

MR. HENDON AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH BEAVERDAM ENGINEERING PLANS.

MOTION PASSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO TAKE OVER OPERATION OF GERBER SCREENING PLANT NOVEMBER 1, 1969.  
& ACCEPT SURCHARGE OF \$0.075 SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT ANYTIME.

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, September 16, 1969.

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order and Mrs. Swicegood, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Baker, Mr. Carter, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Tandy, and Mr. Williams.

The members having received copies of the previous minutes, Mr. Williams 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 Lowe's Hardware requesting use of a small MSD-owned piece of property on Thompson Street as a parking area. Mr. Johnson suggested that he be given authority to offer this property to the City and let them make it into a parking lot. After discussion, the Board advised Mr. Johnson to investigate the matter and come back to the Board next month.

Mr. Johnson read correspondence from N. C. Board of Water and Air Resources certifying for priority the application submitted by the Metropolitan Sewerage District for a Federal Grant in the amount of \$132,000 for construction of Beaverdam sewer line work and to proceed with engineering plans for their review. Mr. Johnson stated he believed Mr. Hendon should be asked to proceed with the engineering work on it so that we can present plans to the City and County and get final approval. Mr. Dawson moved that Mr. Hendon be authorized to go ahead with the plans. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson in his report of the Crescent Hill Plant site situation requested that he and Mr. Dawson be given another thirty days in which to further their negotiations for resolving this matter. This request was granted.

Mr. Hendon stated that in view of the uncertainty of the growing development in and around the proposed Crescent Hill plant that he recommends putting in as small a plant as possible until we see what Fletcher or some other small town does in regards to building a sewer plant of their own. Chairman Peterson requested him to bring in a report at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p. m. to receive a report on the Gerber situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Gordon Greenwood, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, had written a formal letter to Gerber Products Company that effective November 1, 1969 they would no longer be responsible for Gerber Waste. This letter resulted in a meeting in the County Commissioners' office yesterday with Mr. Ed Burnett, Vice President, and Mr. John Erichson, Plant Manager, from Gerber and Mr. Peterson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Redmond, and Mr. Hendon, from the MSD. Gerber refused to run the screening plant but offered to pay their fair share of the costs. To the suggestion of an approximate cost to run the screening plant and this cost to be put on Gerber as a surcharge, was agreeable to Gerber representatives. Mr. Burnett and Mr. Erichson met with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hendon this morning and a surcharge of \$0.075 per 1,000 gallons of water was arrived at whereupon Mr. Hendon read the following recommendation:

#### RECOMMENDATION

In our opinion it is to the best interest of the Metropolitan Sewerage District for the District to control the operation of the Screening Plant at Gerber Products that was installed and operated by Buncombe County.

Gerber has offered to pay the Metropolitan Sewerage District the cost of the operation of this Screening Plant.

Section 502 of the Bond Resolution anticipated this type of problem and gives the Metropolitan Sewerage District specific authority to adopt rates or surcharges for industrial wastes that increase the cost of operation of the Sewage Disposal System.

We recommend that effective November 1, 1969 the M. S. D.:

1. Assume the operation of the Screening Plant at Gerber Products.
2. Amend the schedule of rates for sewer service to include a surcharge of \$0.075 per 1,000 gallons of water used to apply specifically to Gerber Products.
3. This surcharge to be effective until further determination of the Board at which time the cost of providing this service can be established and this rate revised as desirable.
4. That the operation and maintenance budget for the current fiscal year be amended and increased \$24,000 as provided by Section 506 of the Bond Resolution. Based upon figures estimated by Mr. Ed Burnett, Vice President of Gerber Products, their total payment to M. S. D. will be approximately \$40,000 per year.

After prolonged discussion, Mr. Baker moved that Gerber be notified that the District would take over operation of the Screening Plant effective November 1, 1969 and would accept the surcharge of \$0.075 subject to review at anytime. Mr. Robinson seconded this motion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Session adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

September 16, 1969

*Louise H. Swicegood*  
Secretary