

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014 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 Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Presswood, Superintendent Fancher and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

Joe Juneau representing Juneau Associates and Mark Christ from Christ Bros. were also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau presented the Engineer's Report:

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Mr. Juneau, "There is nothing new to report."

Mr. Juneau left at 9:01 A.M.

President Economy asked Mark Christ to address the Board at this time.

Mr. Christ, "I am requesting permission to have Ameren install and own a 2" steel natural gas transmission line in the Cemetery Road right of way. The line would start at the south side of the MESD levee and run north."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "What type of business is Christ Bros.?"

Mr. Greathouse, "It is an asphalt company."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Will the line go under the water?"

Mr. Greathouse, "Yes, there will be a directional boring at the creek. I told Mr. Christ that he will need permission and guidance from the Corps of Engineers."

Mr. Christ, "I spoke with Matt Hunn at the Corps of Engineer's Office. Mr. Hunn said the line can go over the top of the levee."

Mr. Greathouse, "The line will go over the levee, then under the creek at Cemetery Road."

Mr. Christ, "I spoke with representatives from the City of South Roxana and there is no charge to install the pipe line at the Cemetery Road right of way.

Wood River charges Five dollars (\$5.00) per foot initially, then Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year thereafter."

Mr. Greathouse, "The gas line will go across 650 feet of MESD property. I explained to Mr. Christ that the lowest rate I have seen MESD charge is Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per square foot. However, Christ Bros. will be the only ones to use this line. It is a private line, just for them."

Mr. Christ, "The agreement will be between Ameren and MESD. However, Ameren will pass along any fees MESD charges to Christ Bros. I am trying to be proactive and find out all of the charges before proceeding with this project.

I am concerned about the yearly fees.”

President Economy, “What are you currently using for gas?”

Mr. Christ, “I am using used motor oil. However, it is difficult to comply with all of the Environmental Protection Agency rules and regulations.”

President Economy, “Why not install a four inch (4”) gas line? Then at a later date, other businesses or residences can tap on.”

Mr. Christ, “Ameren will not authorize speculative projects.”

President Economy, “Have you received approval from the Corps of Engineers?”

Mr. Christ, “Yes, I have. As soon as I get permission from MESD I will start working with the Corps.”

Mr. Greathouse, “Mr. Christ wants an idea of what MESD will charge for the right of way, so that he knows if he wants to continue with this project.”

Attorney Calvo, “MESD does not give perpetual easements. I can work up the numbers for a twenty-five (25) year easement.”

Mr. Christ, “I would prefer to pay more upfront and then have smaller yearly payments.”

Attorney Calvo, “There will be a provision in the document for the removal or sealing of the line if it is abandoned.”

President Economy, “Mr. Christ you will need to pay any legal fees for drawing up the easement.”

Attorney Calvo, “I will contact Mr. Christ to discuss the easement.”

Mr. Christ left the meeting at 9:26 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

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President Economy, "Are the pump stations back in operation?"

Mr. Greathouse, "Yes, but we plan to close the pump stations this afternoon. The Mississippi River is going down."

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Presswood reported:

The 320 excavator was mowing along Hartford Canal until the mower head quit working. It is being repaired.

The 324 excavator is mowing off Lake Drive.

A heavy equipment operator is dredging Cahokia Creek off Highway 162. There is a huge amount of dirt there that we need to get rid of.

Attorney Calvo, "Give the dirt away, providing the person or company picks it up."

Executive Director Shipley, "I agree, as long as they pick up the dirt, they can have it."

Superintendent Presswood continued with his report:

The 850 crawler dozer is at South Pump Station knocking down dirt. Next it will be moved to the levee under the New Mississippi River Bridge to pack down dirt.

Mr. Greathouse, "There is a levee slide under the New Mississippi River Bridge. I contacted the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot) in regards to the slide. They came out and looked at the slide and suggested we fill the area with dirt. MoDot representatives as well as MESD employees will continue to monitor the site."

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. We are closing the pump stations today.
2. Three mowers are at Cahokia Creek. The Terrain King is on Nameoki Ditch.
3. The zero turn is on the front levee.

Director of Operations Walter Greathouse reported:

1. The Corps of Engineers approved the permit for America's Central Port to install a conveyor system. I will send a copy of the permit to America's Central Port.
2. The gate at the Venice Pump Station has a small leak. Superintendent Maeras has a meeting to discuss the problem.
3. I am still working with Attorney Calvo, Juneau Associates and the Corps of Engineers to determine property ownership where the proposed cut-off wall is to be installed.
4. The Corps of Engineers gave MESD a very good rating on the pump station inspection. The only exception is the Chouteau, Nameoki & Venice (CNV) Pump Station.

Executive Director Shipley, "We are going to ask CNV Drainage District to pay for the repairs to the pump station."

President Economy, "Why would they pay for the repairs, if the pump station has been turned over to MESD?"

Executive Director Shipley, "The CNV Drainage District still exists and they have money in their account."

Mr. Greathouse, "MESD is responsible for the operation and maintenance, but not for the repairs to the pump station."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Does CNV Drainage District own any farm land?"

Mr. Greathouse, “They sent us a list of property they owned and no farm land was listed.”

Commissioner Hanfelder, “I was contacted about CNV Drainage District allowing people to farm their property for free.

Attorney Filcoff asked me to find out the average fee for renting farm land. The University of Illinois Extension Service listed the average cash fee for renting farm land as One hundred seventy-six dollars (\$176.00) per acre.”

Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

1. The residential and commercial bills were mailed this month.
2. The State of Illinois made some changes to the E-Pay website. The site is up and running and we are not experiencing any problems.
3. However, we are having problems with counterfeit occupancy permits. Fortunately, we have a very good relationship with the cities and Illinois American Water Company.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the September 17, 2014 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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 for the month of September 2014 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of September 2014 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 September 2014 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of September 2014 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 September 2014 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of September 2014 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 September 2014 were submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of September 2014 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.

LANSDOWNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of September 2014 was submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Financial Report for the month of September 2014 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 McCall; 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 periods of August 31, 2014 through September 13, 2014 and September 14, 2014 through September 27, 2014 were 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, Laub and McCall.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Calvo, "As Walter Greathouse mentioned, I am continuing to work with Juneau Associates and the Corps of Engineers on the real estate project."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Ms. Worthen would you or the Clerk please explain what the 'Reserve Account' is that is listed under disbursements on the Lansdowne Financial Report?"

The Clerk responded, "The 'Reserve Account' is how Pitney Bowes requested the checks be made payable for the postage meter. MESD pays Pitney Bowes in advance for postage on the postage meter. As the postage meter runs low on funds, the postage is downloaded to the postage meter."

Ms. Worthen, "The postage meter is used for all past due letters mailed to customers. The cost for a certified letter is now Eight dollars (\$8.00)."

Attorney Calvo, "Have you considered sending bills in an email format? That would eliminate the cost of postage."

The Clerk answered, "I believe our software has that option available, but I will need to verify that fact and gather more information."

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution of Adoption of the Madison Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan was presented. Number 2014-R-009 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adopt Resolution Number 2014-R-009.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Executive Director Shipley, "Clean Uniform contacted the Accounts Payable Clerk about a six percent (6%) increase effective September 29, 2014. The increase will be reduced to two percent (2%) if MESD agrees to an additional two year contract. The current contract expires on March 9, 2015."

President Economy, "We do not want to extend the length of the contract at this time."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 9:47 A.M.

Clerk