

# **BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

**MARCH 19, 2003**

## **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, March 19, 2003. Chairman Blackburn presided with the following members present: Aceto, Ball, Bryson, Field, Graham, Gantt, Pace, Sobol and Venable. Mr. Kelly was absent.

Others present were: Thomas E. Hartye, General Manager, William Clarke, General Counsel, Gary McGill and Danny Bridges of McGill Associates, Leah Karpen with the League of Women Voters, Larry Frost with DENR, Alan Stone with Hazen & Sawyer, Martha Zeigler, Stan Boyd, John Kiviniemi, Ed Bradford, Peter Weed and Sondra Honeycutt, MSD.

## **2. Approval of Minutes of the February 19, 2003 Meeting:**

Ms. Bryson moved that the minutes of the February 19, 2003 Meeting be approved as presented. Mr. Gantt 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:**

Mr. Blackburn welcomed Leah Karpen with the League of Women Voters.

**5. Report of General Manager:**

Mr. Hartye presented information regarding reading, bond refunding, Asheville Area Economic Indicators, grease trap/interceptor cleaning cost, City of Asheville billing and committee meetings.

Mr. Hartye presented articles on the selling of the Owen plant and AMSA weighing in on the link between SSO's and illness.

With regard to bond refunding, Mr. Hartye presented a table showing the savings realized by the bond refunding.

Regarding the Asheville Area Economic Indicators, Mr. Hartye presented a Chamber of Commerce report, which corresponds to what the District has been seeing in the Planning and Development areas.

Mr. Hartye presented an email from Monty Payne, Industrial Waste Coordinator, indicating the costs for pumping and disposing of grease trap and interceptor waste.

Regarding the City of Asheville Billing, Mr. Hartye reported that the Finance Committee met today to receive a report from the District's Consultant on the cost of doing its own billing.

Mr. Hartye reported that the Right of Way Committee will meet March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The annual CIP Committee will meet April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and the Personnel Committee will meet April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to discuss COLA and merit.

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Mr. Hartye announced he received notification that in May, the District will be awarded the 2003 National Environmental Achievement Award by the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) in the Operations Category for the District's Pipe Rating Program. He stated this program was developed by in-house staff, which is an on-going project that fixes pipes, saves money and utilizes all the tools of technology to do so. He further stated that he was very proud of staff for their efforts and that a formal presentation would be made in May or June for those staff involved. Mr. Gantt suggested that staff develop a power point presentation on the savings as a result of this program. Mr. Hartye stated that at the April 1<sup>st</sup> CIP meeting, a short presentation on the District's pipe lining and pipe rating programs would be presented.

**6. Report of Committees:**

**Right of Way Committee**

Mr. Pace reported that the Right of Way Committee met February 26, 2003 to consider condemnations on the Lower Ross Creek, Fairway Drive/Tomahawk and Merrimon/Reed Creek Rehabilitation Projects. The Committee also considered MSD's acceptance of sewer systems where the developer has established an overlapping use of the permanent sewer easement corridor with a greenway/trailway/common area. Also, the Committee considered acceptance of Vaughn & Melton's proposal for easement acquisition services for the Hi-Alta Rehabilitation Project and Weaverville Main Street Project.

### **Planning Committee**

Mr. Aceto reported that the Planning Committee met March 5, 2003 to consider recommended improvements to the Sludge Incinerator. Ms. Aceto stated the Incinerator has been on-line for approximately 10 years with a life of 30-years. However, due to the intermittent operation of the equipment during the first few years of use and burning sludge with a higher water content than intended, repairs and improvements are necessary. He further reported that Hazen & Sawyer recommends that Incinerator improvements be implemented as soon as practical and combined with the belt filter press replacements project in order to facilitate only one shut-down of the operation instead of two. He stated that the estimated cost of the project is \$1,950,000, along with a fee for the required engineering in the amount of \$152,950.00 as proposed by Hazen & Sawyer.

Mr. Hartye reported that the Committee received and reviewed belt filter press specifications prepared by Hazen and Sawyer and recommends the Board purchase the belt filter presses manufactured by BDP, the only belt filter presses meeting the performance specifications.

### **Finance Committee**

In the absence of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Blackburn reported that the Finance Committee met today to consider the Consultant report concerning the billing and collection of sewer revenues. Mr. Blackburn moved that the Board approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to accept the report submitted by MGT of America. The motion was approved by voice vote, with Cathy Ball voting against the motion.

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**7. Consolidated Motion Agenda:**

**a. Consideration of Proposal for Acquisition Services - Vaughn & Melton Hi-Alta Rehabilitation Project and Weaverville Main Street Project:**

Mr. Hartye reported that the Right of Way Committee recommends acceptance of Vaughn & Melton's proposal for easement acquisition services for the Hi-Alta Rehabilitation Project and Weaverville Main Street Project at a cost of \$855.00 per parcel to perform the scope of services, a fee of \$7,695.00 to obtain nine (9) easements on the Weaverville Project and a fee of \$11,970.00 for fourteen (14) easements on the Hi-Alta project.

**b. Consideration of Professional Engineering Services for Incineration System:**

Mr. Hartye reported that the Planning Committee recommends that the Board approve a fee for Engineering Services with Hazen & Sawyer in the amount of \$152,850.00 for the Incineration System.

**c. Consideration of Sole Source Procurement of Belt Filter Presses:**

Mr. Hartye reported that the Planning Committee recommends that the Board authorize the sole source procurement of two (2) 2.5 meter belt filter presses manufactured by BDP Industries, the only belt filter presses meeting the performance specifications developed by Hazen and Sawyer, for \$523,796.00.

**d. Consideration of Developer Constructed Sewer Systems: Applewood Subdivision, Skyview Business Center, Biltmore Lake Blocks A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, Castle Street, Eastwood Village Phase III (addendum) and Nova Enterprises:**

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

**e. Cash Commitment/Investment Report for Period Ended 1/31/03.**

Presented as information only.

Regarding Item c. (Belt Filter Presses), Mr. Venable asked if the \$523,796.00 would come out of this year's budget. Mr. Hartye stated that funds for this project will come out of the current fiscal year's CIP budget.

With regard to Item b. (Sludge Incineration Equipment Evaluation), Mr. Venable asked when the \$1,950,000.00 cost of doing this work would be budgeted. Mr. Hartye stated that the \$1,950,000.00 is budgeted in this fiscal year and next fiscal year. The engineering will largely be done this fiscal year and the construction will be done next fiscal year.

With no further discussion, Ms. Graham moved that the Board approve the Consolidated Motion Agenda as presented. Mr. Pace seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 10 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**8. Report of Billing Consultant:**

Previously discussed in the report of the Finance Committee.

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**9. Old Business:**

None

**10. New Business:**

Mr. Venable asked if a date has been set to meet with the City of Asheville regarding the billing issue. Mr. Hartye stated that the City will let MSD know when this issue is placed on a Council or Work Session agenda and he would notify the Board when a date is set.

**11. Adjournment:**

With no further business, Ms. Graham moved for adjournment at 2:35 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