

ATKINS, HICKS, SOUTHERN RAILROAD, ROGERS, ROW DISCUSSED.
 1966-67 BUDGET ADOPTED.
 ADJUSTMENT IN MR. REDMOND'S ATTORNEY FEES ADOPTED.
 ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The regular monthly 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 21, 1966.

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order and Mrs. Swicegood, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Peterson, Mr. Garrison, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Adams, Mr. Baker, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Williams.

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

Mr. Johnson, Engineer-Manager, in his communications and progress report stated that 35 percent of construction is completed and 29 percent of time has elapsed and \$1,800,000 spent. He stated the Weaverville plans are drawn and in Raleigh. Mr. Jowers, who was present for the meeting, commented that plans and specifications for Weaverville treatment plant and outfall sewers have been completed and are being mailed tomorrow to Raleigh and should be sent immediately to Public Health Service in Charlottesville, Virginia, for their approval which requires about thirty days. After that time bids will be advertised. Surveys should be completed on South Asheville, West Asheville, and Skyland sewers this week. By the first of August we should have plans on South Buncombe and Hominy.

Mr. Johnson recommended that the Board accept Mr. Cecil Hyder's previous offer to sell his property for \$16,000 and presented an option, prepared by Mr. Redmond and signed by Mr. Hyder. Mr. Redmond concurred in this recommendation. Mr. Baker moved that the option be executed and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that we now have all except four pieces of right-of-way on the first 15,000 feet of this job.

The first piece discussed was the Harry Atkins property who is asking, at least, \$6,000 for damages. Mr. Johnson stated he had offered Mr. Atkins \$1,500 but this had been declined and requested that Mr. Redmond be given authority to act in this matter. After further discussion Mr. Adams moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Redmond with instructions arranged with Mr. Johnson for appraisal for competent evidence before starting condemnation proceedings. Mr. Robinson seconded this motion and it was carried unanimously.

In the Hicks Corporation peoperty we have not been able to get them to sign a right-of-way. It is in the hands of receivership. We are still working on it and unless we get some action soon, it will have to be turned over to our attorney.

Two pieces of property involve the Southern Railroad. One of them the original, and one the Episcopal Church property. The superintendent has told us he would get us the right-of-way but so far we have nothing in writing. He doesn't think the railroad has any opposition, but just a question of working at long distance such as Atlanta, Washington, D. C., etc. He will continue to work on it.

Regarding the State Highway Prison Camp, this week we executed our portion of the right-of-way agreement with the State of North Carolina. It has been signed by Chairman Peterson and the Secretary and sent to Raleigh for the Governor's signature and will come forth in due time.

Due to difficulties in obtaining a clear deed to the Rogers property, of which the Board had previously approved the purchase, and also due to difficulty between Mr. Rogers and Mr. Waldrop, a lessee of a portion of his property, the right-of-way is still in the negotiating stage and is becoming critical because the pipeline contractor has had to skip over 207 feet and will be there in about three weeks. Mr. Rogers stated to Mr. Johnson this morning that he and Mr. Waldrop will work it out soon.

Regarding the names and titles to be shown on a tablet at the Metropolitan Sewerage District plant, Mr. Jowers was instructed to work out a sample and bring back to the Board at a later date.

The budget which was presented to the Board two months ago was presented and Mr. Garrison moved that it be adopted. Mrs. Swicegood seconded this motion and the roll call vote adopted the following budget unanimously:

METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET 1966-67			
Presented by the Treasurer			
	Estimate of Personnel Cost		
Position	Number		Est. Annual Amount
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE:</u>			
Engineer-Manager.....	1		\$13,500
Clerical.....	2		11,000
Insurance, Social Security, etc.....	-		2,000
	Subtotal		\$26,500
<u>OPERATION & MAINTENANCE:</u>			
Maintenance Foreman.....	1		5,200
Maintenance Men.....	2		8,300
Laborers.....	2		6,500
Insurance, Social Security, etc.....	-		1,700
	Subtotal		21,700
	Total		48,200

Estimated Current Expenses for Fiscal Year 1966-67

ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL:

Estimated Annual Amount

Personnel Cost.....	48,200
Travel.....	500
Pension Fund.....	10,000
Vehicle Expense.....	1,800
Office Supplies.....	750
Capital Outlay.....	3,000
Telephone.....	200
Legal & Audit.....	11,000
Office R ^{ent}	1,200
Miscellaneous.....	2,500
Total	<hr/> \$79,150

The money for this estimate has already been set aside to the amount of \$125,000 in the Bank of Asheville for a 2-year period, 1965-66 and 1966-67.

Current Balance to March 1, 1966.....\$109,896.87

Present Current Expenses.....\$4,000 per month.


A committee comprised of Mr. Adams, Mr. Redmond, and Mr. Johnson, previously appointed, to work out an adjustment in Mr. Redmond's attorney fees presented a recommendation that increased his monthly retainer to \$300 per month, continue to credit his work against the retainer on the time basis at rate of \$20 an hour for office routine and \$25 an hour for other than routine work. Mr. Adams moved that the committee's recommendation be accepted and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson recommended that Mrs. Praytor's salary be raised from \$65 to \$75 per week to conform with salaries paid in this building by other agencies. Mr. Garrison moved the recommendation be adopted and Mrs. Swicegood seconded the motion. This motion was carried unanimously.

In the election of officers Mr. Adams moved the re-election of all present officers and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Mr. Robinson moved the nominations be closed and this motion was unanimous. Mr. Adams moved that the Secretary cast a unit vote and all officers were re-elected by acclamation. Mr. Williams seconded this motion.

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

June 21, 1966


Secretary