

MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

JULY 20, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the old office of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the first floor, City Hall Building, Asheville, North Carolina, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, July 20, 1976.

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Crowe called the roll. In addition to Chairman Robinson, the following members were present: Messrs. Clark, Dawson, Dent, Dillingham, McDevitt, Smith, Warlick, and Williams.

In addition to the Board members, the following consultants and staff members were present:

Mr. Anthony Redmond  
Mr. Lew E. Hoffmann  
Mr. Dean Huber  
Mr. W. H. Mull  
Mrs. Jan Crowe  
Mrs. Linda Duncan

The members having received copies of the Minutes of the June 15 meeting, Mr. McDevitt moved the motion and Mr. Clark seconded that the Minutes stand approved as read. Voice vote was unanimous.

Election of officers for the Fiscal Year 1976-77 was as follows:

- (a) Mr. Dawson moved the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Warlick, that Mr. Robinson and Mr. Williams be reelected Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, for one-year terms. Mr. McDevitt moved to close the nominations, and Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous; Messrs. Robinson and Williams were reelected by acclamation.
- (b) Chairman Robinson reappointed Mr. Dawson to the office of Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Clark to the office of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for one-year terms. Mr. Warlick moved the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dent, that the Board accept these reappointments. Voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. W. H. Mull, Engineer-Manager, reported on the following:

- (a) Status of Resolutions regarding I/I Survey Project: All resolutions have been received except Montreat, where negotiations are under way; received as information by the Board.
- (b) Swannanoa River Interceptor Sewer (Sweeten Creek Crossing) repairs by Hobson Construction Company: Broken reinforced concrete pipe replaced with ductile iron pipe and new pier constructed; rip-rap installed on both sides of crossing; received as information by the Board.
- (c) State hearing regarding Construction Grant Funding list: Mr. Mull informed the Board that MSD

maintained its priority position on the Federal grant (75%) funding list for I/I Survey, South Buncombe Interceptor Sewer, and Hominy Valley Interceptor Sewer projects. State grant funds (12.5%) will probably be used up by applications submitted this year. Verbal assurance has been given to MSD by Mr. Coy Batten of North Carolina Department of Environmental Management that State funds would be sufficient for I/I Survey and design of interceptor projects. Mr. McDevitt requested that Mr. Mull's conversation with Mr. Batten be confirmed by letter.

- (d) Status of digester problems: Received as information by the Board.
- (e) Status on 201 Facilities Planning: At Mr. Mull's request, Mr. Huber reported to the Board that the Infiltration/Inflow Survey was completed and submitted to North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources on June 28 and that environmental alternatives will be completed the last week in July. He also stated that selection of the most cost effective plans will not be decided on until a public hearing is held, but recommendations should be completed by August 10.
- (f) Projection of income for the past fiscal year from industrial wastewater rates: Received as information by the Board.

Mr. McDevitt moved the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board set a Public Hearing on 201 Facilities Planning for Tuesday, September 14, 1976, at 7 p.m. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Marjorie P. Lockwood, a supervisor for the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District, spoke before the Board, asking the Board to consider alternatives to the construction of larger and more costly sewage disposal plants, i.e., waterless toilets to achieve a sewerless society.

Mr. Dent, chairman of the Office Space Committee, reported to the Board that the Committee had met with eight architects from various firms on July 12 to discuss the possibility of using their services for designing an administration building for MSD to be built on existing property at the main MSD plant. As a follow-up, a second meeting was held at 1 p.m. on July 20 to decide which firm to recommend to the Board. It was the Committee's recommendation that the Board engage the services of Mr. Lawrence J. Traber of Traber and Associates to develop plans for the new administration building on a percentage fee basis. Mr. Dent moved the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dawson, that the Board ask Mr. Traber to submit a proposal to the Board for the development of a plan and overseeing the construction of the administration building to be built on the present site overlooking the MSD plant, which building will consist of approximately 3,000 square feet. Roll call vote was unanimous. Mr. McDevitt requested that Mr. Dent write to the other architects regarding the Board's selection. These letters were mailed on July 21, 1976, to each of the other seven architects.

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Date of the next meeting of the MSD Board was set for August 17, 1976.

Chairman Robinson requested that there be an Executive Session of the Board for the purpose of privileged communication between attorney and client. Mr. Clark moved the motion, Mr. Dawson seconded, and voice vote was unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 3 p.m.

Following the Executive Session, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

  
Secretary