

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Joe Juneau, representing Juneau Associates, Inc. and Brian Bentley and Aaron Walford with AT&T Mobility were also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented a proposal from Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. to provide civil engineering services regarding upgrades to the triple culverts east of IL Rte. 162 on Nameoki Ditch:

Mr. Juneau explained, "We have reviewed the different options available and it was determined to proceed with the option of slip lining a section of the pipe with elliptical steel pipe. The estimated project cost is Seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$17,500) for engineering services and an additional Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for the slip lining."

Executive Director Shipley, "I do not recommend approval of the engineering agreement, as I think the pipe can be patched at this time."

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to reject the proposal from Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. to provide civil engineering services regarding upgrades to the triple culverts east of IL Rte. 162 on Nameoki Ditch and to patch the pipe at this time.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

President Economy, "Mr. Bentley and Mr. Walford are here today from AT&T to discuss a mobile phone plan. I would like for them to address the Board at this time."

Mr. Walford presented a proposal for twenty-seven mobile phone lines:

Mr. Walford explained the proposal:

The least expensive plan will have one account for the seven heaviest users. These seven accounts will have unlimited calling, texting and 10 GB of internet usage. There will be five phones on each of the other accounts with a total of 700 minutes each.

There will be no cost for the phones. The plan includes seven (7) blackberries and twenty (20) standard phones.

AT&T will give the District Seventy-five dollars (\$75) per line to switch from the current carrier to AT&T and will also waive all activation fees.

I understand the District does not have a contact person with the current carrier. I have worked at the Granite City AT&T store for seven (7) years. I will always be available to assist with any questions or problems.

The monthly cost for all 27 lines is Eight hundred twenty-two dollars (\$822) plus tax.

Most importantly, AT&T will provide better service.

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Is this a two year contract?"

Mr. Walford, "Yes, it is a two year contract."

Attorney Calvo, "I believe it will cost the District Five thousand, four hundred dollars (\$5,400) to cancel the current contract. I will contact T-Mobile and double check the cost of cancelling the contract."

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. Dirt was hauled to Nameoki Township, Collinsville Township and the front levee.
2. The buildings on the Missouri Avenue property have been painted. The antenna at 1801 Madison Avenue in Granite City was also painted.
3. Pump No. 3 from the Bremen Station is at Illinois Electric being repaired.

4. The area under the power lines on the front levee has been mowed.
5. We are helping the Village of Washington Park by picking up trash along Forest Boulevard.
6. Lansdowne Ditch has been cleared from Washington Park to the back of Gateway International Raceway.
7. The slope mower is in St. Clair County on Schoenberg Ditch and moving south towards the lake.
8. The building on the Missouri Avenue property has been wired. We still need to purchase an air compressor.
9. The annual Corps of Engineers inspection is scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2012.
10. I am meeting with Ron O'Connor to discuss the public relations campaign.

Attorney Filcoff, "Is there security at the Missouri Avenue property?"

Superintendent Greathouse, "There is a fence around the perimeter of the property and the gate is locked daily. At this time, we are not storing anything on the property."

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. Three mow units are on the river front and will finish at the North Pump Station.

Two mowers are in the south area.
2. The labor crew is cleaning Forest Boulevard. Ten loads of trash have been taken to the landfill.
3. The slope mower is at Frank Holten State Park.
4. The siphon breakers at the pump stations need to be repaired.

President Economy, “Do you still have a crew from the Southwestern Illinois Correction Center?”

Superintendent Maeras, “The Correction Center does not have the manpower (guards) to supply crews.”

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. Tomorrow, I am meeting with a representative from Ameren to discuss the installation of a transformer for the Missouri Avenue property.

We want to run the electricity underground, so we can move heavy equipment onto the property.

It will be nice to have electricity in the buildings. There are two overhead cranes in one of the buildings. Eventually, if we add heat and air conditioning we can use that building to repair equipment.

The tin has been replaced on the buildings and they look like new.

2. We are continuing to dredge Harding Ditch.
3. The track hoe is being used at the control gates to load dirt.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. Two mowers are at Nameoki Ditch, two at Hartford Canal and two at Cahokia Creek.
2. The mechanics are busy repairing equipment.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Fourteen expired Ameritech ordinances have been given to Attorney Larry Calvo.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the September 5, 2012 meeting were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub 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:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett 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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Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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 August 19, 2012 through September 1, 2012 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; 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 ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Calvo, "I met with Joe Juneau to discuss the annexation. If we change the boundary line and omit the twenty-three parcels on the east side of North Bluff Road, the District will lose approximately Four thousand, four hundred dollars (\$4,400) annually in property tax revenue."

President Economy, "Do you recommend changing the boundary and losing revenue?"

Attorney Calvo, "The actual homes are not within the 100 year flood level, they are above the 430 mark. However, the homes are being assessed."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "I am concerned that more homeowners will come forward and ask to have their property removed from the District boundaries."

Attorney Calvo, "I will contact Joe Juneau, but I do not believe more properties exist where the house or buildings are above the 430 mark. I will draft a new ordinance outlining the boundaries and ask Joe Juneau to address the Board. The Board can then decide if they want to change the boundaries."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Previously, I mentioned splitting the parcels. The property owners could split the parcels, so that their homes are outside of the District boundaries."

Superintendent Greathouse, "Would the property owners need to hire an engineer and an attorney to split the parcels?"

Attorney Calvo, "I will talk to Joe Juneau and ask how difficult it is to split a parcel. I will thoroughly investigate this matter, and may or may not prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

I received the 14 expired Ameritech ordinances. After I review them and the rate ordinance, I will prepare the new ordinances and present them all at one time.

Also, I am meeting with Executive Director Shipley after this meeting to discuss a union matter.

I drafted a letter to the sewage treatment customer that left several voice mails accusing a certain District employee of a wrongful act. I will get that letter in the mail."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff read an Ordinance granting to Natural Resources Conservation Service, an Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, permission to rebuild, repair and perform work on the easement of the Metro East Sanitary District, including the right to access the job site by traveling along the Harding Ditch Levee next to Illinois Route 13/15 to the construction site. Number 2012-0-012 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-0-012.

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 9:43 A.M.

Clerk