

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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 and Laub.
Absent: Commissioner McCall.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner McCall called and asked to be excused.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Kenneth Davis.

Joe Juneau, representing Juneau Associates, Inc. and Aaron Walford from AT&T were also in attendance.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Juneau reported:

1. Hank's Excavating is submitting a proposal for work on the Twin 60" storm water lines behind Bellemore Village in Granite City.
2. Charlie Juneau is working closely with Executive Director Shipley on several projects.
3. Juneau Associates is obtaining bids for a trash rack at the Lansdowne Facility.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley reported:

1. Crews are continuing to move dirt from the control gates to cover the rip rap along the north and south sides of Poplar Street Bridge on the riverside.
2. The bobcat was used to clear the bottom of Lansdowne Ditch in the Washington Park area.
3. Three employees are studying and practicing to obtain their Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
4. Trees are being cut down between Route 3 and Blue Waters Ditch.
5. MESD personnel are sealing the joints on the Twin 60" lines in Granite City. Also, we borrowed a vacuum truck from the City of Granite City to clean the lines.
6. Crews in both Counties are continuing to make the repairs mentioned in the inspection report prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
7. A used dump truck was purchased for Madison County.
8. Trees and brush are being burned along the riverfront.
9. Union Electric completed the demolition of the old power plant by McKinley Bridge. Also, they fenced off the area around Caisson #2.
10. Closure structure C-19 was installed for practice. Everything went smoothly.
11. A cable needs to be installed on the river side of closure structure C-15, near the Casino Queen.
12. The new Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice (CNV) Pump Station is being constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
13. Pump Operators are performing maintenance on the pump stations.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT:

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

Superintendent Maeras reported:

1. Crews are breaking up beaver dams.
2. The trees listed on the inspection report prepared by the Corps of Engineers are being cut down and then put through the wood chipper.
3. The labor crew is collecting drift along the riverfront and cutting down trees at Hog Haven and Blue Waters Ditch.
4. Yesterday, the 650 slope mower broke down along Blue Waters Ditch and was taken back to the garage.
5. The lead mechanic in my department is off work due to knee surgery. He will return after the first of the year.

Superintendent Presswood reported:

1. The City of Granite City loaned MESD their vacuum truck to clean the twin 60" lines. There was six to eight inches of mud in the bottom of the lines. We have been using the vacuum truck for about two weeks, and will probably need one more week to finish.
2. Harding Ditch is being dredged.
3. The 953 Hi-lift is being used to load dirt at the control gates. The dirt is then being taken to cover rip rap on the front levees.
4. Two Lansdowne employees are taking pictures of the sites where waste water samples are taken from businesses on the Lansdowne Sewer System. The pictures are then going into a book with instructions on how to take the tests.

We are hopeful, that in the future, anyone can use the book to take waste water samples.

5. The main projects have been completed at the Missouri Avenue property

Superintendent Fancher reported:

1. All of the cables on the levees are being replaced.
2. The old white dump truck was used as a trade-in on the dump truck that was just purchased.
3. Madison County Foreman Scott Smith is working to correct items mentioned in the inspection report prepared by the Corps of Engineers.
4. Mechanics are working on the equipment.
5. A trim crew is at Merchants Bridge. Next, they are moving to Hartford to clear a big pile of brush.
6. The Terrain King is in use behind St. Louis Auto Shredding.

Office Manager Cindy Worthen reported:

- 1 Collections are good.
2. Officials from the City of East St. Louis explained to residents the sewer tax charge. Several residents were confused and thought the City of East St. Louis and MESD were billing for the same service.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the December 5, 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, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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 McCall.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; 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 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, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of November 25, 2012 through December 8, 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 and Laub.
Nays: None.
Excused: Commissioner McCall.

REPORT OF ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Calvo stated, "I met with Aaron Walford from AT&T last week to discuss switching the cellular telephone service from T-Mobile to AT&T. Mr. Walford is here today to answer any questions and explain the plan. Basically, it will cost MESD Five thousand, four hundred dollars (\$5,400) to break the contract with T-Mobile. As you all know, the phone reception has been terrible and the Superintendents cannot answer their phones while at home or at the Washington Park Garage."

"AT&T will give MESD a credit of Two thousand, twenty five dollars (\$2,025) for switching phone service. So, the actual cost to switch service and break the T-Mobile contract will be Three thousand, three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$3,375)."

Mr. Wolford, "MESD will receive twenty-three (23) Samsung Rugby phones free and four (4) iPhones for Ninety-nine cents (\$0.99) each. I will program all of the phones and set everything up. We should be able to switch service the beginning of the year."

Attorney Calvo, "Attorney Filcoff mentioned that we need a contract or proposal in writing."

Mr. Wolford, "I would be happy to provide a written proposal."

President Economy, "What will the monthly charge be?"

Mr. Wolford, "MESD currently pays Seven hundred dollars (\$700) per month. The new monthly fee will be Eight hundred twenty-two dollars (\$822)."

President Economy, "Why the increase?"

Mr. Wolford, "AT&T covers a larger service area. Your current service is very bad. Four or five of the employees used zero time, so they will not even use the existing phones."

Superintendent Maeras, "Will we have the same telephone numbers?"

Mr. Wolford, "Yes, you will keep your phone numbers."

Attorney Calvo, "Mr. Wolford will be our contact person at AT&T. He is located at the Granite City store and has been there for several years. After reviewing all of the information, I recommend entering into a contract with AT&T."

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett to approve the contract between AT&T and the Metro East Sanitary District, as recommended by Attorney Larry Calvo and Executive Director Bob Shipley.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

Attorney Filcoff, "I have been working with Superintendent Greathouse. Slay Industries wants to fill in a flow easement. I have sent information to Slay Industries to stop them from filling in the flow easement."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Economy, “Previously, I mentioned that MESD employees need employer identification badges. I recommend all employees be issued an ID badge.”

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Crockett authorizing the purchase of employer identification badges for all Metro East Sanitary District personnel.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Filcoff presented a Resolution to establish procedures related to public comment at Metro East Sanitary District Board Meetings. Number 2012-R-019 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt
Resolution No. 2012-R-019.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

O'Connor & Partners, Inc. submitted a Final Report of Support Provided to
MESD:

The report was accepted and placed on file.

Executive Director Shipley, “The District has three (3) vehicles that are no longer in use. I recommend advertising for bids for the sale of these vehicles.”

Motion Commissioner Crockett; seconded Commissioner Laub to advertise for bids for the sale of a 1995 Ford Explorer 4x4, a 1988 Chevrolet GMC 400 and a 1993 GMC Pick-up Truck.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Crockett to adjourn.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Economy, Hanfelder, Crockett and Laub.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

So adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Clerk