

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 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 and Laub.
Absent: Commissioner Penny.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Superintendent Walter Greathouse and Treasurer Charles Hester.

REPORT OF ENGINEER: None.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. Juneau Engineering is working on several projects for MESD. Someone from Juneau Engineering should have been here today to provide an update and answer any questions.
2. A crew is trimming under the bridges along Hartford Canal.
3. The slopemower is on Nameoki Ditch, and later it will be returned to Arlington to complete that job.

4. Chouteau, Nameoki & Venice Drainage District (CNV) increased their property tax, and that area is also being annexed into MESD. I am very concerned, that the residents are going to be taxed by both Districts. I am trying to meet with CNV and officials from Madison County.

Originally, I thought MESD was going to absorb CNV Drainage District.

5. The Corps of Engineers is going to inspect the 409 Pump Station for the first time.

6. The City of Madison sewer break has not been repaired. I believe they are waiting on grant money to repair the break.

7. Terry Kalahan is working with John Irwin at Beelman. They located an abandoned sewer line and believe coal dust may be entering the line at that location.

8. Forty (40) new "No Trespassing" signs have been ordered. They are to prevent hunting, fishing and four wheeling on the levees.

9. Laclede is adding rip rap along the levee to protect their pipe line.

10. MESD has a 165' easement by the Union Electric (UE) fly ash pit. UE has asked MESD to mow the grass in that area. We are negotiating with UE.

11. Illinois Electric is working on Pump No. 5 at the North Pump Station. Also, as soon as the river goes down, the flap gate needs to be installed.

12. The pump stations were in operation 200 days this year.

13. The debris and drift from the high river will take one to two months to clean up. It will be a good winter project.

14. The roads are being rocked and graded. They are in really bad shape due to contractors using the levee roads.

15. The fence still needs to be moved at Phillips Reach.

16. Cargill Road was resurfaced. This may present a problem if we need to install the closure gate.

17. The wetlands are drying up at Dead Creek, so we need to clean up the area.

18. ICON Mechanical went out to look at the Mo Pac gates, but the water was too high.
19. All of the levee slides have been repaired and seeded.
20. Canal Number 1 needs to be dredged.
21. The 320 is being used to trim the willows from Canal Number 1 to Mudd Duck.
22. We need to get the bobcat and a trim crew out to Lansdowne Ditch. The silt settles and grass starts growing in the ditch. This happens every year.
23. The health insurance premium went up again. Health insurance costs the District approximately Nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) per employee each year for family coverage. The union contracts will expire at the end of this year. At that time, we need to review the insurance coverage and look at some other options.
24. We need to scrap one of the dump trucks. I want to look at the Ritchie Brothers auction for a used dump truck.
25. We picked up the new Toro zero turn.
26. Next year, I would like to order two new tractors with closed cabs and brush hogs.
27. Josh Cann resigned the 16th of September. Josh was a very good employee and very talented, he could do anything.
28. Jeffery Howard is retiring September 30, 2011.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS:

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. All four pumps are in good condition at the South Pump Station. However, the main breaker needs to be replaced.
2. Six mowers are working in Cahokia. Next, they will move to East St. Louis.
3. The slopemower is being repaired.

4. Labor crews are cutting, trimming and working on the relief wells.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The 850 is being used to level the ground along Lansdowne Ditch.
2. The City of Granite City is asphaltting at Bremen today.
3. The Link Belt is at Harding Ditch. We are raising the banks about eighteen inches to prevent future toppings.
4. Dirt is being removed from the control gates, loaded into the dump trucks and taken to areas where dirt is needed.

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. There are five mowers out today.
2. The Terrain King is at Nameoki Ditch. Next it will be moved to Arlington.
3. The cylinders are being repaired on the dump truck.
4. The part-time crew is cleaning the flap gates along Cahokia Canal and cutting trees.

Superintendent Greathouse reported:

1. Attorney Filcoff and I are working on several projects: AmerenUE, Centerpoint, Bunge and East St. Louis Housing Authority.

Commissioner Laub, “The areas where we keep having levee slides, have you looked into different ways of repairing the slides? While I was on the County Board, I went to a seminar explaining the different materials that can be used to repair the slides.”

Superintendent Greathouse, “The slides occur as a result of the water sitting and soaking into the levee. Then the weight of the water pulls the dirt down. It is worth looking into, maybe we can find something that will help. “

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. We are continuing to send out letters and shut off water. We are keeping busy, but collections are good.
2. Roger Morthland is working to resolve several computer issues.
3. We are receiving numerous bankruptcies and foreclosures.

LANSDOWNE ADJUSTMENT REPORTS:

The Lansdowne Adjustment reports were presented for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS LIST:

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

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS AND SPECIFIC CLAIMS LIST:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of August 21, 2011 through September 3, 2011 was submitted for approval:

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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "I have to make a court appearance this Friday for a sewage treatment case. The customer is suing MESD for One thousand dollars (\$1,000) in damages, because the water was shut off. "

Attorney Filcoff presented and read an Ordinance granting to Ameren UE, a Corporation, permission to relocate, operate and maintain two stormwater discharge pipes over the levee of the Metro East Sanitary District. Number 2011-0-008 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Ordinance Number 2011-0-008 granting to Ameren UE, a Corporation, permission to relocate, operate and maintain two stormwater discharge pipes over the levee of the Metro East Sanitary District.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: 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 and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner Penny.

So adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Clerk