

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 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, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent John Maeras, Superintendent Rick Fancher, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Ken Davis.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Shipley presented a report:

Executive Director Shipley, “I am hopeful that we will be out of the pump stations this weekend. Also, we have a meeting scheduled with the Corps of Engineers for this Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the Periodic Inspection. The Periodic Inspection is performed every five years.”

President Pennekamp, “Just a reminder to complete your Statement of Economic Interest and return it to the County Clerk.”

Mr. Greathouse, “I met with Joe Juneau to discuss the water problems within the Village of Pontoon Beach. MESD is going to provide a pipe that was left over from another project, transport the pipe to the site and haul away material.”

President Pennekamp, “I attended a meeting between the Metro East Sanitary District, the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District (FPD) and AMEC to discuss the 100 year flood certification and the 500 year flood certification. The FPD and AMEC are looking at the most cost effective way to meet the 100 and 500 year certifications. However, the most cost effective design is not the most cost effective plan for MESD. MESD will be responsible for the operation and maintenance costs. This will be an ongoing discussion.”

Executive Director Shipley, “The gates were opened at Horseshoe Lake in anticipation of the rain forecast. The Lake is currently at 403.9.”

#### **REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:**

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. Illinois American Water Company disconnected water service to nine accounts last week for past due sewage treatment bills.
2. The office is continuing to send letters to customers that are in arrears.

3. We received thirty-four (34) tax sale notices this week. We are going through each tax sale notice.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the April 6, 2016 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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.

The Executive Session minutes for the April 6, 2016 were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Hanfelder to approve the Executive Session minutes as submitted and keep them closed to the public.

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:

Motion Commissioner Darwin; 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 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 Darwin; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder 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:

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

**PAYROLL:**

The Payroll for the period of March 27, 2016 through April 9, 2016 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Darwin; 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, “Attorney Tom Schooley and I have been discussing the large number of property owners requesting a change of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more in their assessed valuation.

We would like to hire an appraiser and split the cost between the District, the City of Granite City, Granite City Township and the Granite City School District.”

Commissioner Laub, “If you want to file ‘A Request to Intervene’ with the Property Tax Appeal Board then you need to have an appraisal completed by an MAI appraiser. MAI appraisers are experienced in the valuation and evaluation of commercial, industrial, residential and other types of property.”

Attorney Filcoff, “That is our plan, but I need Board approval to hire an appraiser. Attorney Schooley expects the fee to be around One thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500).”

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to share in the cost of an appraiser, with other local government entities, in order to file an appeal with the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Filcoff, "The Illinois Department of Transportation received my letter concerning the water problems at the District's Lansdowne Facility. I am continuing to work with Walter Greathouse and Randy Presswood to resolve the issue."

Attorney Calvo, "I would like to give the Board an update on the union negotiations during Executive Session."

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Attorney Calvo, "I would like to discuss the status of the union negotiations during executive session."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Darwin to enter into Executive Session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including



hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:18 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:32 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

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

Absent: None.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Attorney George Filcoff and Attorney Larry Calvo.

President Pennekamp, "After discussing the union negotiations during Executive Session, no further action is needed at this time."

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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 9:32 A.M.