

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE METRO EAST
SANITARY DISTRICT, ST. CLAIR AND
MADISON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 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, Darwin and Pennekamp.
Absent: Commissioner McCall.

The Clerk reported that Commissioner McCall called and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Also, attending the meeting were Executive Director Bob 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.

Kathy Goclan was also in attendance.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Executive Director Shipley presented his report:

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Executive Director Shipley reported that the heavy rains have caused the level of the Mississippi River to go up to thirty-one feet (31').

REPORT OF LANSDOWNE OFFICE MANAGER:

Ms. Worthen reported:

The State of Illinois, Local Debt Recovery Program has collected past due sewage treatment bills from twenty-six (26) customers for over Four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

St. Louis Auto Shredder did not send their meter reads the first of this month. We need to meet with the District's engineer Jim Roth to discuss the meter reads and wastewater samples.

The information we received from Horner and Shifrin Engineering has been turned over to Juneau and Associates. Juneau is going to review the surveys that we received from the commercial and industrial accounts. Hopefully, we will get their recommendations soon, because the existing commercial accounts bring in around Twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) every two months.

MESD staff is meeting with Charlie Juneau and Zach Borrenpohl today to discuss the Special Service Area.

I am still working with Attorney Larry Calvo on the legal accounts that were previously with Attorney Bradford.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 22, 2017 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder 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, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS:

The General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2017 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Various Specific Claims for the month of March 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 March 2017 as submitted.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE CLAIMS & SPECIFIC CLAIMS:

The Lansdowne Claims and Specific Claims for the month of March 2017 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 March 2017 as submitted and order them paid.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of March 2017 were submitted for approval:

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Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to approve the General Fund, Specific Funds and Lansdowne Financial Reports for the month of March 2017 as submitted and place them on file for audit.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

LANSDOWNE REPORT:

The Lansdowne Adjustment Reports were presented for approval:

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; 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, Darwin and Pennekamp.
Nays: None.
Excused: Commissioner McCall.

PAYROLL:

The Payroll for the period of March 12, 2017 through March 25, 2017 was submitted for approval.

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, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Attorney Filcoff reported:

I renewed two Ordinances with Ameren, and I am waiting for them to return the fully executed Ordinances.

Attorney Calvo and I are working to renew other Ameren Ordinances.

I have not heard anything from KCI Construction Company, the Missouri Department of Transportation or Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the Poplar Street Bridge improvements. As you may recall, they want permission to enter MESD property without paying any type of fees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Pennekamp said, “John Osterhage, the Acting Levee Safety Program Manager with the Corps of Engineers sent an email stating that he is glad to hear the fact sheet has begun to generate a dialog. He wants MESD to continue exploring options for engagement with the leadership and residents of the local communities.

As the Corps explained at a previous meeting, MESD will always be considered high risk, because there is so much at risk. Therefore, they want people to be aware of the risk associated with living behind a levee, and what they can do to mitigate that risk.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Pennekamp, “We need to discuss extending the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for an employee during executive session.”

Motion Commissioner Hanfelder; seconded Commissioner Laub to enter into Executive Session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:22 A.M.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to return to regular session at 9:33 A.M.

The Clerk recorded the attendance:

Present: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

Also, attending the meeting at this time were Executive Director Bob Shipley, Attorney George Filcoff, Director of Operations & Maintenance Walter Greathouse, Lansdowne Office Manager Cindy Worthen and Payroll Clerk Kim Hogue.

President Pennekamp, “After discussing the matter during Executive Session, I recommend extending the Family Medical Leave for Justin McElroy.

Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Hanfelder to extend the Family Medical Leave for Justin McElroy until April 19, 2017, at which time his medical records will be reviewed.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

Executive Director Shipley, "Yesterday, MESD received a grievance from Operating Engineers Local 148 concerning the pump station operators. What is the status of the grievance?"

Attorney Filcoff replied, "I saw the grievance, but it was addressed to Attorney Calvo."

Commissioner Laub commented, "MESD needs to adhere to the union contracts."

Mr. Greathouse, "We comply one hundred percent (100 %) with the contracts. I met with the shop steward to get a better understanding of the grievance, but I still do not understand the grievance."

Attorney Filcoff, "MESD must reply to the grievance within a certain amount of time. Tomorrow, I will talk to Attorney Calvo about the grievance."

There being no further business, Motion Commissioner Laub; seconded Commissioner Darwin to adjourn.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Hanfelder, Laub, Darwin and Pennekamp.

Nays: None.

Excused: Commissioner McCall.

So adjourned at 9:40 A.M.