

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 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, Director of Operations Walter Greathouse, Superintendent Randy Presswood Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen, Payroll Clerk Kim Hogue and Treasurer Ken Davis.

Linda Knogl and Kathy Goclan were also in attendance.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

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Executive Director Shipley added:

Madison County did a very nice job of cleaning up the Brushy Lake area.

The Flood Prevention District has hired a company to lay a clay cap on the river side of the levee between Cargill Road and Levin Drive in Cahokia. They plan to take 1,500 loads of clay to the site. This project is to meet the 100 year flood plan.

Walter Greathouse, John Maeras and I checked the sewer line that runs adjacent to the Lansdowne Ditch in East St. Louis for breaks. We did not see any problem areas.

The Corps has been in contact with The Pump Shop regarding the repairs to North Pump Station's Pump No. 1. We are hopeful that the Corps will pay for the repairs.

The 10 ½ foot pipe for the East St. Louis stormwater line, located in the levee across from the East St. Louis Pump Station has been ordered. This is a Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District project.

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

The residential and commercial sewage treatment billing for March has been mailed.

I mailed twenty-one (21) industrial and commercial users the questionnaire prepared by Horner and Shifrin. Three (3) of the companies have completed and returned the questionnaires.

We need to decide what action we are going to take against the companies that do not return the questionnaires.

Jim Roth from Hurst-Rosche Engineering requested flow readings and additional information from St. Louis Auto Shredder. We are still waiting on their response.

The Illinois Comptroller's Debt Recovery Program collected Two thousand, five hundred twelve dollars this month for past due sewage treatment bills. We should receive the money within the next sixty (60) to ninety (90) days.

I need to meet with Attorney Larry Calvo to discuss how we are going to pay Attorney Glenn Bradford. Before Attorney Bradford retired, he was

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sending monthly payment reminders. MESD office staff has taken over mailing the monthly reminders.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 22, 2017 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 February 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2017 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 February 2017 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 February 2017 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 February 2017 were submitted for approval:

Commissioner Hanfelder asked, “Did the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant rate increase or decrease?”

Executive Director Shipley, “The rate went down for the next four months.”

President Pennekamp explained that MESD is charged a percentage of the total flow, BOD and TSS entering the plant. The percentage is based on each entities contribution to the plant.

Commissioner Hanfelder stated that MESD’s flow should have decreased, since there has not been a large amount of rain.

President Pennekamp responded that MESD had less stormwater entering the system, but the other entities may have also had less stormwater. He also reminded the Board, that Horner & Shifrin Engineering was hired to examine the billing system and found that Granite City was billing correctly.

Mr. Greathouse offered to provide Commissioner Hanfelder with the information used to compute MESD’s rate.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall to approve the Lansdowne Treatment Plant Claims and Specific Claims for the month of February 2017 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 February 2017 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 February 2017 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 February 12, 2017 through February 25, 2017 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:

Attorney Filcoff reported:

The Clerk gave me a copy of a Supplemental Agreement between MESD and the Village of Fairmont City dated April 7, 1987. The Agreement states that the Village shall collect sewage treatment fees and promptly pay MESD.

MESD has never enforced the Agreement, so we cannot make Fairmont City collect the sewage treatment fees. The Agreement needs to be renewed.

KCI Construction Company, Inc. and Keeley and Sons are requesting a temporary easement from MESD for the levee roads leading to the Poplar Street Bridge. They have a contract with MODOT to perform substructure and widening work along the bridge. I am drafting an Ordinance and I have included a restoration clause, but I still need to set a fee for using the levee roads.

The Illinois Municipal League is conducting a Municipal Attorneys Seminar on March 31st. I would like to attend; the cost is One hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175).

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Darwin authorizing the payment of One hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) to the Illinois Municipal League for Attorney George Filcoff to attend the Municipal Attorneys Seminar.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Attorney Filcoff presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Labor regarding Illinois Electric Works, Inc.:

Attorney Filcoff explained, “The Illinois Department of Labor fined MESD Seven hundred five dollars and fifty-one cents (\$705.51) for failing to provide proper written notice to Illinois Electric Works, Inc. that the project was subject to the Prevailing Wage Act. All contractors will receive written notice in the future, and all bids will include a sentence stating that the project is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.”

President Pennekamp, “The District received an invitation from the Corps of Engineers to attend the Flood Preparedness Workshop. Walter Greathouse attended on behalf of the District.”

Mr. Greathouse, “The workshop is designed for the National Weather Service to give the spring flood outlook. The workshop also included flood recovery, levee inspection results and the System-Wide Improvement Framework Plan (SWIF).

The National Weather Service is not predicting any flooding this year.

I took the opportunity to explain how the SWIF is affecting MESD. I used the example of how the Corps has made MESD responsible for the 10 ½’ pipe owned by the City of East St. Louis. There are problems with the pipe and if the pipe is not repaired, MESD will not qualify for PL 84-99.”

President Pennekamp explained that the Corps of Engineers justifies their reasoning by stating that their relationship is with the Metro East Sanitary District (MESD) and not the other entities. MESD is considered a partner with the other entities and needs to work with their partners.

Ken Davis left the meeting at 9:29 A.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Pennekamp read the email from Fred Schreiber regarding the energy prices:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to renew the energy contract with Mid American Energy Services for three years for \$0.0690 per kilowatt hour.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Commissioner Laub asked, "What is the status of Attorney Glenn Bradford's request for payment?"

Attorney Filcoff responded, "I do not think Attorney Calvo wants to pay Attorney Bradford until he has a chance to go through the files."

Ms. Worthen, "Attorney Calvo has asked me to go through the files, and then he wants to meet with me."

Commissioner Hanfelder, "Attorney Calvo needs to meet with the Board, before making any decisions regarding payments to Attorney Bradford. If another attorney is hired to collect, then we will end up paying twice on some accounts."

Attorney Filcoff explained that a Judge awarded legal fees to Attorney Bradford and those are the fees he wants MESD to collect for him.

Ms. Worthen, "Attorney Bradford wants one-third of each payment received on his accounts. I want to collect all of the money owed to MESD before collecting Attorney Bradford's fees. Attorney Bradford also wants a percentage of amounts paid that have been written off to the lien and water disconnects."

President Pennekamp, "Attorney Calvo needs to attend the next Board meeting and explain the relationship between Attorney Glenn Bradford and MESD."

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to declare the 1987 Trail-King Lowboy Trailer (Model 15005-4360), the Schien Dump Trailer and the Fleetwood Terry Travel Trailer with Slide Out as obsolete and advertise for bids.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Ms. Knogl asked, "You indicated Mid American Energy Services was the lowest price, what were the names of the other companies that submitted quotes?"

President Pennekamp responded, "Constellation and Homefield supplied quotes."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder 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 9:53 A.M.

Clerk