

METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

AUGUST 18, 1987

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 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 1987. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Smith and the following members were present: Aceto, Batts, Boggs, Dent, Dyson, Edwards, Pope, Wadley and Williams. Others present were: W. H. Mull, P.E., Engineer-Manager, John Stevens, General Counsel to the District, Bill Morris and Bob Holbrook, representatives of the Consulting Engineers, Contractors from various companies for bid opening, and Michael Petelle.

2. OPEN BIDS FOR PHASE III PLANT EXPANSION - SECTIONS 3, 3A, 3B & 3C:

At 2:05 p.m. Bob Holbrook opened sealed bids received for Phase III of the Main Plant Expansion and checked them for proper documents. Three bids were received on the Prime (General Work) Section 3. They were as follows: Powell Construction Company in the amount of \$11,355,000., Republic Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$11,707,000., and Crowder Construction Company in the amount of \$11,894,000. The apparent low bidder was Powell Construction Company. A bid tabulation will be forwarded to all plan holders.

Two sealed bids were received on Section 3A, one from M. B. Haynes Corporation and the other from King Electric. N.C. State Law states at least 3 bids must be received, and since 2 bids were received, these two bids were returned unopened to M.B. Haynes Corporation and King Electric.

No bids were received on Sections 3B or 3C.

3. MINUTES OF JULY 21, 1987 MEETING:

Mr. Aceto moved that the minutes of July 21, 1987, be approved as written. Mr. Dyson seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. REPORT OF ENGINEER-MANAGER:

a. Request to Continue Treating Transylvania County Septage:

Mr. Mull reviewed a letter from James L. Stokoe, Director, Planning and Management Services of Land-of-Sky Regional Council, dated August 4, 1987, concerning continued treatment of Transylvania County septage. The present agreement was entered into March 19, 1987, and expires September 30, 1987.

Mr. Mull recommended to the Board that the District continue to treat Transylvania County septage, for a 6 month period, using the present haulers, Able Septic Tank Service, McElrath Construction Company, AAA Septic Tank Cleaning Service and Wastewater Services, as it has had no adverse impact on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Transylvania County is making progress toward an agreement for building its own system.

Mr. Edwards moved that the District extend the present agreement with Transylvania County to treat septage from Transylvania County for a 6 month period. Mr. Wadley seconded the motion, and voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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b. Request for Documents - Pack Memorial Library:

Mr. Mull reviewed a letter (undated) from Anna Donnally, Reference Department, Pack Memorial Library, asking for various reports from the Metropolitan Sewerage District, i.e. minutes of public meetings, annual reports and special reports. Mr. Mull stated MSD currently sends reports such as the 201 Facilities Plan to the library.

The District Board was in agreement to begin sending copies of the Board meeting minutes to Pack Memorial Library for its records.

c. Status of Interim Sludge Handling Facilities:

Mr. Mull reported that the District has raised the supernatant overflow structure in the Lagoon approximately 9". This will temporarily keep any sludge the Plant is pumping to the Lagoon from flowing back to the treatment plant for a short period (it is only 2 - 3" from the top of the overflow structure now). As previously authorized, the District has advertised for bids to raise the dike around the Lagoon in certain locations, and the emergency overflow spillway, and this will provide about 3 feet of extra storage which the District hopes will take care of the problem for a couple of years. Bids will be opened on August 20, 1987, at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Mull stated that the District has \$1 million in the last Bond Issue set aside for interim sludge handling facilities.

d. Authorization to Advertise for Bids - Carrier Bridge Pump Station:

Mr. Mull stated the District is requesting authorization from the Board to advertise for bids on the Carrier Bridge Pump Station, which is part of the South Buncombe Relief Interceptor Sewer Project. The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$500,000, and this was included in the last Bond Issue. Advertisement would commence August 30, 1987, with a bid opening taking place on September 29, 1987, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Dent moved that the Board authorize the District to advertise for bids on the Carrier Bridge Pump Station, with advertisement commencing August 30, 1987, and a bid opening date of September 29, 1987. Mr. Williams seconded and voice vote carried unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Mull also requested authorization from the Board for the District to re-advertise for bids on Section 3A, 3B and 3C of the Main Plant Expansion, Phase III.

Mr. Waddey moved that the Board authorize the District to readvertise for bids on Sections 3A, 3B and 3C of the Main Plant Expansion. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Mull reported that North Carolina is the only State in the Southeast that requires governmental entities to break contracts down into separate sections for general, HVAC, plumbing and electrical. The practice creates additional expenses in plan and specification preparation, advertising and construction supervision services. New legislation would be required, however, to change current procedures. This matter was discussed at length by the Board. Mr. Stevens suggested that the District make a discreet inquiry to the League of Municipalities to find out if the League perceives it a problem to get this legislation changed, and inquire as to whether the League would be supportive of such changes. If it looks as if momentum is developing, then the Board may want to get involved. Mr. Mull stated he would follow-up on this matter.

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5. Report of Officers: None

6. Report of Committees:

a. Hydro Committee - Mr. Dyson

Mr. Dyson asked Mr. Batts to give the report of the Hydro Committee. Mr. Batts reported the Hydro Committee met on August 11, 1987, and considered the following:

(1) Concerns of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation Regarding Erratic River Flow:

The Board discussed a letter from Mr. Rick Thomason with the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation dated August 4, 1987, concerning erratic river flow. The Hydro Committee recommended to the Board that the District acknowledge that it joins the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation (FBEMC) in wishing to be good neighbors, and that the District is willing to work with the FBEMC any way it can to help resolve this problem. Mr. Mull stated the District has received some time of travel information on the river flow from the State, and that the District has requested additional information from the FBEMC and CP&L which must be reviewed before scheduling a meeting with FBEMC personnel to discuss this further, and try to work out arrangements which would be mutually beneficial to all entities. Mr. Mull said the District is trying to get a time study travel conducted of the river between the MSD's plant and FBEMC's plant.

(2) Proposed Annual Inspection Contract with Voith Hydro:

The proposal for Voith Hydro's annual inspection of the Hydro Electric Plant was discussed by the Board. There were several areas of concern with the contract which have been resolved to the Board's satisfaction. It is the recommendation of the Hydro Committee that the Board authorize the District to enter into the annual inspection contract with Voith Hydro, Inc. subject to approval of the Contract by Counsel. Mr. Batts entertained this recommendation as a motion. Mr. Dent seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

(3) Other: None

b. Sewer System Consolidation Committee - Mr. Aceto:

Mr. Aceto reported that Mr. Stevens, Mr. Mull, Mr. Smith and he met with Mr. Ratcliff, Chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Keith Snyder, County Attorney, and a representative of the Buncombe County Planning and Development Department. A separate meeting was held with Mayor Bisette, Mr. Doug Bean, City Manager, and Mr. Harold Huff, Director of Water/Sewer and Engineering Services, City of Asheville, concerning sewer consolidation. The sense of these meetings was that both bodies are going to schedule work sessions to get their members back up to speed on consolidation issues. We were told by Mayor Bisette that this would be an issue which would get prominent treatment as soon as and if the City/County Water Agreement had been resolved. It is understood that an Agreement has been resolved. The County has a work session scheduled for August 25, 1987, at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Boardroom. Mr. Aceto stated that after speaking with Mayor Bisette, the mayor has indicated that a similar work session would be scheduled with the City Council as soon as the City receives the results of its independent sewer system evaluation. The City is supposed to receive these results the first of September. Mr. Aceto reported that the District is moving closer to consolidation.

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7. Unfinished Business:

Mr. Mull reported that since the last Board meeting, the District has met with representatives of the State Environmental Management Commission and EPA, concerning Phase IV-Sludge Disposal. The District had received preliminary indications that the State was going to take some sort of timely action towards making a recommendation to the EPA, hopefully by the end of this month. The State requested additional information from the District which was submitted, and the State seemed satisfied with it. The EPA assured the District that as soon as it receives a recommendation from the State, it would take timely action concerning the State's recommendation. The District is anxiously awaiting the State's decision.

8. New Business:

Mr. Stevens reported that the Legislature passed a bill modifying the Metropolitan Sewerage District Act. Among the powers MSD now has is to require the owners of improved property to connect to an MSD owned collection line. This is recently provided in the District's Sewer Use Ordinance.

At this time, this does not have a lot of application to the District, because it speaks in terms of collection lines owned or operated by the District. Since the District does not have consolidation, it does not own or operate collection lines.

9. Date of Next Regular Meeting - September 15, 1987

10. Adjournment:

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



SECRETARY