

MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

MSD BONDS SOLD TO HALSEY STEWART AND COMPANY, NEW YORK AT INTEREST RATE OF 3.782.
MR. JOHNSON AUTHORIZED TO WORK OUT MATTER OF REIMBURSEMENT OF ENGINEER FOR SALARIES OF CON-
STRUCTION EMPLOYEES.
MR. JOHNSON AUTHORIZED TO SELECT REAL ESTATE AGENT AS NEGOTIATOR ON RIGHT-OF-WAY SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL OF CHAIRMAN.

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, September 21, 1965.

Vice Chairman Garrison, presiding in the absence of the Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Swicegood, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Garrison, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Adams, Mr. Baker, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Tandy, and Mr. Williams.

The members having received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Dawson moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion that they be approved as recorded. This motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson, Engineer-Manager, in his communications report read a letter from Mr. J. H. Canter, Assistant Secretary of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Raleigh, N. C. in which he stated that he nor Mr. Boyle had any objections to the City Accounting Department's performing the accounting functions for the Metropolitan Sewerage District, but that Section 709 of the Bond Resolution provides that the annual audit shall be made by an independent firm of certified public accountants and that Section 410 provides for an audit of the Construction Funds each six months by a certified public accountant. Mr. Canter will meet with Mr. Johnson within the next few days to discuss this matter.

Mr. Johnson commented on communications he had with the Bank of Asheville in which they had submitted a proposal under which it would perform accounting services for the Metropolitan Sewerage District. He stated the Metropolitan Sewerage District cannot use the City or County Auditor.

Mr. Hendon, Consulting Engineer, was present and introduced Mr. J. C. George, Construction Supervisor. He then read his letter of recommendation concerning salaries of construction personnel in which he requested the Board's approval of \$5.00 per hour (base pay \$10,000 per year) plus 10¢ per mile for on-the-job transportation for Construction Supervisor and \$3.60 per hour (equivalent to \$600 per month base pay) plus \$50.00 per month automobile allowance. In the discussion that followed this request, Mr. Johnson recommended that the Board pay the Construction Supervisor \$5.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,000 per month. For Inspectors he stated that \$600 per month is above the going wage in this community and recommended a limit of 48 hours per week unless we authorize more. This was agreeable with Mr. Hendon and Mr. George. Mr. Adams then made a motion that the Board authorize Mr. Johnson to work out the matter of reimbursement of the Engineer for salaries of full time on-the-job employees within the following limits: for the Construction Supervisor \$5.00 per hour plus 10¢ per mile for automobile with a limit of \$1,000 per month. For the Inspectors \$3.60 per hour plus \$50.00 per month for automobile with a 48-hour per week maximum. Mr. Williams seconded this motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson stated that he had just talked with Mr. Easterling who confirmed the sale of the bonds today to Halsey Stewart and Company of New York at an interest rate of 3.782 percent. He stated they had five bids and all were close. Commenting on the contracts, Mr. Johnson stated that at this time there are no items that will run over the job. He also stated that we have received authority from the Public Health Service to award contracts and this will be done next Monday, September 27th.

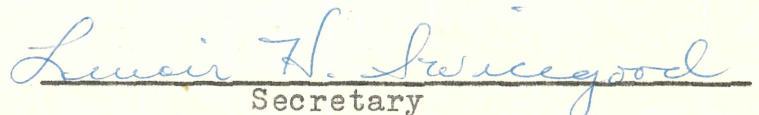
Mr. Hendon requested that acquisition of the pipeline right-of-way be done as soon as possible and that he has never worked on a pipeline job where the right-of-way was not extremely troublesome and in many cases expensive. He recommended that the Board hire a good, competent, local real estate man on a fee and full time basis to get the job done for he feels it is most urgent. He stated the pipeline contracts state that we will acquire the rights-of-way and that delays in giving the Contractor the right to work continuously will be very troublesome and could be expensive. He stated they hope to complete the plant three months ahead of schedule.

To the question as to what procedure we will use to acquire the right-of-way, Mr. Johnson stated the normal procedure, which Mr. Hendon had mentioned and which he would like to use, is to get a right-of-way agent and have him work out what he can with the people and what the agent cannot work out then he and Mr. Redmond will try to resolve. Mr. Reagan stated that he thought we should get on with the acquisition since the bonds have been sold and Mr. Redmond concurred in the employment of a negotiator or real estate agent. Mr. Williams made the motion that Mr. Johnson be authorized to select a real estate agent as a negotiator on the right-of-way, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Reagan seconded this motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson in answer to the question of what other towns are doing to end pollution, reported that Hendersonville has a plant in operation, Hot Springs and Marshall have plants under construction, Enka is committed to build, Olin Matheson is carrying out studies under supervision of State Stream Sanitation Committee, Brevard has an old plant, and that Rosman is the only town not showing any progress.

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

September 21, 1965


Secretary