

METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

March 20, 1984

The regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the Boardroom of MSD's Administration Building at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 1984.

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Crowe called the roll. In addition to the Chairman, the following members were present: Messrs. Batts, Boggs, Clark, Dent, Pope, and Williams and Mrs. Sciara.

Also attending the meeting were Engineer-Manager W. H. Mull, MSD Attorney John S. Stevens, and Consulting Engineers Dean Huber and Don Berryhill.

Mr. Williams moved that the minutes of the February 21 meeting stand approved as written, and Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

- a. Status of South Buncombe and Weaverville projects: Mr. Mull reported that there had been no changes for the past month. This report was received as information by the Board.
- b. Chlorine bids received March 6: Mr. Mull told the Board that readvertisement resulted in receiving identical bids for the second time from Jones Chemicals and McKesson Chemical Company and that representatives of each company had agreed to a toss of the coin to determine to whom the bid should be awarded, Jones choosing heads and McKesson choosing tails. The toss was won by McKesson, who will furnish liquid chlorine to the District through December 31, 1984. This report was received as information by the Board.
- c. Blue Ridge Plating update: Mr. Stevens told the Board that papers were served on Blue Ridge on March 7 and that the lawsuit asks for damages in the sum of \$2,507.77, that a preliminary injunction be issued restraining Blue Ridge from discharging into the sewerage system wastewaters which contain heavy metals in excess of limits imposed by their permit and which waste has a pH outside limits set by their permit and which violate general regulations and standards adopted by the MSD pertaining to industrial discharge, and that Blue Ridge pretreat all industrial waste generated by the company so that final effluent complies with the District's established standards. Mr. Stevens also said Mr. Benfield's attorney has asked the District to agree to wait thirty days before going to court under the condition that Blue Ridge maintain its effluent limits. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Stevens continue to handle the situation on this basis.
- d. Status of hydro project: Mr. Mull told the Board that he and Mr. Stevens met with Messrs. Huber, Woodruff, Berryhill, and Aperans on February 29. Mr. Stevens reported to the Board on this meeting, saying that Mr. Aperans is drafting some language to consider for a vote by the people to issue bonds under the existing MSD Bond Resolution. The 1964-65 original bond issue Resolution contemplates the issuance of additional bonds, which will shorten the time of issue of new bonds; however, a vote of the people is required. It was the consensus of the Board that the Bond Referendum be scheduled either in late June or early July. Mr. Stevens told the Board that one hurdle for the District to overcome is the fact that the District may technically be in violation of a provision in the 1964 Bond Resolution, that violation being the decision to build sewer lines outside the District. Henderson County's lines were built with their money, not District money; however, the lines will be maintained by the District, and Bond Counsel has raised questions to this. To solve the problem, it may be necessary to enter into agreements with Avery's Creek Sanitary District and Cane Creek Water & Sewer District similar to the one entered into between Enka-Candler Water & Sewer District and the MSD.

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Mr. Dent moved that the Board authorize the sending out for proposals from manufacturers to provide generators for the hydroelectric project, with the proposal document to be drawn up by the consulting engineers and approved by Mr. Stevens. Mr. Boggs seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Citing an urgent need for an immediate hookup of the Royal Steak House in Fletcher to one of MSD's subinterceptors, Mr. Mull presented a request to the Board for a temporary sewer agreement between the District and Earl Earnhardt, operator of the Royal Steak House, and Maria Demmette Blythe, owner of the property. Since there is no agreement with Henderson County for billing purposes, monthly water billings will be submitted to the District, which will bill Royal Steak House directly for sewer service charges at 41¢ per one hundred cubic feet of wastewater discharged. The agreement provides for the sewer use charge to be reviewed annually and to be adjusted to reflect the proportionate cost of providing wastewater treatment and maintenance of the sewerage disposal system. Mr. Dent moved that the MSD enter into this agreement with Royal Steak House, and Mrs. Sciara seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- e. Ratify Board's decision to purchase \$15,000 of MSD's bonds (action taken by telephone poll): Mr. Williams moved that the Board ratify their previous action to purchase these 3.80% bonds, due 7/1/95, yield 9.25%, for a total purchase price of \$9,455.85. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- f. Report on Value Engineering: Mr. Mull told the Board that the Value Engineering team, consisting of six engineers from different fields--mechanical, sanitary, hydraulic, structural, civil, etc.--were at the MSD the week of March 12 and will present a report to the District this week. He told the Board that they were impressed with the use of the microscreens at the head of the plant and use of the RBC and made several suggestions on how to save money on expansion of the plant. After the report is received, Harry Hendon and Associates will reply to recommendations and make changes in accordance with those recommendations. He said the State has concerns which will be discussed at a meeting in Raleigh March 21, and he will report findings to the Plant Expansion Committee.

Mr. Mull told the Board a composting plant has been built in Portland, Oregon, and that the facility is complete but is empty, nothing having been added. Since composting was one of the alternatives to sludge disposal looked at by the Plant Expansion and Sludge Committees, Mr. Mull expressed the opinion that someone should look at the facility before sludge is added and requested that the Board authorize him and any interested Board member to go to Portland to examine the compost plant. He also requested that he be authorized to attend an EPA New Municipal Wastewater Treatment Technology seminar to be held in Portland April 5-6. Mr. Boggs moved that the Board approved the two-purpose trip to Portland for Mr. Mull and any interested Board member, and Mrs. Sciara seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Pope moved that the Board reaffirm the appointment of Mr. Dent as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to fill the vacancy resulting from Mr. Warlick's resignation from the MSD Board. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Having been one of the host families for the French AFS Adult Exchange last summer (the first adult exchange and a pilot program for future exchanges) and an active member of AFS, Mr. Mull told the Board that he has been requested by AFS to participate in a return exchange to France this summer and to prepare workshops on AFS to be presented at five regional AFS meetings in different parts of France. The trip is to begin the first of July and will last three weeks. The Board was in agreement that this trip would pose no problem for the District.


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Mr. Pope moved that Mr. Boggs be authorized to attend a WPCF Seminar ("Clean Water: Continuing Progress; Unfinished Business") in Washington, DC, March 27. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with the exception of Mr. Boggs, who abstained.

Chairman Robinson appointed Mr. Batts and reappointed Messrs. Boggs, Pope, and Smith to the Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 1984-85. Mr. Smith will continue to chair the committee.

Date of the next meeting of the MSD Board is scheduled for April 17, 1984.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.


Asst. Secretary