

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

Executive Director Shipley, “We met with Mike Kessler from the Corps of Engineers to discuss the levee slides and the pump at North Pump Station. The Corps does not have the funding to repair the slides or the pump at this time.”

Mr. Greathouse, “The Corps estimates the cost to repair the levee slides at One million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000). Until the Mississippi River goes down and we cannot pull the pump at North Pump Station, we have no idea what it will cost to repair the pump. However, the Corps will provide one hundred percent (100%) of the funds needed to repair the levee slides and the pump.”

President Pennekamp, “We are working to find out why the Granite City Regional Treatment Plant bill is so high. The flow and BOD’s have been extremely high this past year. Later today, we have a meeting the Mayors and Township Supervisors to discuss the stormwater that is entering the Lansdowne sewerage system. Tomorrow, we are meeting with an engineer from Horner and Shifrin to discuss how the monthly rate is computed.”

Commissioner Hanfelder, “If there is a heavy flow to the Treatment Plant, shouldn’t the BOD’s and TSS rates go down?”

Superintendent Presswood, “We have always been told that dilution is the solution. Granite City takes daily samples of the water, while MESD takes samples 120 times a year. We take our wastewater sample to TEKLAB to be tested and Granite City tests the water at their facility.”

Mr. Greathouse, “We are in the process of going through our test results. Also, all of the information received from Granite City has been given to the engineer at Horner and Shifrin.”

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

Illinois American Water Company is changing water meters, and the new meters are in gallons instead of cubic feet. Roger Morthland and I have been working with the Water Company and our software company, so the sewage treatment bills can be figured in cubic feet or gallons.

The auditors are performing the Lansdowne audit for Fiscal Year End March 31, 2016.

A water disconnect letter has been sent to the Southwestern Illinois Correction Center. The water will be shut-off August 4, 2016. How does the Board want me to proceed?

Executive Director Shipley, "I think we should continue to work with the Correction Center."

MINUTES:

The minutes for the July 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.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

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

July 20, 2016

Page 4

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.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of June 2016 were submitted for review:

July 20, 2016

Page 5

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

President Pennekamp, “The Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant bill is \$156,831.67 this month. We budgeted for far less on this line item. We have a meeting this Friday, July 22nd to discuss the Lansdowne rate increase. We need to move forward on the rate increase.”

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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of June 2016 were submitted for approval:

July 20, 2016

Page 7

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

July 20, 2016

Page 8

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 June 19, 2016 through July 2, 2016 was submitted for approval.

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 ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff reported:

I received and reviewed a Cooperation Agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the Metro East Sanitary District. The Agreement allows the Corps to proceed with construction repairs on the levee slides. The Executive Director and I will sign the Cooperation Agreement, and hopefully the Corps will begin work on the levee slides.

I am working with Matha Parks at Ameren to renew five Ordinances. The District has numerous Ordinances that expired during the 1970's and 1980's that need to be renewed.

I will be in attendance at the meeting today with the Mayors to discuss the stormwater entering the Lansdowne system.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Calvo presented 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. Ordinance Number 2016-0-005 was assigned to this document.

Attorney Calvo explained, “This Ordinance renews an old easement that did not include a fee. Ameren wants to install a new underground line in the same area. The new Ordinance has a yearly fee of \$15,307.50 with increases every fifth year. The Ordinance expires after 25 years.”

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-0-005.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Executive Session Minutes as presented, and that they will remain closed to the public, as they contain confidential information regarding potential lawsuits, actual lawsuits and company personnel.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Darwin to destroy the verbatim records of the Executive Sessions prior to January 1, 2015.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

July 20, 2016

Page 11

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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 9:29 A.M.

Clerk