

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST  
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND  
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 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, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Ken Davis.

Linda Knogl and Kathy Goclan were also in attendance.

President Pennekamp invited Ms. Knogl and Ms. Goclan to address the Board.

Ms. Knogl stated:

I am here today with Kathy Goclan, who is running for the Madison County Board, District 19.

I have been a resident of Mitchell, Illinois for nine years, Granite City for twenty-two years and Pontoon Beach for thirty-eight years.

Ms. Goclan and I are concerned about the drainage in Pontoon Beach. Pontoon Beach is the lowest area in Madison County. Just dig a hole and ground water will seep into it.

Water problems are continuing to get worse for residents in the areas of Georgetown, Springfield Estates and Breckenridge.

Nearly any commercial building or new construction will include a retention pond. All of the water from the buildings and concrete parking lots drain into Long Lake.

I understand preparations are being made to improve the flow of Long Lake into Horseshoe Lake. The debris that clogs the drains under the bike trail at Route 162 has to be monitored and removed quickly and efficiently.

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Beautiful homes are being damaged because of the water problems. We are no longer able to attract new homeowners. Wonderful homes are available for low prices.

Local government bodies must not turn a deaf ear to the homeowners that rely upon these entities to protect their homes.

We have some serious water problems and need your help.

President Pennekamp, "This issue is not unknown to us. There are multiple entities involved and we are working with the Mayor of Pontoon Beach and Nameoki Township."

Ms. Knogl commented that they have attended meetings with the Township and Sewer District and plan to attend additional meetings.

Ms. Goclan suggested that the local government entities come together and work on the drainage problems.

President Pennekamp said that he did not know the answer to the problem. However, MESD has made a commitment to work with Pontoon Beach, within our jurisdiction.

President Pennekamp thanked Ms. Knogl and Ms. Goclan for attending the meeting.

Ms. Knogl and Ms. Goclan left the meeting at 9:13 A.M.

#### **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

A report from the Executive Director was presented:

Attorney Filcoff asked, "Why did you meet with Mr. Sauget?"

Mr. Greathouse responded, "Mr. Rich Sauget is thinking about building outdoor athletic fields (soccer and baseball) west of the Grizzlies Baseball Stadium. They will need to cross the MESD ditch. However, these are very preliminary plans."

**REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:**

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. A water disconnect letter was sent to the Southwestern Illinois Correction Center. Their representative called and said they are trying to get a payment to MESD.
2. The District should receive approximately Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) from the State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program for past due sewage treatment bills this month.
3. Two new homes are being built in the Tanglewood Subdivision in Caseyville, Illinois. Tanglewood was previously called Forest Lakes and is located between Routes 157 and 159.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the May 4, 2016 meeting were presented for approval.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Executive Session minutes for the May 4, 2016 meeting were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Executive Session minutes as submitted and order 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:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; 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.

**LANSLOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:**

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; 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:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 April 24, 2016 through May 7, 2016 was submitted for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

President Pennekamp presented three letters from the Department of the Army, St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers regarding Periodic Inspection #10 performed in January 2015:



President Pennekamp explained the letters:

All three letters state that the District has received an unacceptable rating due to the Periodic Inspection and will be ineligible for rehabilitation assistance under PL 84-99.

MESD has two deficiencies, the East St. Louis Drain and the Blue Waters Ditch Pump Station Forebay Gate. As mentioned at previous meetings, MESD does not own the drain or the gate.

Charlie Juneau is working with the District to compose a Letter of Intent (LOI).

I wrote a letter to the Corps expressing our concern over the policy which makes MESD ineligible for PL 84-99 assistance for the period of time between the official release of the 2015 Periodic Inspection and the Corps' approval of MESD's Letter of Intent (LOI).

In the letter, I requested MESD be allowed to remain eligible for the PL 84-99 program during the Corps' review of the LOI.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded  
Commissioner Hanfelder 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 9:22 A.M.

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Clerk