

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 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, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Superintendent Rick Fancher and Treasurer Ken Davis.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

A report from the Executive Director was presented:

President Pennekamp asked, “Your report indicates a meeting between AMEC and Scott. Would you please explain why they met?”

Mr. Greathouse, “A representative from AMEC met with Scott Hillman to discuss future projects. They also discussed working on the relief wells once the Mississippi River goes down.”

President Pennekamp provided an update on the Letter of Intent (LOI) being submitted to the Corps of Engineers:

Charlie Juneau and Zachary Borrenpohl with Juneau Associates, Charles Etwert from the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District and MESD staff met with Corps of Engineers representatives Rachel Lopez and Tracey Kelsey to discuss the Letter of Intent for the System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF).

MESD is required by the SWIF to keep the public informed of the levee condition and the flood risk. An Emergency Action Plan and Risk Communication Plan are also required in the SWIF.

The Corps is shifting responsibility to the Metro East Sanitary District. The Corps states that as their partner, MESD is responsible for any deficiencies within the levee system. This includes items that are not owned or maintained by MESD. The 10 ½ foot pipe owned by the City of East St. Louis is a prime example.

The Corps is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and MESD to inform the public of the risk associated with living within the District. MESD does everything possible to maintain the levees and the entire levee system. If the Corps wants to say there are deficiencies based on their design, there is nothing we can do. There will always be risks.

One important factor is flood insurance. If people contact MESD about flood insurance, we cannot advise them on if they should or should not purchase flood insurance. They must make their own determination.

The MESD is currently ineligible for flood damage cost reimbursement under Public Law 84-99. The LOI is required for the MESD to become eligible for PL 84-99.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

All of the Lansdowne sewage treatment bills have been mailed this month, except for the Village of Caseyville and the Commercial accounts. The Caseyville and Commercial accounts will be mailed this week.

A water disconnect letter is being sent to the Southwestern Illinois Correction Center.

This week, Illinois American Water Company disconnected water at six residences. There are still seven accounts shut-off from last week.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the June 22, 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:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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 McCall 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 June 5, 2016 through June 18, 2016 was submitted for approval.

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; 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 ATTORNEYS:

Attorney Filcoff reported:

Letters were mailed to the Mayors and Township Supervisors requesting a meeting to discuss the infiltration of ground water into the MESD sewage systems. It was agreed that the meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 1:00.

I plan to be at the meeting tomorrow to discuss the sewage treatment rate increase.

I am working on five expired Ordinances. I thought they would be ready to present today, but there was an error in the legal descriptions. The rates are going up substantially.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Pennekamp, "I think we need to discuss the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant fee. This is going to be a large part of the Lansdowne expenses for the next three months.

We need to analyze how Granite City computes the rate and determine if that is the most advantageous method for MESD."

Mr. Greathouse, "I do not understand how the City of Granite City had a negative 7.85 percent total plant usage for the month of July 2015. I questioned the percentage

and was told the regular formula was used. Last time we had a problem like this, we called George Sallwasser for assistance. He has since retired from Horner and Shifrin Engineering.”

President Pennekamp, “I think we need to investigate the method used to determine the rates.”

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance granting to Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois, an Illinois Corporation, its successors and assigns (collectively, “Grantee”) the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and easement to construct, reconstruct, use, operate, maintain, inspect, add to the number of and patrol an electric and communication line or lines consisting of poles, guys, anchors, wires, cables, conduits, fixtures and other appurtenances thereto, including transformers, upon, over and across, and under property of the Metro East Sanitary District, Madison County, Illinois was presented. Number 2016-0-005 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Filcoff, "I would like to postpone taking any action on this Ordinance until Attorney Calvo is in attendance. Attorney Calvo drafted the Ordinance and I am not familiar with the contents."

Mr. Greathouse, "This is a renewal of a very old agreement between the Metro East Sanitary District and East St. Louis Light and Power. Previously, there was no fee attached to the agreement."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "If the agreement did not have a fee, can the renewal include a fee?"

Attorney Filcoff, "The Board adopted a rate Ordinance several years ago. Since the agreement expired, the new rates will apply. The District is no longer giving perpetual agreements."

No action was taken on Ordinance Number 2016-0-005 at this time.

President Pennekamp, "I would like to address an issue that was brought to our attention during the audit. The auditor recommended that two signatures be required on Metro East Sanitary District checks. Does the Board want to require all checks to have two signatures or only after a certain amount of money?"

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to require two signatures on all Metro East Sanitary District checks issued for any and all amounts exceeding of Two thousand, four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$2,499).

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 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 9:37 A.M.

Clerk