

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AT 1800
EDISON AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT
9:00 A.M.**

President Pennekamp called the meeting to order and the Clerk recorded the attendance.

The following was the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.
Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

A discussion was held regarding the sinkhole on Wayne Avenue in Granite City. The District has twin 60 inch pipes that run from the Granite City Ice Rink to Nameoki Ditch. The pipes are in good condition, but the seams are a problem. One of the rubber lock rings dry rotted, which caused the sinkhole.

The pipes were originally constructed under a soybean field. The City of Granite City annexed the property, built streets and even gave permits to build garages and carports over the pipes.

Attorney Calvo asked to review the project file, regarding the twin 60 inch pipes, to determine ownership and responsibility.

Commissioner McCall, "Why is a sewer tap-on being investigated?"

Mr. Greathouse explained, "Hank's Excavating was televising the sewer line in Washington Park and saw a tap-on. According to our records there should not be any sewer lines tapped onto our main line in Washington Park.

Hank's is installing a solid pipe into the sewer line where the break occurred. No water will be able to enter our line from the tap-on once the pipe is installed."

Commissioner McCall, "Do you know if the illegal tap-on is commercial or residential?"

Mr. Greathouse, "No, we were not able to determine where the line originated. However, we did not see any indication that the line is in use."

President Pennekamp, "Was everything possible done to determine if the sewer line was being used?"

Superintendent Presswood, "Yes, we did everything we could to try and find the other end of the sewer line. We walked three blocks, and there were no businesses or residential homes in the area."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to accept the Report of the Executive Director and place it on file.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. The residential sewage treatment bills are being mailed today.

The commercial bills and the Village of Caseyville bills will be mailed later this week.

2. Illinois American Water Company is continuing to disconnect water for past due sewage treatment bills. They disconnect ten weekly.

There are still seven accounts without water from two weeks ago and 6 accounts from last week. Ten more will be shut off this week.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the January 20, 2016 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2016
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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2016 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of January 2016 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of January 2016 as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2016 were submitted for approval:

Commissioner Laub, “Why was Walter Greathouse issued check number 18352 for Two hundred dollars (\$200)?”

The Clerk responded, “He was reimbursed for some expenses that occurred during the Christmas party.”

Commissioner Laub, “Should the District be responsible for the additional expenses?”

Attorney Calvo stated that it is permissible to incur expenses to promote the District and interact with business associates.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of January 2016 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund and Specific Funds Financial Reports for the month of January 2016 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of January 2016 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of January 3, 2016 through January 16, 2016 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the Payroll as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff, "I am trying to schedule a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation to discuss the flooding at the Lansdowne Facility on Plank Road in Fairmont City. The new Route 3 viaduct is causing water to flood the facility."

Attorney Calvo stated that he is working with Teamsters and Operating Engineers to renew the union contracts. The grievance filed by the Operating Engineers has been dropped, as the employees were paid correctly.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner McCall asked, "Did you receive the necessary paperwork from the Corps of Engineers giving Riley Owens permission to trim the trees along Route 157 and Route 15 in St. Clair County?"

Attorney Filcoff, "Yes, we received the letter from the Corps."

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder granting permission to Riley Owens to trim trees and remove the debris from Metro East Sanitary District property located along Route 157 and Route 15 in St. Clair County, Illinois.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Greathouse, “Rosemarie Heath received an email from Larry Ringering, the Director of the Madison County Emergency Management Agency on Friday, January 29th at 3:59.

The email stated that MESD was scheduled to meet with IEMA and FEMA representatives at 2:30 on Monday, February 1st for the Preliminary Damage Assessment.

The District was instructed to bring a map with the damaged areas highlighted, pictures, invoices and payroll for any damages sustained during the recent heavy rains and high river. We did not have time to gather all of the information before the meeting.

We were given twenty-four hours to email the information to FEMA representatives. Ms. Heath emailed electric bills, invoices and payroll to FEMA on Tuesday, February 2nd.

We do not have all of the electric bills or costs of repairs at this time, but we can submit more later if Madison County reaches the per capita threshold of \$961,336.74. IEMA must prove there was enough damage in the area to qualify for FEMA assistance.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

So adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

Clerk