

MINUTES OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

TERMS OF OFFICE FOR FOUR INDEPENDENT POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS
MR. HENDON'S PROGRESS REPORT
MOTION WITH REFERENCE TO COL. WARREN
DECISION TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the Board Room 501, City Building, Asheville, North Carolina at 2:00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 16, 1962.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Peterson. Mrs. Swicegood, Secretary, called the roll with the following members being present: Mr. Peterson, Mr. Spicer, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Adams, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Finch, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Reagan, and Mr. Tandy.

Upon motion of Mr. Spicer, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as prepared. This carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Redmond, Attorney, apprised the Board of the length of terms of office for the members appointed by the four independent political sub-divisions as clarified by the County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Spicer stated that his committee, appointed to work out a budget for the current year, had not met and so there was no report.

Mr. Hendon, Consulting Engineer, appeared before the Board to give a progress report. He stated that his work was going nicely and that his preliminary report was approximately one-half finished. It is his opinion that the Metropolitan Sewerage District will own and operate only those facilities for the collection and treatment of sewage received from other independent systems. It is his opinion that the Swannanoa line is of sufficient size to carry the effluent for many years, but should be cleared and tightened, however, this maintenance should not be the responsibility of the Metropolitan Sewerage District. Sewer costs should be part of land cost. If the District undertakes repair or replacement of such lines as Beaverdam, admittedly overloaded, there would be no end to independent districts' demands on the Metropolitan Sewerage District. Mr. Hendon recommended that the District accept responsibility only for what it builds and insist on better County maintenance.

He recommended, as the most practicable and equitable means of cost, a charge based upon water consumption. Adjustments will be made where necessary and the consumer may produce evidence that he is using water which does not enter the sewer system.

Mr. Hendon pointed out the desirability of an early decision as to a plant site. He then raised the question of Col. Warren's withdrawal from the Contract which was discussed fully later.

Mr. Peterson thanked Mr. Hendon for his presentation and informed him that he would be advised as to the Board's action.

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With reference to the situation involving Col. Lee Warren, a motion was made by Mr. Adams as follows: "To inform Mr. Hendon, with regrets, that the Board finds it impossible to take any action on the Warren matter without a joint request from the two of them." This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker gave his opinion on the sewerage situation which was in sharp contrast to some of the ideas advanced by Mr. Hendon. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to call a special meeting of the Board, together with Mayor Eller, Mr. Weir, the County Commissioners, Mayors of the participating municipalities, Mr. Hendon, and Mr. Hubbard of the State Stream Sanitation Committee, to endeavor to arrive at a solution and establish a firm policy of objectives. This was put in the form of a motion by Mr. Spicer with the addition that notice of such meeting be given at least a week in advance. This motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

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Lester Fairgood
Recording Secretary