

MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

MR. REDMOND AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT WITH R. C. BURRIS OR START CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS
MR. HENDON, MR. JOHNSON, MR. REDMOND AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS LAMBETH-LOVING CLAIM OF \$71,000 &
REPORT BACK TO BOARD.
MR. HENDON TO WRITE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF HOW TO GET DIGESTERS IN OPERATION.

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, November 21, 1967.

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. Dawson, Mr. Baker, Mr. C. L. Robinson, Mr. D. J. Robinson, Mr. Tandy, and Mr. Williams.

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

Mr. Johnson, Engineer-Manager, in his communications and progress report read a letter from the Asheville Insurance Agents Exchange stating they are in the process of preparing an insurance proposal for the various properties of the Metropolitan Sewerage District and will have the completed proposal ready for the December Board meeting. He also read excerpts of a letter to Mr. Hendon from Mr. Richard H. Gould, Consulting Engineer, regarding a recent visit to the MSD Plant in which operating problems and procedures, particularly in connection with Step Aeration, were discussed. He was impressed with the plant chemist's knowledge of the basic principles involved and felt he would follow through on them. Mr. Johnson stated the main plant is 99% complete and that it should be finished within two weeks. The Carrier Bridge Pump House will not be ready in January as was anticipated due to delay of delivery on machinery. The Weaverville plant can be completed within two weeks after delivery of machinery.

Mr. Redmond, Attorney, discussed at length the problem of securing right of way from Mr. R. C. Burris who claims title to 125 feet situated at Carrier Bridge on Riverside Drive. Mr. Burris had his property appraised for a price of \$3,150. Mr. Redmond felt this was exorbitant and Mr. Johnson concurred. Mr. Redmond stated Mr. Burris was offered \$1,250 which was turned down and he refused to name a price himself, and refuses to negotiate in any way. After considerable discussion, Mr. Dawson moved that Mr. Redmond be authorized to negotiate a settlement with Mr. Burris within ten days and if he cannot negotiate with him to start condemnation proceedings. Mr. Williams seconded this motion and a roll call vote was taken with eight "Ayes" and one abstention.

Mr. Johnson stated that Lambeth-Loving has presented a claim to Mr. Hendon for \$71,000 for delay of time on Section 2 of their contract which has been completed. Mr. Johason and Mr. Hendon both concurred that the amount is unreasonable. Mr. Hendon stated that in his, and his staff's, opinion the contractor had suffered some extraordinary expense by having his equipment and men stand idle. Mr. Johnson stated he feels the contractor is due something but has denied the claim of \$71,000. After considerable discussion Mr. Garrison moved that Mr. Hendon, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Redmond, be given authority to discuss the matter with the contractor and report back to the Board. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson stated that he and Mr. Hendon had a long discussion on the matter of the plant digesters' problem of not being able to produce burnable gas. It is a technical one and that Mr. Hendon, as Consulting Engineer, will furnish the Board a written report and written recommendation of how to get the digesters in operation and what technical things have to be done. He stated that heat has to be added to them, lime has to be added to the, and that Mr. Hendon is going to furnish us a recommendation of how and when it will be done, and whether the contractor will do any part of it or whether our personnel will do all of it. He stated it is rather immaterial as long as we have an understanding between our men and contractor's men. Mr. Hendon explained the workings of the digesters and stated he will make a written report to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

November 21, 1967


Secretary