

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012 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 and Laub.

Absent: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

The Clerk stated that Commissioners Crockett and McCall called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Charlie Juneau, representing Juneau Associates, Inc. was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented a report on the Beelman Terminal Infiltration and Inflow to MESD Sewer System:

Mr. Juneau explained the report:

I was asked to investigate how coal dust is entering the sewer line.

We performed a smoke test and found that coal dust silt is infiltrating into the manholes at several locations. The manholes need to be sealed or raised to prevent water carrying silt from the Beelman Terminal site from entering the sewer system.

Mr. Juneau, "I am meeting with MESD staff on Friday to discuss the National City combined sewer line and the twin 60" storm water line in Granite City."

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Director Shipley, "I would like to discuss a personnel issue during Executive Session."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:13 A.M.

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 9:14 A.M. and the Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and Laub.

Absent: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter during Executive Session, I recommend terminating Attorney Todd Neilson and hiring Attorney Larry Calvo."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to terminate the employment of Attorney Todd Neilson and hire Attorney Larry Calvo.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

Charlie Juneau left the meeting at 9:14 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. We met with the Mayors on August 9, 2012 to discuss the Levee Safety Action Classification prepared by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.
2. MESD is proposing a yearly fee of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to renew Ordinance No. 2002-0-011 with Waste Management.
3. I attended the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District meeting on August 15, 2012. They did not have anything new to report. The project is currently about six months behind their original completion date.
4. Operating Engineers have asked for combined space and human waste pay when working on a sewer break. I have agreed to pay both rates if they are actually working in human waste and are down in the hole working on the sewer break.

I told them, they are not going to receive human waste pay for taking wastewater samples.

I also agreed that completion of a Fall Protection Course qualifies as an additional certification.

5. The fly ash pits by Union Electric have been mowed three times.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis did not have a report at this time.

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. The switch gears have been cleaned and checked at all of the pump stations and outreach stations.
2. The sewer in Washington Park was clogged with clothes and junk. Hanks Excavating was able to clear the line.
3. We have been using the zero turn as needed. We have also been using the weed sprayer.
4. The Village of Cahokia called and asked for help with the MoPac Gates. We built a dam to stop the water. ICON Mechanical is going to repair the gates.
5. There are three mowers in Cahokia and two on the river front. One mower is being repaired.
6. The 650 slope mower is finishing Harding Ditch and then moving to 79th and Schoenberg Ditch.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Superintendent Fancher is not at the meeting, because he had to run an errand for the District.
2. We are continuing to mow, everything looks very good.
3. Levee roads are being rocked and graded.
4. The river stage is 1.0 today and is expected to go down to a negative 1.0 within the next three days.
5. An Eagle Park resident contacted me about hooking onto the sewer line.

MESD does not have an Ordinance on file that sets forth the rules and regulations for tapping onto the MESD sewer line.

I obtained Ordinances from Madison County Special Sewer District, the City of Granite City and the City of Madison.

I will give copies of the Ordinances to Attorney Filcoff.

6. America's Central Port (Tri-City Regional Port District) is laying a clay blanket on the river side of the levee behind the Army Depot. The clay blanket was necessary because the discharge pipe from a MESD relief well was extended one hundred feet.

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The office staff sends ten water disconnect letters each week. Then we actually shut off the water to five customers.
2. Illinois American Water Company will stop billing Eagle Park sewage treatment customers on October 1, 2012.

Roger Morthland has contacted LOCIS about adding the Eagle Park accounts to the MESD system. It should be a smooth transition.

3. We are continuing to take weekly wastewater samples at Baily International.
4. We are reviewing legal accounts and asking the attorneys for updates. If the accounts are old and the attorneys have exhausted all legal avenues, then we are writing the debt off. However, there are still valid liens on the accounts.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 8, 2012 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Laub; 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of July 22, 2012 through August 13, 2012 was submitted for approval.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Filcoff read a letter from Robert Luken regarding the Missouri Avenue property in Granite City, Illinois:

Attorney Filcoff, “Mr. Luken wants a small section of the property MESD obtained from the City of Granite City. However, the Board will have to abandon the property and then advertise for bids.”

Superintendent Presswood entered the meeting at 9:40 A.M.

President Economy asked Superintendent Presswood to give his report at this time.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The bay at South Pump Station was cleaned, but there is still about three feet of water standing in the bay.
2. We have finished cleaning out Canal No. 1.
3. The 324 excavator is being moved to Harding Ditch, where it will be used to dredge the ditch from Forest Boulevard to Interstate 64.
4. The sewer line along Forest Boulevard in Washington Park was clogged. Hanks Excavating was able to remove the items that were causing the blockage.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff stated there have not been any changes made to the Waste Management Ordinance since the last meeting. Therefore, the Ordinance will not be presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District to Intervene in the Tax Appeal of Parsons Place LP before the Property Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2012-R-011 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt
Resolution Number 2012-R-011.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary
District to Intervene in the Tax Appeal of Parsons Place Phase II LP before the Property
Tax Appeal Board of the State of Illinois. Number 2012-R-012 was assigned to this
document.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt
Resolution Number 2012-R-012.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioners Crockett and McCall.

So adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

Clerk