

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
METRO EAST SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR  
AND MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016 AT 1800 EDISON  
AVENUE, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS AT 9:00  
A.M.**

President Pennekamp called the Public Hearing 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, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Ken Davis.

Joe Juneau and Zach Borrenpohl representing Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. were also in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW PLANS:**

Mr. Borrenpohl explained the Operational and Maintenance Plan for the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO):

The Public Hearing is part of the NPDES permit requirements, along with reviewing and updating the plan.

Page 1, MESD Interceptors - includes the area MESD serves, how the flow is collected and a brief explanation of the system.

Page 3, CSO Outfalls – MESD has three outfalls. The biggest change listed was the 48” Venice combined sewer, the weir was raised two feet from the original height to increase the storage of the combined sewage, and to reduce the overflow.

Maintenance is discussed on Page 4. Street cleaning, catch basin cleaning, cleaning of trunk and interceptor, adjustments to CSO structures and maintenance procedures are all part of the maintenance plan.

The Operation and Maintenance Plan will be open for public comment for two weeks. The CSO plans are due to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) along with any public comments twelve (12) months after the permit effective date of September 15, 2016.

The Pollution Prevention Plan has also been included in the packet. The primary objective of this plan is to keep contaminants from entering the MESD's combined sewer system.

The MESD's pollution prevention measures are in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Combined Sewer Overflows, Guidance for Nine Minimum Controls document. They are: street cleaning, public education, solid waste collection and recycling, product ban/substitution, control of product use, illegal dumping, bulk refuse disposal, hazardous waste collection, water conservation and commercial/industrial pollution prevention.

The Public Notification Program, which identifies the affected public has been included. MESD is developing an electronic "Address Book" containing a list of email addresses of interested parties.

MESD has a website to inform the general public of the occurrences of CSOs in the District's service area. A color-coded graphic representation of the waterways will appear on the web page depicting the location of CSO points where discharges to the Mississippi River can occur. General information regarding CSOs and floodwater discharges to the Mississippi River, along with their implications, will be included for information purposes.

There being no further discussion or questions concerning the Combined Sewer Overflow Plan, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:17 A.M.

Mr. Juneau and Mr. Borrenpohl left the meeting at 9:17 A.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE LANSDOWNE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17:**

President Pennekamp opened the public hearing for the Lansdowne Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 at 9:18 A.M.

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There being no one present for the Public Hearing, President Pennekamp closed the Public Hearing at 9:18 A.M.

President Pennekamp called the regular meeting to order at 9:18 A.M. 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, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Ken Davis.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

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Attorney Filcoff asked about the meeting with Ameren regarding the longer tension wires.

Superintendent Greathouse explained, "We met with a real estate representative from Ameren. Ameren will need an Ordinance from MESD to put guidewires along the main line levee at the South Pump Station. The other area is along Harding Ditch where they are putting cross members on existing poles. Ameren has an existing Ordinance with MESD at that location."

President Pennekamp, "What needs to be done about the Fairmont sewers?"

Mr. Greathouse, "We believe stormwater is entering the Lansdowne system in Fairmont City."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Arlington is listed on your report, what is being done there?"

Executive Director Shipley, "The grass was being mowed in that area, but we had to stop. The Mississippi River went up and the majority of the workforce is in the pump stations."

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

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. The Southwestern Illinois Correction Center paid Fourteen thousand, eight hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$14,839) towards their sewage treatment bill. They still have a balance due of One hundred three thousand, six hundred forty dollars (\$103,640).

Do you want me to continue sending the past due and water disconnect notices?

Executive Director Shipley, "Yes, you should continue sending the notices."

President Pennekamp, "I feel we have an obligation to follow our normal procedures."

Mr. Worthen continued with her report:

2. This year, the Lansdowne Department has received over Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the State of Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program. Last year, we received a total of Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).
3. The residential and commercial bills have been mailed this month.
4. We are continuing with the weekly water disconnects.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the May 18, 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.

**GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:**

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 2016 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 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 May 2016 were submitted for review:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to accept the General Fund and Various Specific Claims for the month of May 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 May 2016 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of May 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, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of May 2016 were submitted for approval:



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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of May 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:

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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 May 8, 2016 through May 21, 2016 was submitted for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 reported:

I went through the Resolutions between the Metro East Sanitary District and the various Cities and Townships regarding the Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System.

All of the Resolutions include an Excessive Infiltration clause stating that if excessive ground water infiltration is present in the sewage system, the City or Township will take the necessary corrective measures to remove said excessive infiltration.

If the City or Township fails to take corrective measures the District may levy a surcharge to accommodate any additional costs resulting from the excessive flow into the District trunk line.

President Pennekamp, "We have asked employees to continue checking for any areas that have a large influx of stormwater. I would like to see documentation of any areas that are found."

Mr. Greathouse, "Mr. Borrenpohl mentioned that the overflow on the 48" Venice combined sewer is a weir sixty inches (60") high. The weir was raised two feet (2') from the original height to increase the storage of combined sewage and to reduce the overflow.

The problem is this allows more water to be diverted to the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. There were no other alternatives available. The District does not own enough property in the area to build a holding pond."

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President Pennekamp asked, "After reviewing the Resolutions, what is the plan moving forward?"

Executive Director Shipley, "I think we should notify the Cities and Townships that we are investigating ways to stop the groundwater from entering the system. And that if we are unable to stop the groundwater, we will need to charge a fee."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "A letter needs to be sent to all of the entities inviting them to a meeting."

Attorney Filcoff agreed to prepare a letter inviting all of the entities to a meeting to discuss the groundwater problems.

Attorney Filcoff also reported that he is working on several expired Ameren Ordinances. One of the expired ordinances was paying One hundred ninety-one dollars (\$191) annually. According to the new rate ordinance, the fee will be Four thousand, six hundred dollars (\$4,600) per year.

President Pennekamp commented that the expired ordinances are a source of revenue that the District should pursue.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An Ordinance concerning the Budget and Annual Appropriation to defray the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Metro East Sanitary District, Lansdowne Sewage Treatment System, of St. Clair and Madison Counties, in the State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017, beginning on the First day of April 2016 and ending on the Thirty-First day of March 2017 was presented. Number 2016-0-003 was assigned to this document.

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt Ordinance Number 2016-0-003.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

An Ordinance to regulate the wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed by the Metro East Sanitary District was presented. Number 2016-0-004 was assigned to this document.

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Attorney Filcoff explained that during the month of June of each calendar year, municipalities must investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages to be paid for work on public works and post or keep available its determination of such prevailing wages.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-0-004.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A Resolution granting permission to the United States, its Officers, Employees and Agents, Government Contractors and assigns to enter lands, easements and rights-of-way maintained and controlled by the Metro East Sanitary District was presented.

Resolution Number 2016-R-006 was assigned to this document.

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Mr. Greathouse, “The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers needs permission to enter property owned by MESD to repair the levee slides in the Cahokia, Illinois area. We applied for federal assistance to repair the slides before we became ineligible for PL 84-99.”

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Resolution No. 2016-R-006.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A Resolution establishing a temporary appointment for a designated period of time for the Office of Deputy Clerk for the Metro East Sanitary District of Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois was presented. Resolution Number 2016-R-007 was assigned to this document.

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Attorney Filcoff explained, "I prepared this Resolution because the District Clerk will be out of the office for two weeks and someone will need to fulfill her duties."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Resolution No. 2016-R-007.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 10:57 A.M.

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Clerk