

**BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2002**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the Boardroom of MSD's Administration Building at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2002. Chairman Blackburn presided with the following members present: Aceto, Ball, Bryson, Graham, Kelly, Pace, Sobol and Venable. Ms. Field and Mr. Gantt were absent.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the August 21, 2002 Meeting:**

Mr. Venable moved that the minutes of the August 21, 2002 meeting be approved as presented. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**3. Discussion and Adjustment of Agenda:**

None

**4. Informal Discussion and Public Comment:**

None

**5. Report of General Manager:**

Mr. Hartye presented information regarding Good Mail, USA Today Article, ISO 14001 Certification and Finance Committee.

Mr. Hartye presented a letter from the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce congratulating Stan Boyd and Mike Schraven, on behalf of Kearfott, for the timely completion of a construction project at this facility.

Mr. Hartye presented an article from USA Today regarding sanitary sewer overflows nationwide.

Regarding the ISO 14001 Certification, Mr. Hartye presented a copy of the notification letter from NSF International Strategic Registrations, Ltd. and a copy of the Certificate of Registration. He stated that a press release would be issued next month and that staff would give a short presentation on MSD's Environmental Management System (EMS) and ISO 14001 Certification at the October Board meeting.

Mr. Hartye reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. to consider refunding of bonds and billing services.

With regard to the Early Retirement Package, Mr. Venable asked if any of the eligible employees decided to take it. Mr. Hartye stated that to date one of the seven eligible employees has shown an interest and would probably take it.

Ms. Bryson commended staff on putting together the MSD employee picnic.

**6. Report of Committee Chairs:**

**Right of Way Committee**

Mr. Sobol reported that the Right of Way Committee met August 28, 2002 to consider condemnations on the Lower Ross Creek and Pressley Branch

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Projects, the Compensation Budget for the Hilliard/Coxe Avenue project, and the contract to sell property located at 258 Swannanoa River Road.

Regarding the Hilliard/Coxe Avenue Project, Mr. Sobol stated that a discussion was held regarding the possibility of lining on this project, which was determined not to be an option. He further stated that the Committee discussed the issue of showing PIN No.s without property owner names. Ms. Ball stated she was concerned about making decisions based on PIN No.'s without knowing who owned the parcel. The Committee agreed to leave the procedure as is.

Regarding the contract to purchase property at 258 Swannanoa River Road, Mr. Sobol reported the contract has expired and the potential buyer has requested an extension in order to obtain a survey. He stated the Committee agreed to give a 30-day extension, specifying in the contract that "time is of the essence."

**7. Consolidated Motion Agenda:**

**a. Consideration of Compensation Budget - Hilliard/Coxe Avenue:**

Mr. Hartye reported that the Right of Way Committee recommends approval of the Compensation Budget.

**b. Consideration of Developer Constructed Sewer Systems: Maple Grove Subdivision, Holcombe Woods, Phase 1 and BASF/ENKA Village Sewer Line:**

Mr. Hartye reported that staff recommends acceptance of the developer constructed sewer systems and that all MSD requirements have been met.

**c. Smoke Testing Report - Kennilworth Area and Lakeview Park:**

Presented as information only.

**d. Cash Commitment/Investment Report for Period Ended 7/31/02:**

Presented as information only.

Ms. Graham moved that the Board approve the Consolidated Motion Agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**8. Update on Merrimon Avenue/Reed Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project:**

Mr. Hartye reported that prior to the right of way acquisition phase of this project, a public meeting was held to address the concerns of businesses and property owners.

Mr. Bradford reported that the project is located in North Asheville and begins near Boston Pizza and runs north along Merrimon Avenue for approximately 4,200 feet and ends near Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. He stated that the Reed Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project, which would be done at the same time, runs south along Murdock Avenue and ends at the Grove Park Inn Golf Course Project. He further stated that this is a "wet weather" project generated as a result of the Master Plan and is proposed to be constructed of 8-inch through 24-inch ductile iron pipe.

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He further reported that the Merrimon Avenue Project was requested by System Services because of frequent maintenance problems and blockages. He stated there are approximately seven (7) businesses that are built over the existing interceptor making this project technically difficult due to the depth of the line, the fact that Merrimon Avenue is a main corridor and sensitive because of the businesses involved. He further stated that certified letters were sent to all property owners and hand-delivered to managers of businesses that are renting property.

Mr. Bradford expressed his appreciation to Bill Conner, Angel Banks and System Services for a proactive effort in the completion of a line behind Atlanta

Bread Company, which will connect to this project. Mr. Conner stated that approximately 60 to 70% of the existing line could not be TV inspected because of the depth and structural condition.

Mr. Blackburn asked if Merrimon Avenue would be closed at any time during construction. Mr. Bradford stated that a travel lane in each direction would be maintained. Mr. Venable asked how the line under Merrimon Avenue would be installed without closing traffic and if any businesses would have to close during construction. Mr. Bradford stated that the line under Merrimon Avenue would be bored and that he did not anticipate any businesses having to close. Mr. Aceto asked how a "wet weather" project differs from a general CIP project. Mr. Bradford stated that when there is a significant rain event there are lines that experience an overload. While doing flow monitoring and system capacity analysis for the Master Plan, Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) determined that the Reed Creek line is one of those lines. A discussion followed regarding the location of the line, where it tied in and whether the storm water drain across from The IHOP ran into this line. Ms. Ball offered the City's Channel 20 and the County's Channel to advertise to let citizens know who they can call if they have questions or problems. Mr. Bradford stated that staff has been in close contact with Bell South, Public Service Gas Company, the City of Asheville and Public Works to coordinate projects in this area. Ms. Ball stated that in conjunction with MSD's project, the Department of Transportation is re-doing all traffic signals on Merrimon Avenue and should be complete within a year. She further stated that the only conflict with MSD's project would be in the area of W.T. Weaver Boulevard and The IHOP.

**9. Old Business:**

None

**10. New Business:**

Mr. Pace stated that the segment on WLOS regarding MSD's Grease Program was a good educational piece. Mr. Hartye stated that the segment addressed what grease does to the sewer system and hopes to continue with other segments.

Mr. Venable stated that since the MSD has received some bad press with regard to citizens being charged for watering lawns, etc., would this issue be brought up at the Finance Committee meeting during the discussion on billing. Mr. Hartye stated that once a decision is made about billing, this issue may be addressed as a part of the resolution of that issue.

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**11. Adjournment:**

With no further business, Mr. Aceto moved for adjournment at 2:47 p.m. Mr. Pace seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

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Jackie W. Bryson, Secretary/Treasurer