MINUTES OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

PROGRESS REPORT - MR. JOHNSON

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, July 23, 1963.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Tandy, reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were accepted unanimously as reported.

Mr. Johnson stated that the only communication to the Board was a letter from Mr. Wilburn Long, State Stream Sanitation Committee, notifying Mr. Hendon that request for approval of his report should be presented through the Metropolitan Sewerage District rather than directly.

Mr. Johnson presented a progress report to each member of the Board. The main points contained were:

That Mr. Walker retired July 5, 1963 with Mr. Johnson assuming office.

That hours for the District Office conform to those of other City employees.

That it had been agreed upon that the Board Room be used by other occupants of the City Hall, provided there be no conflict with use by the Metropolitan Sewerage District.

He reported on attendance at various sessions of the State Stream Sanitation Committee, to which he has recently been reappointed for a six-year term.

That a meeting was held in Raleigh, North Carolina, July 17, 1963, attended by Mr. Easterling, Mr. Garrison, Sr., Mr. Redmond, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Hendon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Weir, Mr. Garrison, Jr., and Mr. Coburn, in connection with legal and bond questions. related to the Metropolitan Sewerage District. Some decisions were reached, but upon advice of counsel, due to pending changes, a full report was not released at this time.

That talks had been made by Mr. Redmond and Mr. Johnson to the Rotary, Lions, and Sertoma Clubs on the subject: "The Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County."

Issued an invitation for Board members to attend sessions of Southern Convention of Water Resource Boards to be held in Battery Park Hotel, July 28 - 31, 1963.

Mr. Peterson stated that according to reports, both Mr. Johnson and Mr. Redmond had made favorable impressions upon the Civic Clubs, and also that he felt it an honor for Mr. Johnson to receive the reappointment as a member of the State Stream Sanitation Committee.

In discussion it was brought out that Mr. Easterling and Mr. Boyle are of the opinion that Revenue Bonds would carry a higher rate of interest than General Obligation Bonds, endorsed by the electorate.

Mr. Johnson was of the opinion that the District, as such, is not in violation of the statutes, but that the various subdivisions are in discharging raw sewage into the several rivers, terminating in the French Broad River. He suggested that extensions of temporary permits for those subdivisions be requested for the same period of time.

Should an election be held, either for General Obligation Bonds or for Full Faith and Credit backing for Revenue Bonds, a special registration of all residents within the District would become necessary, and all such residents would be eligible to vote.

Mr. Peterson issued an invitation for the Board members to visit the newly redecorated offices on the sixth floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion of Mr. Tandy and a unanimous vote at 2:30 p. m.

July 23, 1963

Recording Secretary