

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 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.

Attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Attorney Larry Calvo, Director of Operations & Maintenance Walter Greathouse, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen, Payroll Clerk Kim Hogue and Treasurer Ken Davis.

Also attending the meeting was Kathy Goclan.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director presented his report:

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

The State of Illinois Debt Recovery Program has collected Three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for MESD for past due sewage treatment accounts.

MESD staff met with Charlie Juneau and Zach Borrenpohl to discuss the surveys for the Industrial and Commercial users. I am going to provide Juneau Associates with the surveys and one year of the customer's history.

The surcharges for BOD's and TSS for the last two months totaled Twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000).

I met with Attorney Larry Calvo regarding the past due accounts that Attorney Glenn Bradford had before his retirement.

Attorney Calvo, "Ms. Worthen has taken over a lot of the work Attorney Bradford was previously doing. She is saving the District one-third in attorney fees.

We will be monitoring the collection process, to see if the new system is to the District's advantage financially.

I will be meeting regularly with Ms. Worthen to discuss the cases. She is doing an excellent job and keeping very detailed records."

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 8, 2017 meeting were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner McCall; 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 Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin 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:

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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.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded Commissioner Laub 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 26, 2017 through March 11, 2017 was submitted for approval.

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner McCall 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 explained that he is trying to reach an agreement with KCI Construction Company, Inc. and Keeley & Sons regarding the Poplar Street Bridge improvements. They do not want to pay a fee for being on MESD property, and have now asked the Illinois Department of Transportation to get involved on their behalf.

Attorney Calvo stated that he will be attending a meeting this Friday, March 24th with MESD staff and Juneau Associates to discuss the status of the Special Service Area.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Pennekamp read an email from John Osterhage, the Acting Levee Safety Program Manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning risk communication:

President Pennekamp explained:

The email states that the Corps will gladly be available to attend any public meetings or provide any technical information.

The email also explains that risk communication activities will be one of the items required for PL84-99 eligibility.

After the last MESD meeting, I asked that the “East St. Louis and Vicinity Flood Protection Project Levee System Flood Risk Fact Sheet” be placed on the MESD website. It is currently on the website.

I do not know what the Corps expectation is for MESD to be in compliance. I have reached out to the St. Clair County Board Chairman and the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council. I am also aware that the Fact Sheet was given to Madison County Board members.

I believe the next step is to contact the municipalities and their emergency management services personnel. We do not want to scare people, but we do want to make them aware of the risk of living behind a levee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance granting a permit to KCI Construction Company, Inc., Keeley and Sons and their subcontractors, for a right of access along and upon specific lands of the Metro East Sanitary District was presented. Ordinance Number 2017-0-004 was assigned to this document.

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No Action was taken on Ordinance Number 2017-0-004 at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Darwin; seconded
Commissioner Laub 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 9:33 A.M.

Clerk