

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse and Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen.

Julie Holt representing United Insurance Brokerage was also in attendance.

President Pennekamp invited Ms. Holt to address the Board.

Ms. Holt stated:

I am a local insurance broker with an office at 3024 Nameoki Road in Granite City, Illinois.

I would like an opportunity to meet with District staff to learn more about the District and the current insurance policies.

Executive Director Shipley asked Ms. Holt to contact Rosemarie Heath the District Clerk to discuss the current policies.

Ms. Holt left the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

A report from the Executive Director was presented:

Executive Director Shipley commented:

1. We are no longer manning the pump stations.
2. The sink hole at Wayne Avenue in Granite City has been repaired.

President Pennekamp asked, “At the last meeting, Superintendent Presswood mentioned that the seams on the twin 60” storm water pipes need to be repaired. Has anything been done to repair the pipes?”

Mr. Greathouse replied, “Superintendent Presswood contacted Charlie Juneau and Insituform. It was agreed that Insituform is not the solution. We are still looking at solutions, perhaps a grout spray, but we do not have a solid plan at this time.”

President Pennekamp, “Has the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) done anything to correct the water problem at the Lansdowne Facility?”

Mr. Greathouse, “Attorney Filcoff is trying to schedule a meeting with IDOT. I continue to take weekly photographs of the water.

Also, we have a crew walking through the tunnels today to make certain all of the manholes are covered and have locking lids.”

Commissioner Hanfelder, “Has the flow to the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant returned to normal?”

Mr. Greathouse, “Yes, it has gone down.”

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. A representative from the State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program provided training to the office staff. He explained some options to help collect past due amounts.

We are trying to turn accounts over to the State by the end of the month, since the State will not be issuing income tax refunds until March 1st.

2. Illinois American Water Company disconnected the water at eight residences this week. The water is still off at all eight residences.
3. Past due notices and lien letters are being mailed.
4. The Southwestern Illinois Correction Center in Washington Park owes Ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) in sewage treatment fees.

We have sent past due notices and I plan to send a water disconnect notice.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 3, 2016 meeting were presented for approval.

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 Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

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

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 Darwin 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 Hanfelder, Laub, McCall, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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 17, 2016 through January 30, 2016 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Filcoff, "I am trying to arrange a meeting with IDOT to discuss the water problems at the Lansdowne Facility. I suggested three dates, that we would be available to meet with them.

Ms. Worthen gave me demolition notices from the Cities of Madison and Venice. I want to discuss the matter with Mayor Hamm. Every time a home is demolished the District loses property tax revenue."

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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 10:01 A.M.

Clerk