

MINUTES OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

APPROVAL OF HENDON'S TIME SCHEDULE & CURRENT FINANCING.
REJECTION OF MCLEAN PRICE FOR WEAVERVILLE SITE.
AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS SIGNED.

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, February 18, 1964.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Garrison, it was unanimously decided to approve the minutes as recorded.

Mr. Johnson, Engineer-Manager, cited the following items of communication and received the indicated instructions:

1. Letter from Dr. H. W. Stevens, Buncombe County Health Director, urging that immediate construction begin on the Crescent Hill and Weaverville plants.

Mr. Johnson was directed to acknowledge receipt of letter and inform Dr. Stevens that the Board has taken note of his suggestions.

2. Letter from Mr. Hendon, Consulting Engineer, to the Board with reference to acquisition of additional treatment facilities. He recommended that the Board's responsibility be currently limited to current systems and that no new systems be considered at the present time.

No action was taken.

3. Letter to Mr. Verne Rhoades with reference to purchase of treatment plant site, confirming telephone conversation. Since no reply had been received, it was agreed for Mr. Johnson to further discuss the situation with Mr. Rhoades.
4. Letter from Mr. Easterling, Local Government Commission, to Mr. Peterson, with reference to issuance of anticipation bonds by the Metropolitan Sewerage District in which he stated that there would be a doubtful market until 75 per cent of the plans and specifications had been completed and until the question of pending litigation had been cleared.

A copy of Mr. Johnson's progress report was presented to each member.

Mr. Johnson stated that verbal approval of the Federal grant had been made, but no funds would be allocated to the project until construction was begun.

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The following letter from Mr. Hendon was presented with reference to time schedule and current financing:

"February 18, 1964

Mr. Greer Johnson, Engineer-Manager
Metropolitan Sewerage District
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

"Complying with your request we are pleased to submit the following schedule for proceeding with the Engineering work for the proposed Metropolitan Sewage Disposal Facilities.

"First, I would like to emphasize that we are now proceeding with this engineering work and have been, continuously, since the Christmas holidays. We have developed the design of the two local treatment plants in detail and secured the approval of these basic designs by the State Health Department. We have made property surveys of the plant sites and submitted them to you. We have made studies of the effect of the rate schedule for sewer service tentatively adopted, continued to study various layouts of the main plant, are now developing detailed basic designs for this plant, discussed material and equipment specifications with potential suppliers and contractors, and assisted in preparing a revised application for Federal aid.

"We plan to complete the construction plans and specifications for the various sections or phases of this program as follows:

"The Weaverville outfall sewers and treatment plant within 90 days.

"The Asheville intercepting sewer within 160 days. Should you desire to start this work quickly, we can divide this section of the program into two construction contracts and complete the Engineering for the first one within 120 days. Field surveys, including Right-of-way maps, will be started immediately.

"The metropolitan sewage treatment plant within 210 days.

"The Crescent Hill treatment plant within 45 days after you decide to include it in the first phase construction program.

"The above phases constitute approximately 75 per cent of the total program. The Engineering work for the remainder of the metropolitan facilities will be finished in time for the construction to be completed approximately simultaneously with the metropolitan treatment plant construction. Earlier completion of these second phase intercepting sewers would result in relatively large investment in facilities that could not be used effectively.

"These completion times are from the date of your notice to us to proceed and are contingent upon using the treatment plant sites selected by us and approved by the State Stream Sanitation Committee.

"You also requested suggestions or a proposal from us as to the minimum progress payment the District could make to assure the prompt starting of this Engineering work and its vigorous prosecution to completion. As I told you in Birmingham, we would be willing to work within the limitations of your current budget, namely, monthly payments of \$3,000 each starting March 1, 1964 to be made in lieu of progress payments specified in our engineering contract, any such payments to be credited on the over-all engineering fee provided for in our Contract with the Board.

"Trusting that this is satisfactory to you and the other officials of the District I remain,

Yours truly,

Harry Hendon and Associates, Inc.

Harry Hendon
President"

Mr. Redmond stated that in his opinion if the Act creating the Metropolitan Sewerage District should be declared illegal, sewage treatment would still be the responsibility of the various political entities for whom the present Board is acting, and that in such an event such political bodies would be financially obligated to the Consulting Engineer.

Approval of Mr. Hendon's proposal was unanimously carried by a roll call vote. This motion was made by Mr. Tandy, seconded by Mrs. Swicegood, and the vote as follows:

YES: Mr. Peterson, Mr. Garrison, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Reagan, Mr. Tandy.

NO: None.

Upon presentation of the offering price of \$20,000 for the McLean property, the proposed Weaverville plant site, it was moved by Mrs. Swicegood, seconded by Mr. Dawson, and carried unanimously that the offer be rejected as unreasonable and Mr. Johnson was authorized to have appraisals made and to pursue purchase of the three proposed plant sites.

The following agreement, previously authorized by the Board, directing Mr. Hendon to proceed with plans and specifications was signed by Mr. Peterson, acting for the Board, and Mr. Hendon for Harry Hendon and Associates, Incorporated:

"FORMAL NOTICE TO CONSULTING ENGINEER

Harry Hendon and Associates, Consulting Engineers for the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County.

You are hereby notified as of February 18, 1964 to proceed with the detailed plans and specifications covered by your contract of August 21, 1962, and as amended as of February 18, 1964.

You are instructed at this time to design the main interceptor sewer from Carrier Bridge to the main plant site, to design the main plant, the Weaverville plant and the Crescent Hill plant on sites previously approved by the State Stream Sanitation Committee and to design the other necessary facilities for the Weaverville plant and the Crescent Hill plant. You are further instructed to render us a financial statement on the first of each month and attach to this statement a work progress report of work accomplished during the month.

Signed by: M. C. Peterson, Chairman
Metropolitan Sewerage District
Board of Buncombe County

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Accepted by: Harry H. Hendon
Consulting Engineer"

Mr. Redmond explained the advantages of a test case, establishing the validity of the creation of the Metropolitan Sewerage District, in bringing about a more favorable bond market.

Mr. Hendon was present for the meeting and Mr. Philip Clark represented the press.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p. m.

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Secretary