

MINUTES OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

PROPOSAL OF LEONARD S. CLARK.
DISCUSSION OF MCLEAN PROPERTY.
DISCUSSION OF VERNE RHOADES' PROPOSAL.
PROGRESS REPORT BY MR. JOWERS.
REQUEST FOR COPY OF MR. EASTERLING'S LETTER & RESUME OF PENDING LITIGATION.

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, March 17, 1964.

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

All members having received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting, they were approved as presented upon motion by Mr. Finch and unanimously carried.

Communications were presented by Mr. Johnson, Engineer-Manager as follows:

1. A reply has been sent to Dr. Stephens regarding his request for immediate action in alleviating conditions in both the Crescent Hill and Weaverville areas. Since action is impossible at the present time, it was recommended that Dr. Stephens be informed that nothing could be done for the next sixty days.
2. An offer has been made by Leonard S. Clark offering to sell the Board two acres adjacent to the proposed Weaverville plant site for \$1,000. It was recommended that this offer be held for the time being.
3. Presentation of appraisal of the McLean property by representatives of the Real Estate Board setting value of the necessary ten acres at \$5,400.
Mr. McLean appeared and rejected the offer as unsatisfactory, stating that he had refused \$2,000 per acre for a part of the tract. However, he revised his previous price and stated that he would sell the tract for \$15,000.

Mr. Adams moved that Mr. McLean be thanked and the matter be deferred for later consideration. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Swicegood and carried unanimously.

After further discussion, Mr. Garrison moved that Mr. Johnson further negotiate with authority to offer as much as \$7,500 in order to avoid litigation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Finch and passed unanimously.

4. Mr. Johnson read a proposal from Mr. Verne Rhoades regarding the main plant site in which he offered to sell approximately 125 acres for \$50,000; with agreement to defer payment until after the bonds have been sold.

Acceptance of this offer was recommended, but after lengthy discussion Mr. Adams moved that Mr. Johnson obtain the opinion of some real estate representative as to the value of the property and granting Mr. Johnson authority to accept the offer if the appraisal was equal to or greater than Mr. Rhoades' offer. Mr. Dawson seconded this motion and it was voted by a unanimous roll-call vote.

5. Mr. Johnson reported that the Carolina Power & Light Company property needed will be obtained, he felt sure, at a reasonable price.

Mr. A. B. Jowers, Partner in Harry Hendon and Associates, presented a progress report as follows:

Completion of surveying of Weaverville plant site and outfall sewers.

Survey progressing on that part of the main plant site to be acquired from Carolina Power & Light Company and recommend such acquisition.

Survey progressing on Asheville interceptor sewer from power plant to Carrier Bridge.

Plans and specifications will be complete for Weaverville in 30 to 45 days and will be submitted to proper state officials for approval.

Progressing on preliminary design notes for main plant. Final design notes should be ready to submit to proper officials by the end of March.

Recommended moving section of highway nearer the river at main plant site in order to better utilize low-lying ground for plant structures to avoid considerable excavation and to reduce pumping costs.

Mr. Adams requested that a copy of the letter from Mr. Easterling, denying the Board temporary financing, be sent to each member along with a resume of the legal status and pending litigation to be prepared by Mr. Redmond, Attorney to the Board.

Present at the meeting were Mr. B. H. McLean, Mr. A. B. Jowers, and Mr. Philip Clark.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Adams, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p. m.

March 17, 1964


Secretary