

**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, DECEMBER 7, 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 public hearing 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.

President Pennekamp stated that notices regarding the public hearing were placed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Metro East Sanitary District offices and website.

President Pennekamp asked if anyone wanted to make a comment regarding the proposed Lansdowne sewage treatment rate increase.

Public comments were requested three times, hearing none the public hearing was closed at 9:02 A.M.

President Pennekamp called the regular 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.

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An Ordinance amending Ordinances No. 665, 686, 687A, 737, 747, 80-0-3, 84-0-8, 87-0-004, 88-0-004, 91-0-004, 95-0-001, 95-0-003, 98-0-005, 2007-0-007, 2007-0-009, 2008-0-003, 2008-0-007, 2008-0-008A, 2009-0-002, 2010-0-003, 2013-0-003 and 2013-0-004 entitled “An Ordinance Regulating: The use of public and private sewers and drains, private sewage disposal, the installation and connection of building sewers, the discharge of waters and wastes into the public system, and providing penalties for violations thereof; the levying of charges for wastewater services (use charges) in the Metro East Sanitary District, Counties of St. Clair and Madison, State of Illinois” was presented. Number 2016-0-008 was assigned to this document.

Motion Commissioner Laub, seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-0-008 amending Ordinances No. 665, 686, 687A, 737, 747, 80-0-3, 84-0-8, 87-0-004, 88-0-004, 91-0-004, 95-0-001, 95-0-003, 98-0-005, 2007-0-007, 2007-0-009, 2008-0-003, 2008-0-007, 2008-0-008A, 2009-0-002, 2010-0-003, 2013-0-003 and 2013-0-004 entitled “An Ordinance Regulating: The use of public and private sewers and drains, private sewage disposal, the installation and connection of building sewers, the discharge of waters and wastes into the public system, and providing penalties for violations thereof; the levying of charges for wastewater services (use charges) in the Metro East Sanitary District, Counties of St. Clair and Madison, State of Illinois.”

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

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director presented his report:

Executive Director Shipley reported that the flap gate at the North Pump Station was repaired and four of the five pumps are operational. The umbrella has been removed from the fifth pump.

Attorney Filcoff inquired about the “insurance for transformer” mentioned on the report.

Mr. Greathouse explained that an owl killed a rabbit and carried it to the top of the transformer causing the transformer to short out.

Superintendent Presswood added that Ameren wants MESD to pay for the installation of the new service, and then submit an invoice for reimbursement to the Ameren Claims Department. MESD should be reimbursed the full amount.

President Pennekamp stated that MESD is working with AMEC and the Corps of Engineers to change the current relief well discharge from pumping to a combination of pumping and gravity flow to reduce electric costs.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

1. The December 2016 residential and commercial accounts have been mailed.
2. The Southwestern Illinois Correction Center made a payment, but they are still in arrears Sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000).
3. The yearly wastewater samples were taken during the month of November from all of the commercial accounts to determine if they will be billed a surcharge for BOD's and total suspended solids (TSS) during this next year.
4. I am waiting for Horner and Shifrin to present their report on the Lansdowne system. They promised to have the report completed by the end of December 2016.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the November 23, 2016 meeting were presented for approval:

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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 November 2016 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner McCall; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of November 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 November 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 November 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 November 2016 were submitted for approval:

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

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of November 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 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 November 6, 2016 through November 19, 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 ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff reported that he prepared several ordinances, and is waiting on Director of Operations Walter Greathouse to review the ordinances before submitting for Board approval.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A Preliminary Engineering Agreement from Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. concerning an IEPA Loan Project regarding sewer improvements to the Lansdowne Interceptor Sewer was presented:

President Pennekamp explained that MESD qualifies for an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) low interest loan with a sixty percent (60%) principal forgiveness to improve the sanitary sewer system.

Attorney Calvo said that MESD must show an ability to repay the loan. Therefore, MESD needs to form a Special Service Area around the Lansdowne sewer line from Caseyville to East St. Louis in St. Clair County. Part of the Special Service Area is outside of the Metro East Sanitary District boundaries, but within the Lansdowne billing area. MESD will need the consent of the Mayor of Caseyville to include that area in the Special Service Area.

Attorney Calvo recommended hiring Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. to assist with the IEPA low interest loan application and the formation of the Special Service Area.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the IEPA Loan Project, Lansdowne Interceptor Replacement Preliminary Engineering Agreement between the Metro East Sanitary District and Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. and authorize President Pennekamp to sign the agreement.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Commissioner Hanfelder recommended that Attorney Calvo meet with the Mayor of Caseyville to discuss including all of Caseyville to the Special Service Area.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Pennekamp stated that this year's Christmas party is for employees only. Also, there will not be any alcohol served at the party.

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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 9:24 A.M.

Clerk