeared in the News-Democrat on July 7, 2015 for the Rock Spring Road Bridge over Harding Ditch Superstructure Replacement, and the bids were opened at the office of the Metro East Sanitary District, 1800 Edison Avenue, Granite City, Illinois at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Four bids were received at that time:

1. Plocher Construction Company, Inc.\$118,000.00
2. Baxmeyer Construction, Inc.137,700.00
3. Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc.99,750.00
4. Keeley & Sons, Inc.109,993.15

Mr. Greathouse, “The only experience I have with Haier Plumbing and Heating is the new relief well pump station work being performed through AMEC. Haier Plumbing and Heating was to install one of the relief well pump stations and Korte & Luitjohan Contractors was to install three relief well pump stations.

Korte & Luitjohan Contractors installed three and they look great and are working. The one Haier Plumbing and Heating installed is a mess and they have not worked on it for two months.

The other three contractors that submitted bids have all performed work for MESD in the past and we have been very happy with their work. I can only go by what I have seen in the field.

Executive Director Shipley, “I agree with Mr. Greathouse, the only work we have seen from Haier Plumbing & Heating has not been completed satisfactorily.”

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to award the bid for the Rock Spring Road Bridge over Harding Ditch Superstructure Replacement to Keeley & Sons, Inc.

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

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

President Economy, “Shontay Gregory Beard asked to be on the agenda regarding the water disconnect fees. She is not here today. Ms. Worthen, would you please explain why Ms. Beard wanted to speak to the Board?”

Ms. Worthen, “Ms. Beard has received twelve water disconnect letters during the last few years. Her water was shut off once before and we waived the fees. This time her water was turned off and we charged her the fees.

Illinois American Water Company charges MESD a disconnect fee and then a loss of revenue fee depending on how long the service is off.

Ms. Beard is unhappy with the disconnect fees. I have explained the fees to her several times. She called the District Clerk Rosemarie Heath and wanted to speak to the Board. She then went to President Economy’s office.

Customers receive a letter from MESD thirty (30) days before being disconnected. The letter states there will be additional fees if the water is disconnected.

Illinois American Water Company also sends a letter ten (10) days before shutting the water off. The Water Company fees are stated in the letter.

Ms. Beard has paid her bill since talking to the District Clerk and President Economy.”

Attorney Filcoff, “Do you think she was confused about the fees?”

Ms. Worthen, “No, she is a very intelligent woman. She claims she did not receive a water disconnect letter from MESD. The letter was sent certified four times and was refused each time. It was then sent by regular mail and never returned to our office.”

President Economy, “Thank you Cindy for gathering all of the information and explaining the situation.”

Commissioner Hanfelder, “Mr. Greathouse, would you explain why the flow to the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant was so high in July?”

Mr. Greathouse, “We really don’t know why. Yesterday, Jeff Hamilton from the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant called and said the flow for July 2015

was Three hundred twenty-one million (321,000,000) gallons. The flow to Granite City in May was One hundred forty-one million (141,000,000) gallons and in June it was Two hundred sixty-two million (262,000,000) gallons.”

Executive Director Shipley, “The pumps at the Bremen Station would have to run at full capacity twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week to send that much water to Granite City. We may not be able to determine the problem until the Mississippi River goes down.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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

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

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

So adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Clerk