

MINUTES OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

SELECTION OF BOND ATTORNEYS  
PROGRESS REPORT BY MR. WALKER  
REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF UPDATED ENGINEERING REPORT

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, May 21, 1963.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Dawson, it was unanimously voted to dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

Mr. Spicer, as Chairman of a committee appointed to recommend selection of bond attorneys, reported that by a two to one vote it was recommended that the District employ Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterly and Mitchell of 30 Broad Street, New York 4, New York, to act as bond attorneys for the project. Mr. Robinson moved that the recommendation of the committee be accepted and this motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker reported briefly that he felt further study of the plant site and rights-of-way need to be made by Harry Hendon and Associates, Incorporated before any negotiations with property owners be commenced. It was suggested that Mr. Walker write Mr. Hendon and ask for such additional confirmation as to rights-of-way, plant site location, and area requirements.

Mr. Hendon presented a progress report which he asked the Board members to study thoroughly. He anticipated some changes before the final report is accepted.

This report anticipated an over-all estimated cost of \$9,600,000 for interceptor lines and treatment plants. From this amount, some \$2,180,000 is anticipated from Federal funds and \$1,420,000 from accumulated revenues collected during construction. This total amount will cover cost of interceptor lines and three treatment plants -- a Metropolitan plant downstream on the French Broad River from Asheville and smaller plants for Weaverville and Crescent Hill.

Mr. Hendon strongly recommended the use of Revenue Bonds rather than General Obligation Bonds, which would require an affirmative vote of the people in the District. It was noted that the cost of such an election would be high and the Board has the authority to issue Revenue Bonds without such an election. Mr. Hendon stated that he felt there would be little, or no difference, in interest rates, but that he felt public hearings prior to such issuance would be beneficial and informative to the general public. His estimate is that contracts can be let in February or March.

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It was recommended that the first move would be an ordinance establishing a rate schedule to be worked out by the bond attorneys. Mr. Adams moved that Mr. Redmond ask the bond attorneys to prepare such an ordinance for the Board. This motion carried by a unanimous vote.

It was made clear that finances would be forthcoming from an approximate 50% charge on water consumption throughout the District, and that no one would be billed who did not discharge wastes into the proposed sewer system. It was recommended that such sewer charges be added to water bills, issued by the several municipalities and political subdivisions with established billing facilities. Mr. Adams moved the progress report be accepted and this motion was voted unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p. m.

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Lemon H. Swinegood  
Recording Secretary