

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Treasurer Ken Davis.

Linda Knogel was also in attendance.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director's report was presented:

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Attorney Filcoff, "Mr. Greathouse, would you please explain what "maybe go into CNV watch it" means?"

Mr. Greathouse, "The Corps of Engineers has a ditch that is blocked, causing the water to back up. The ditch cannot be cleared until the Mississippi River level is lower. Therefore, MESD must man the Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice (CNV) Pump Station until the ditch is cleared to prevent flooding, in the event of a heavy rain."

Commissioner Laub, "When will the levee slides in Cahokia be repaired?"

Mr. Greathouse, "MESD has requested assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to repair the slides. All of the paperwork has been completed. The Federal Government does not have the funds available to repair the slides."

Matt Hunn from the Corps met with MESD staff and the Mayor of Cahokia. Mr. Hunn assured us there is no reason to be concerned. Personally, I thought the slides should have been repaired in 2015 when we noticed them."

Commissioner Laub, "Why did the Corps of Engineers call me?"

Mr. Greathouse, "They were notifying us of the annual inspection. The Corps inspected the entire MESD levee system from Southern Illinois University to Dupo. I attended the inspection, they did not remark on any problems or deficiencies during the inspection."

President Pennekamp explained that if MESD staff works on the three levee slides in Cahokia, then MESD will forfeit any federal funds to repair the slides. The Corps estimates the cost to repair the slides at several hundred thousand dollars.

Kathy Goclan entered the meeting at 9:06 A.M.

Commissioner Hanfelder, "What is the status of Pump No. 1 at the North Pump Station?"

Mr. Greathouse, "This is also a project that has been submitted to the Corps of Engineers. We are waiting on federal funds to repair the pump. However, the Mississippi River must be five feet or lower to remove the pump. I asked the Corps if

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they would allow MESD personnel to remove the pump when the river goes down. The pump still needs to be inspected to determine why it is not working.”

Commissioner Hanfelder, “Is there also a problem with Pump No. 3 at North Pump Station?”

Mr. Greathouse, “We have had the part to repair the flap gate for months, but the river must be low enough to enter the chamber. The flap gate is being held in place by one of two arms, so we are reluctant to use the pump.”

Commissioner Hanfelder, “If the Mississippi River rises to flood stage, will this present a problem?”

Mr. Greathouse, “We still have a small pump, a large pump and in the case of an emergency we could use Pump No. 3.”

Commissioner Pennekamp asked about the balloons breaking.

Superintendent Presswood explained that the District was responsible for stopping the flow at the sewer break at Route 40 in Fairmont City, and was using the inflatable balloons to stop the flow.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. Rosemarie Heath, Roger Morthland and I met with Robert Januska and Sean Mickey from Horner & Shifrin to discuss the commercial and industrial users.

They are looking at what companies need to be tested and how often and which companies need to be investigated more thoroughly. They also want a map of the sewer lines to see how the businesses are attached to the line.

They will have a full report by the end of December 2016.

2. The November 2016 residential and commercial accounts have been mailed.
3. Illinois American Water Company is continuing to disconnect water for past due sewage treatment accounts.

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4. The Southwestern Illinois Correction Center is still behind on their sewage treatment bills. They are trying to get MESD paid, but unless they are six months or more in arrears, the State of Illinois is not releasing payments.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the October 19, 2016 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 October 2016 were submitted for approval:

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

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

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of October 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 October 2016 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of October 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 October 9, 2016 through October 22, 2016 was submitted for approval:

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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 ATTORNEY: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Bhadra Komarraju concerning a water leak at 1517 2nd Street, Madison, Illinois was presented:

Ms. Worthen explained that Mr. Komarraju's monthly sewage treatment bill averages Eight dollars (\$8.00). Due to the outside garden hose being left on, his bill for the month of August was Two hundred nine dollars and forty cents (\$209.40). Illinois American Water Company did not give Mr. Komarraju an adjustment because there was no leak or broken pipe.

Attorney Filcoff recommended lowering the sewage treatment bill to Fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to reduce the August sewage treatment bill at 1517 2nd Street, Madison, Illinois from Two hundred nine dollars and forty cents (\$209.40) to Fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Pennekamp stated that Dimond Bros. Insurance, LLC was the low bidder on the workers compensation insurance and the only bidder on the commercial package policy. Dimond Bros. is the current agent and the staff has been very pleased, therefore I recommend awarding both bids to Dimond Bros. Insurance, LLC.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner McCall to award the bids for the commercial package policy insurance and workers compensation insurance to Dimond Bros. Insurance, LLC for a total price of Three hundred fifty-two thousand, two hundred eighteen dollars (\$352,218.00).

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

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

Commissioner Pennekamp explained that a letter needs to be sent to Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice (CNV) Drainage District regarding the insurance at the CNV Pump Station. The District added the CNV Pump Station to the District's policy as it was in the best interest of the District. The District needs to be reimbursed for the premium. Also, the current agreement expires in two years and the renewal needs to be discussed. There needs to be a better understanding of the relationship between MESD and CNV Drainage District and how to best serve the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance granting AT&T Corp., its affiliated companies, successors, grantees and assigns the nonexclusive right, privilege, authority and easement to construct, reconstruct, use, operate, maintain and inspect a fiber optic line over and across, and under, property of the Metro East Sanitary District, Madison County, Illinois was presented. Number 2016-0-006 was assigned to this document.

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Attorney Calvo stated, "I prepared the Ordinance, and AT&T has agreed to the terms. I recommend adopting Ordinance No. 2016-0-006."

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to adopt Ordinance Number 2016-0-006.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A quote from Guarantee Electrical Construction to repair Pump No. 3 at the East St. Louis Pump Station was presented:

Mr. Greathouse expressed an urgency to repair Pump No. 3, as it is detrimental to the levee system in the event of a high river or heavy rain.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Darwin to declare the repairs to Pump No. 3 at the East St. Louis Pump Station an emergency, and authorize Guarantee Electrical Construction to repair the pump at a total cost of Twelve thousand, three hundred sixty-six dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$12,366.77).

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Attorney Filcoff presented a Notice of Public Hearing for rate increase for the use of public and private sewers, the installation and connection of building sewers, the discharge of waters and wastes into the public system and providing penalties for the violations thereof; the levying of charges for wastewater sewage (use charges) in the Metro East Sanitary District, Counties of Madison and St. Clair, Illinois.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to publish the Notice of Public Hearing of the rate increase in the newspaper and post in the District office.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Superintendent Presswood, "I just wanted to give a quick update on the Route 40 sewer line repair. The 54" pipe has been lined. We still need to bring in thirty to forty loads of gumbo and then seed the area. Infiltration has been observed on the next section of pipe located upstream."

Mr. Greathouse added that on the landside a slough has formed, and there is nowhere for the water to go, which is causing the infiltration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Darwin; 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