

MINUTES OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

COMMITTEE APPOINTED REGARDING PLANT SITES  
RESIGNATION OF JOHN C. WALKER, ENGINEER-MANAGER  
GREER JOHNSON SELECTED AS ENGINEER-MANAGER

A special 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, June 4, 1963.

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

Mr. Redmond, Attorney, informed the Board that he had been in contact with Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterly and Mitchell advising them of their selection as Bond Attorneys. He talked with Mr. Boyle who seemed to be familiar with North Carolina. It was the opinion of Mr. Boyle that his firm should be allowed more time to study the various aspects of the situation before forming opinions and certainly too early to draw up any rate ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Spicer, which motion carried, that in the meantime, Mr. Redmond contact Mr. W. E. Easterling, Secretary of Local Government Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, send him a copy of the report, and continue to communicate with the Bond Attorneys.

The question of negotiating for firm committals with reference to location and securing plant sites was raised by Mr. Peterson, and upon motion by Mr. Finch and an affirmative voice vote, Mr. Peterson was authorized to appoint a committee to pursue such action. The committee appointed consisted of Mr. Dawson, Chairman, Mr. Garrison, and Mr. Tandy.

The following letter of resignation from Mr. Walker was read:

May 20, 1963

Metropolitan Sewerage District Board  
Asheville, North Carolina

Attention: Mr. M. C. Peterson, Chairman

Gentlemen:

Due to my poor health for the past several months, I am convinced that I will not be able to give this project the proper engineering and inspection that a project of this size should have and am convinced that your Board should have an engineer educated and experienced in sewage treatment work and some years younger than myself.

With this in mind, I am requesting that you accept my resignation effective July 1, 1963 or as soon thereafter as you can secure an engineer to replace me.

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I want to assure you that I greatly appreciate your appointing me to this position and regret that my health and age will not make it possible for me to give to your Board the engineering advice and inspection that a project of this size should have.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Walker  
Engineer

Upon motion of Mr. Dawson and a unanimous voice vote, the resignation was accepted with regret and the Office Manager authorized to so inform Mr. Walker.

Mr. Robinson gave the report of his committee appointed to replace Mr. Walker. The committee strongly recommended Mr. P. Greer Johnson, Jr. for the post. After considerable discussion involving salary, Mr. Spicer moved that Mr. Johnson be employed at a salary of \$10,296.00 plus \$900.00 car expenses annually. He is also to get mileage at the rate of seven cents per mile for out-of-District trips connected with the Metropolitan Sewerage District's business. This salary to be effective until the start of construction when an adjustment upward will be made. This motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson introduced the subject of obtaining public opinion with reference to financing the project. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Garrison, which was unanimously passed, that Mr. Redmond be authorized to accept an invitation to speak before the Rotary Club, and any member of the Board accept similar opportunities to both explain the project and intentions of the Board, and get public reaction. It was pointed out that in order to issue bonds, there will either have to be an election, or public hearings, to thoroughly familiarize the public with the workings of the project.

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

June 4, 1963

Lewin Swicegood  
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

REPORT OF MR. DAWSON'S SITE COMMITTEE  
PROGRESS REPORT OF MR. HENDON  
APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
GREETING OF MR. GREER JOHNSON NEW ENGINEER-MANAGER  
RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1963-1964  
RESOLUTION CONCERNING MR. WALKER'S RESIGNATION

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, June 18, 1963.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Garrison and a unanimous vote, minutes of the last regular and the called meeting were accepted as presented and the Board dispensed with reading them.

Mr. Dawson reported for his committee that they had visited the proposed sites, consulted with Mr. Walker, Engineer-Manager, and Mr. Hendon, Consulting Engineer, and asked that further time be given to preparation of plans before proceeding with site location and procurement. It was decided to retain the committee and await further development before taking action.

Mr. Hendon explained that he was still conferring with the N. C. Stream Sanitation Officials in working out some details of his report. He stated that he had done the work authorized by the Board and could not proceed with plans and specifications until further authorization which is in turn impossible without recommendations from the Bond Attorneys, who are studying the situation.

Mr. Redmond, Attorney, assured the Board that he was in constant touch with Mitchell, Pershing, Shetterly and Pershing and supplying them with information as requested.

The Board agreed that, at this point, it is in no position to authorize that plans and specifications be prepared by Harry Hendon and Associates, Incorporated, until funds for such work are available.

Mr. Peterson requested the appointment of an Advisory Committee to confer with him between meetings, thus avoiding many called sessions. Upon motion of Mr. Tandy and a unanimous voice vote, Mr. Adams and Mr. Spicer were elected to serve in this capacity.

Mr. Greer Johnson, newly elected Engineer-Manager, was introduced and welcomed. He made a short talk, thanking the Board for its confidence in him and assuring them utmost co-operation.

Mr. Adams nominated the same officers to serve for the fiscal year 1963-1964. Mr. Finch moved that nominations be closed, which motion carried unanimously. The vote on the officers carried by one abstention and eight affirmative votes.

The Chairman called upon Mr. John C. Walker, retiring Engineer-Manager, who was present at the meeting, to make such statement or give such report as he might have at the present time. Mr. Walker indicated that he had no formal report to make but wanted the Board to know that, although he was retiring, if he could be of any assistance to the Board or its staff he would gladly render same.

Thereupon, on motion made by Ronald Finch, seconded by Junius Adams, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, John C. Walker, the first Engineer-Manager of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board, has heretofore tendered his resignation as Engineer-Manager for reasons of poor health; and,

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that this Board accepted his resignation effective July 1, 1963; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to express its sentiments with respect to Mr. Walker's services and to make them a part of the Minutes and records of the meeting of this Board,

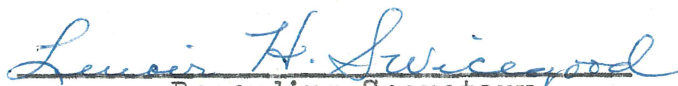
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board, express its great appreciation to Mr. John C. Walker for affording to this Board the skill, knowledge and experience of his many years of service as a Professional Engineer and the invaluable aid he has rendered in connection with the organization and co-ordination of the Board's activities up to the present time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is to be regretted that Mr. Walker's health is such that he cannot longer devote his efforts to the successful completion of this project but the Board is also mindful of the substantial efforts that have been made by Mr. Walker to initiate the work required of this Board, thereby laying a sound foundation for its progress in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the good wishes of every member of this Board go out to Mr. Walker that his health may improve and that he may continue to enjoy a long and fruitful life in the interest of his community.

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

June 18, 1963

  
Recording Secretary