

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendents Greathouse, Fancher and Maeras, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Joe Juneau from Juneau Associates was also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report dated August 30, 2012, which provided an update on current projects:

Mr. Juneau, "The third page of the report is in reference to the Triple Culverts East of Illinois 162 on Nameoki Ditch. Charlie Juneau is working on this matter and will contact Executive Director Shipley."

Mr. Juneau left the meeting at 9:02 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. Superintendent Greathouse attended a spokesperson orientation organized by Ron O'Connor.

As spokesperson for MESD, Superintendent Greathouse spoke with Bill Buss at the Belleville News Democrat. I thought Superintendent Greathouse did an excellent job and the article was very good.

2. Rock is being spread under the bridges on the creek side of Hartford Ditch.
3. The canal from Forest Boulevard to Interstate 64 is being desilted.
4. The ditch in Washington Park is being dredged and cleaned behind and in front of Gateway International Raceway to the culverts in Fairmont City.
5. The slope mower is mowing along Schoenberg Ditch.
6. Superintendent Greathouse, Rosemarie Heath and I met with Jim Roth who is representing Waste Management.

It was agreed to bill Waste Management the old rate for the last two years. Effective January 1, 2012 the fee will be set at Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per year for the next twenty (20) years.

7. Attorney Larry Calvo received fourteen (14) expired Ameren Ordinances to renew.
8. Last Saturday, The Pulse of St. Louis focused on the Metro East Levee System. Les Sterman the Chief Supervisor of Construction and the Works for the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council, Ellen Krohne Executive Director of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois and Joe Kellett with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers were interviewed.

They focused on the same issues, nothing new was discussed.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Treasurer Ken Davis, "I have reviewed the August 2012 Financial Reports, if you have any questions I will be happy to them."

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. There are six (6) mow units out today.

The slope mower is at Schoenberg Creek. A labor crew is trimming and picking up trash behind the slope mower.

2. A pump stopped running at a Washington Park Lift Station. The pump has been replaced and sent out for repairs.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Four (4) mow units and the zero turn are running today.
2. A trim crew is at the Missouri Avenue property.
3. Two dump trucks are hauling rock to Hartford Canal.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Employees worked very hard to prepare for the heavy rains that were expected due to Hurricane Isaac.

The gates were all cleaned and cleared of debris and the equipment was moved.

2. I am still gathering information for a sewer tap-on Ordinance. We need to meet with representatives from the City of Madison, Venice Township and Nameoki Township.

The sewer line runs under the street, therefore the street will be damaged when tap-ons occur. Parts of the street belong to the City of Madison, Venice Township and Nameoki Township.

We need to determine fees, rules and regulations for sewer tap-ons.

President Economy, "I thought Madison County had an Ordinance setting the fee for sewer tap-ons."

Mr. Davis, "I think Superintendent Greathouse is referring to the cost of repairing the street."

President Economy, "I still think Madison County has guidelines, fees and regulations."

Mr. Davis, "Superintendent Greathouse, you need to contact Tom Hawkins in Madison County."

Commissioner McCall, "I read the article in the Belleville News Democrat and Superintendent Greathouse did an excellent job."

Executive Director Shipley, "Superintendent Presswood is on vacation today, but wanted to ask the Board to purchase a third dump truck. I told Superintendent Presswood that we do not need another dump truck. I do not recommend purchasing a third truck."

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The residential bills were mailed last Friday. The commercial accounts will be mailed this week.
2. Yesterday, we received notice that Polarville (Gateway Cold Storage) has filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. I will turn the account over to Attorney Larry Taliana.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 22, 2012 meeting were presented for approval.

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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 for the month of August 2012 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of August 2012 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.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of August 2012 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of August 2012 as submitted:

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 for the month of August 2012 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of August 2012 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of August 2012 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of August 2012 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSLOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of August 2012 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of August 2012 as submitted and place it on file for audit.

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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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett 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 August 4, 2012 through August 18, 2012 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, Crockett, Laub and McCall.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Calvo reported:

I have made it a priority to renew the expired Ordinances. I want to get the invoices out and generate money for the District.

I still need to meet with Joe Juneau to discuss the annexation.

There are two items that need to be discussed during Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff, "Effective January 1, 2012, Waste Management has agreed to pay Twenty-five thousand dollars annually for the right to construct, operate and maintain bridge crossings, haul roads, discharge points and utility crossings at multiple locations. A motion is needed to disregard Ordinance Number 2012-0-011 as previously submitted."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to disregard Ordinance Number 2012-0-011 as previously submitted.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Filcoff presented an amended Ordinance granting Waste Management of Illinois, Incorporated, a Delaware Corporation, the right to construct, utilize, operate and maintain bridge crossings, haul roads, discharge points and utility crossings at multiple locations within Sections 32 & 33, Township 3 North, Range 9 West of the Third P.M., and Sections 4 & 5, Township 2 North, Range 9 West of the Third P.M. Number 2012-0-011 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-0-011 as amended.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lansdowne Trunk – Madison and Venice Sewerage System Enterprise Fund St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois Annual Financial Report for Year Ended March 31, 2012 was presented.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to accept the Lansdowne Annual Financial Report for Year Ended March 31, 2012 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.

A Resolution authorizing the Metro East Sanitary District Treasurer and Staff to pay Callis, Papa, Hale & Szewczyk, P.C., the sum of Thirty-one thousand, four hundred dollars (\$31,400) per annum for legal services performed by Larry A. Calvo. Number 2012-R-013 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt
Resolution Number 2012-R-013.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Economy, “Attorney Calvo would like to discuss a personnel issue and a possible lawsuit in Executive Session.”

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall to enter into
Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and possible lawsuit.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

President Economy called the meeting back to order at 9:21 A.M. and the Clerk
recorded the attendance:

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

Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendents Greathouse, Maeras and Fancher, Treasurer Ken Davis and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

President Economy, "After discussing the matter during Executive Session, I think a letter should be sent to Derrick Johnson regarding the voice mails he left pertaining to the Metro East Sanitary District staff."

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub authorizing Attorney Larry Calvo to send a letter to sewage treatment customer Derrick Johnson regarding his voice mail accusations.

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

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, Laub and McCall.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Clerk