

**BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**  
**November 24, 1992**

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Metropolitan Sewerage District was held in the Boardroom of MSD's Administration Building at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 1992. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bryson, Dent, Edwards, Frizzell, Ivey, Maas, Penny, Post, and Wallace. Those members absent were: Slosman

Others present were: W. H. Mull, Engineer-Manager, Billy Clarke, Attorney, Dean Huber, Bob Holbrook and Bill Morris of Hendon Engineering Associates, Inc., Gary Davis of McGill Associates, Alan Bolick of Bolick & Associates, P.A., CPA's, Adam Bull, Attorney, Jackie Lunsford, Ann Lunsford, Patty Beaver of CIBO, Bob Tinkler representing the League of Women Voters, Ann LaVeck, Stan Boyd and Angel Morris, MSD.

**2. Minutes of the October 20, 1992 Board Meeting:**

Ms. Bryson moved that the minutes of the October 20, 1992 meeting be adopted as written. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**3. Report of Hearing Panel regarding Jackie Lunsford Appeal;**

At 2:05 p.m. Mr. Post moved that the Board go into Executive Session to consider a report of the Hearing Panel. Mr. Frizzell seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

At 2:40 p.m. Mr. Dent moved that the Board reconvene the regular meeting of the Board. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Penny moved that the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board of Directors based upon its discussions during the Board's Executive Session vote to affirm and uphold the decision of the MSD staff to terminate the employment of Jackie Lunsford effective June 24, 1992 and that a letter be sent to Mr. Lunsford or his counsel within thirty (30) days of the date of the meeting explaining the reasons for termination. Mr. Ivey seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 10 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**4. Audit Report FY 1991/1992 - Mr. Alan Bolick;**

Mr. Alan Bolick of Bolick & Associates, P.A., CPA's presented the District's Financial Statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 1992. In reviewing the financial statements, Mr. Bolick pointed out that the Local Government Commission had requested the auditors to examine the District's finances for compliance with Sections 501 and 711 of the District's Bond Order. According to the auditors, the District is not in default of the covenants set forth in Sections 501 and 711 of the Bond Order, however, Mr. Bolick pointed out that Section 505 of the Bond Order requires the District to adopt a budget for the General Fund as well as an Operation and Maintenance Budget by the first of May of each year. Mr. Mull stated that he had discussed this requirement with the Local Government Commission, and the Local Government Commission had initially determined to issue a letter of non-compliance to the District. It was pointed out to the Local Government Commission that the District did have, in its User Charge Report, a projection outlining overall expenditures for the next five (5) years. The Local Government Commission is now taking the position that those tables qualify as a "Budget" for the General Fund, but the Local Government Commission will require the District to adopt a budget for the General Fund for the next fiscal year. Mr. Bolick also presented a Compliance Report on the use of EPA funds. He reported that this would be the last year that a Compliance Report will be necessary because once the incinerator has been completed, the District will not be receiving any more federal funds. Mr. Bolick reported that both the Audit of the financial statements and the Compliance Report were "clean" with no problems. Following discussion, Mr. Dent moved that the Board approve the

audited Financial Statement for fiscal year ended June 30, 1992 and the EPA Compliance Report. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 10 Ayes; 0 Nays.

5. Report of Engineer-Manager

a. Status Report on Construction Projects;

1. Montreat CIP Phase I

Mr. Mull reported that 62% of the Montreat CIP Phase I project is complete with 189% of the contract time passed through November 18, 1992. Mr. Mull further reported that because of poor soil conditions, backfill material is being hauled in from off-site and placed in the pipe trench. If poor soil conditions continue, a considerable over-run in the contract price should be expected.

2. Sweeten Creek Interceptor Sewer

Mr. Mull reported that plan and profile design work on the Sweeten Creek Interceptor Sewer is complete and specifications have been written. Mr. Mull further reported that Hendon Engineering Associates, Inc. is currently putting easement lines on the plan sheets and upon Board approval of the contract for easement plats, the surveyors will begin work with construction planned to begin in September, 1994. Mr. Mull stated that a letter is being prepared to go out to all property owners informing them that surveyors will be doing work on their properties.

3. North Swannanoa Sanitary Sewer Interceptor

Mr. Mull reported that design work on the North Swannanoa Sanitary Sewer Interceptor is almost complete. Hendon Engineering is still doing some work on the portion of Phase I near the McDowell Street Bridge in an effort to avoid spending \$132,526.00, which CP&L has estimated as the cost of moving some utility poles. Archaeological testing is complete, and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources is expected to require mitigation of the archaeological sites as recommended in the Hall and Baker Report. The District is awaiting approval by the City of Asheville of the relocation of a 24 inch water line. Six easements are still outstanding for Phase I. In addition, Mr. Mull reported that the field staking and plan/profile surveying are complete on Phase II, Sections 1, 2 and 3 and the plans/specifications and easement plats on Phase II, Section 1 are 25% complete. The environmental assessments on Phase II, Sections 1, 2 and 3 are 15% complete. Mr. Mull further reported that completion of the Phase II sections are expected as follows: Section 1 - January, 1997; Section 2 - February, 1998; Section 3 - March, 1999.

4. Beaverdam Interceptor Improvements

Mr. Mull reported that design on the Beaverdam Interceptor is 40% complete and easement surveying 60% complete and that due to a request by management of the golf course, construction has been delayed until the winter months.

5. Asheville Streets and Sidewalk Sewer Rehabilitation

Mr. Mull reported that Contract 9 - Section II of the Asheville Streets and Sidewalks Sewer Rehabilitation project is complete with Contract 11, 37% complete and Contract 6, 14% complete.

6. Phase IV Sludge Handling Facilities

Mr. Mull presented a status report on the construction of Phase IV, Sludge Handling Facility and reported that as of October 25, 1992, 96% of Section I

-General Contract is complete with 92% of the revised contract time passed. Mr. Mull further reported that 92% of Section 1A - Electrical is complete; 95% of Section IB - HVAC is complete and 80% of Section IC - Plumbing is complete. In addition, Mr. Mull stated that the cover on the second digester collapsed and that Envirex and the manufacturer of the dome have assessed the problem and have accepted responsibility for repair and are assessing the problem.

**b. Consideration of Award of Contract for Supplying Chlorine for 1992/93;**

Mr. Mull reported that the District advertised for bids on supplying the District with Liquid Chlorine for Calendar Year 1993 with a bid opening date of November 20, 1992. The results of the November 20, 1992 bid opening are as follows: Van Waters & Rogers, Inc. with a total base bid of \$300.00/Ton; Prillaman Chemical Corporation with a total base bid of \$550.00/Ton; Jones Chemical Company with a total base bid of \$241.50/Ton and PB&S Chemical Company (Apparent Low Bidder) with a total base bid of \$240.00/Ton. Mr. Mull further reported that the current supplier, Jones Chemical Company called to express concern about changing suppliers for the small difference between their bid and that of PB&S Chemical Company (\$1.50/Ton). Mr. Mull stated that because this is a bid item, the District has no choice but to accept the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Dent moved that the Board accept the apparent low bid of PB&S Chemical Company. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**c. Consideration of Contract Amendment for Engineering Services - Easement Plats - Sweeten Creek Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation (Hendon Engineering Associates);**

Mr. Mull presented a Contract Amendment for Engineering Services - Easement Plats - by Hendon Engineering Associates, Inc. which was reviewed and approved by the Right-of-Way Committee November 6, 1992. Mr. Mull reported that following review, the Committee recommended the Board approve the Contract Amendment for a total of seventy (70) easement parcels at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 without prior approval of the District and that payment be made monthly on bills rendered by the Engineer. Following a brief discussion as to the scope of the work required for the easement surveys. Mr. Edwards moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Right-Of-Way Committee. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 8 Ayes, 1 Nay.

**d. Consideration of Change Order for Time Extension, Montreat CIP - Phase I;**

Mr. Mull presented a Change Order for a 194 day time extension for Phase I, Sanitary Sewer Line Improvement for the Town of Montreat. Mr. Mull reported that the Change Order is due to the contractor's inability to work on Assembly Drive during the summer months and that following review by the Sewer System Consolidation Committee November 9, 1992, the Committee recommended approval of the Change Order. Mr. Edwards moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Sewer System Consolidation Committee. Mr. Frizzell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**e. Consideration of Contract Amendment for Engineering Services - Easement Plats - Fair Oaks Private System Rehabilitation (Lapsley Engineering);**

Mr. Mull presented a Contract Amendment for Engineering Services for the preparation of Easement Plats from Lapsley Engineering. Mr. Mull reported that the estimated fee for five (5) parcels is \$500.00 each for a total of \$2,500.00 and that following review by the Right-of-Way Committee November 6, 1992, the Committee recommended Board approval of the Contract Amendment. Ms. Bryson moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Right-of-Way Committee. Mr. Dent seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**6. Report of Officers**

None

**7. Report of Committees:**

**a. Right-of-Way Committee - Mr. Edwards**

**1. Biltmore Forest Sewer Improvements**

Mr. Edwards reported that the Biltmore Forest Sewer Improvements project is 67% complete with no cash compensation for easements to date. The Ram Branch and Raoul Branch sections of the project were advertised for bids on November 8, 1992 with a scheduled bid opening date of December 3, 1992. The Brown Branch section, which crosses the Biltmore Country Club golf course, will be constructed during the winter of 1993-1994. Mr. Edwards further stated that as outlined in the District's Easement Agreement, the District is responsible for restoration of easement areas to approximately the same condition as existed before construction. Therefore, the Right-of-Way Committee has instructed staff to replace or compensate property owners based on written estimates from reputable landscapers as to the value of trees, shrubs, etc. displaced.

**b. Dr.Satterfield and Dr.Johnson Parcels:**

Angel Morris presented a map showing the location of the parcels and estimates of landscaping cost. Ms. Morris reported that in a meeting held with Dr. Satterfield, the Town Manager and Public Utilities Manager for the Town of Biltmore Forest, that Dr. Satterfield expressed his concern for the proposed alignment through his property resulting in the loss of trees within the easement area. Mr. Morris further reported that the MSD has agreed to do some realignment work which will reduce the loss of trees from six to eight as opposed to eighteen or twenty. In addition, Ms. Morris stated that Dr. Satterfield would not sign an agreement that only had a one-year warranty for the replacement of trees and that he would not sign any document that allowed for keeping the easement area clear. Ms. Morris further stated that during discussions, the Public Utilities Manager suggested using a process done by Insituform Company that would avoid digging up the line. Ms. Morris explained the process used and stated that Dr. Satterfield suggested the MSD use this process instead of replacing the line. Ms. Morris reported that due to time constraints and the pending bid date for the Biltmore Forest project, that the Right-of-Way Committee recommended Board approval of an appraisal of the easement area. Mr. Dent moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Right-of-Way Committee. Dr. Maas seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the benefits and cost of the Insituform process, the length of the warranty for replacement of trees and the properties involved in the easement area. Ms. Morris further reported that the other property owner, Dr. Alan Johnson, expressed his concerns about the steady flow of construction traffic going by his house, access to his property and the replacement of plants that will be lost during construction. There being no further discussion, voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**2. The Biltmore Company**

Mr. Edwards reported that the Right-of-Way Committee reviewed a draft easement agreement from the Biltmore Company which requires the continual maintenance of the island problem at the river crossing. Mr. Edwards further reported that the Committee recommended that once the islands are removed that the MSD assume no further responsibility for maintenance or removal of the islands should they reform and instructed MSD attorney, Dick Wood, to contact Biltmore's Counsel accordingly.

**3. North Swannanoa Sanitary Sewer Interceptor**

Mr. Edwards reported that the North Swannanoa Sanitary Sewer Interceptor project is 93% complete with \$130,077.00 in cash compensation paid to property

owners for easements to date.

**a. D&D Enterprises:**

Mr. Edwards reported that following a complaint filed with the Clerk of Court for condemnation of the D&D Enterprises parcel that the owners have contacted MSD's Counsel and indicated they would settle out of court for \$8,750.00. However, since the appraisal indicates damages in the amount of \$5,000.00, the Right-of-Way Committee recommended a counter offer of \$7,000.00 to settle or proceed with condemnation. Mr. Edwards moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Right-of-Way Committee. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**b. Buncombe County Golf Course:**

Mr. Edwards reported that County Commissioners have requested the following change to the agreement reached during a joint meeting with the MSD: The County would have the option of placing the sod back in the rough and fairways and MSD would reimburse the County for this expense. In addition, any sod that did not live in the fairway would be replaced by MSD and any sod that did not live in the rough would not be removed but would be heavily seeded over by MSD. Following a discussion as to whether the resodding should be done by the County or done by the MSD contractor, Ms. Wallace moved that the Board agree to put back the sod in the rough and fairway, reseed it heavily if it does not live and that the MSD contractor put the sod back. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**d. Dennis Young Parcel:**

Ms. Morris presented a map showing the Dennis Young parcel and reported that Mr. Albert Sneed, Attorney for Mr. Young, contacted her requesting \$25,000.00 for Mr. Young's easement and since Mr. Young's business is located on Britt Street (the only entrance to his property), Mr. Young is asking that the MSD pay him \$100.00 per day during construction if the front entrance is blocked more than 45 minutes at a time and \$500.00 per day if both entrances are block for more than 45 minutes at a time. Ms. Morris reported that in order to allow for continuing negotiations and not hold up the condemnation process if agreements cannot be reached, the Right-of-Way Committee recommended proceeding with an appraisal of Mr. Young's property. Mr. Edwards moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Right-of-Way Committee. Mr. Frizzell seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**e. RBR&ST Parcel:**

Ms. Morris reported that Mr. Coleman has agreed to sign an easement in exchange for a 60 foot right-of-way across MSD's property and will accept total responsibility for maintenance of the property. Following a lengthy discussion regarding the amount of MSD property involved, the value of the property, and whether the property could be divided fairly, Mr. Ivey moved that the Board deed all the track of the MSD property to Mr. Coleman in exchange for the easement across his property. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 8 Ayes; 0 Nays.

**4. Weaverville Sanitary Sewer Improvements**

Mr. Edwards reported that the Weaverville Sanitary Sewer Improvements project is 97% complete with one condemnation and \$600.00 paid as cash

compensation to date. Mr. Edwards further reported that Mr. Ponder has signed an agreement for 20,460 feet of permanent easement with no compensation. However, Mr. Cross, who has property adjacent to Mr. Ponder's, is planning to build a house and is only willing to give 40 feet for an easement. Mr. Edwards stated that the Right-of-Way Committee agreed to offer Mr. Cross \$500.00 or take it to condemnation. Mr. Edwards stated that since Mr. Cross denied the offer, the Right-of-Way Committee recommended that staff proceed with new surveys for realignment onto the Ponder property, deletion of the Cross easement and offer compensation to Mr. Ponder in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ms. Wallace moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Right-of-Way Committee. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays

5. Beaverdam Creek Interceptor - North Fork

Mr. Edwards reported that the Beaverdam Creek Interceptor project is 72% complete and \$3,007.74 has been paid as cash compensation to date.

a. **Parcel 5596 (Asheville Oil):**

Mr. Edwards reported that the Board at its last meeting voted against acceptance of any of the easement area over this parcel by fee simple conveyance, therefore, the property owner has requested the District make an offer for compensation of the easement taken. Mr. Edwards further reported that the Right-of-Way Committee recommended, based on the limits established for the project, an offer of \$.52 per square foot, which equates to \$4,363.00. Ms. Wallace moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Right-of-Way Committee. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 8 Ayes; 0 Nays.

6. Consideration of Printing of Survey Notices:

Mr. Edwards presented a sample of and prices for printing of door notices to notify property owners of survey work to be done on their property. Following a brief discussion on the number of notices to be printed, the Board directed staff to have the notices printed in an appropriate amount.

7. Indemnification Clauses:

Mr. Edwards reported that two (2) property owners have refused to sign easement agreements unless the MSD agrees to indemnify them from claims for damage by others arising out of use of the easement by MSD. Mr. Clarke, Attorney for the District, advised the Board that the MSD is a public body, and as a general rule, public bodies cannot contractually agree to indemnify any party. Mr. Clarke pointed out that the MSD can agree to be responsible for any damages that may result from the use of the easement, and further that the District could be liable for damages resulting from its negligence according to general negligence principles. Mr. Clarke stated that it was the opinion of legal counsel that the District should not agree to indemnify persons granting easements to the District.

b. **Sewer System Consolidation Committee - Mr. Dent**

Mr. Dent reported that the Sewer System Consolidation Committee met November 9, 1992 to consider the following items not previously discussed in the Engineer-Manager's report:

1. Request for Participation in Sewer Rehabilitation to serve Mulberry Hill Mobile Home Park (Out of District)

Mr. Dent reported that the Committee recommended that the District make service available to the developer of the Mulberry Mobile Home Park as long as the developer agrees to abide by certain conditions and makes a good faith effort to

become part of the District either by annexation or by petitioning to become a part of the District. Mr. Dent further reported that since the MSD sewer line, which would serve the development, is not presently scheduled for rehabilitation, the Outside of District Committee referred the matter to the Consolidation Committee.

Mr. Dent stated that the Consolidation Committee recommended the District participate in an upgrade of the sewer line serving the development based on a percentage of the actual cost of upgrading the line (approximately \$30,000.00 of the \$42,000.00), subject to the availability of funds with engineering to be done in-house. Mr. Post moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Sewer System Consolidation Committee. Mr. Frizzell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays.

2. Request from Henderson County for services in Naples Area

Mr. Dent reported that the District was approached by Henderson County officials with a request to treat approximately 70,000 gpd of wastewater from the Naples area for an approximate 10 year period. Mr. Dent further reported that following review of the request, the Committee recommended that the District negotiate an agreement to provide service to Henderson County for the Naples area. Ms. Wallace moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Sewer System Consolidation Committee. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Beaverdam Extensions

Mr. Dent reported that residents have heard from MSD employees that following the replacement of old lines with new lines, that they would have to pay a capacity depletion fee. Mr. Dent stated that it was pointed out that this was not the case and needed to be cleared up.

c. **Personnel Committee - Mr. Ivey**

Mr. Ivey reported that the Personnel Committee met November 12, 1992 to discuss the growth in the responsibility of the Engineer-Manager's position, resulting from sewer consolidation. In addition, the Committee discussed at length the organization of the MSD, how it is structured and the hiring of a professional consultant to review the organization for efficiency, communication and effectiveness and also help the Board give a professional evaluation of the Engineer-Manager's position and performance. Mr. Ivey moved that the Board authorize the Personnel Committee to request proposals from management consultants and review the organization of the MSD and help with evaluation of the Engineer-Manager. Mr. Frizzell seconded the motion. A discussion followed as to who would review the proposals and prepare the specs for the solicitation of proposals. Mr. Mull reported that Charles Penny has provided the MSD with names of firms solicited by the Water Authority along with a copy of a proposal that will need to be modified by the Personnel Committee to apply to the MSD. There being no further discussion, voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

In other business, Mr. Ivey reported that the Committee discussed the District's Personnel Policy Manual and recommend that the Board direct District staff to work with the Personnel Director of Buncombe County, the City of Asheville and appropriate legal counsel to come up with necessary changes which will then be forwarded to the Institute of Government for review and change recommendations. Mr. Ivey stated that the Committee recommended that Grant Osborne of the McGuire, Wood firm in Asheville assist in this process because of his familiarity with the District's Personnel Manual. Mr. Ivey moved that the Board adopt the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

d. Sewer Service Charge Committee - Ms. Wallace

Ms. Wallace reported that the Sewer Service Charge Committee met November 23, 1992 to review the Annual User Charge analysis prepared by Dean Huber of Hendon Engineering Associates, Inc. for fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93. Ms. Wallace further reported that Dean Huber gave the Committee a background related to the conditional EPA Grant Funds that require the District to adopt a system of user charges that is approved by the EPA and essentially requires that the industrial charges reflect the actual cost of treating industrial wastewater. Ms. Wallace stated that following the adoption of a rate resolution in 1975 and in accordance with EPA directive, Hendon Engineering has annually reviewed the actual cost of treating industrial waste for the previous year and made recommendations based on actual cost and projections for the following year. Ms. Wallace then presented four alternatives for the Committee to consider regarding sewer service charges and noted addendums to Alternatives I and II.

Following review of the alternatives, and a request for an explanation of the differences between the four alternatives, Mr. Huber explained that the District has two classes of customers, industrial and domestic, with two rates under each classification; a rate for treatment and a rate for collection, Mr. Huber stated that the User Charge regulations dictate the treatment rate for industry, which must go up to comply with the those regulations, and that in order to keep Alternative 4 at a revenue neutral position for industry, rates are adjusted between treatment rates and collection system rates but revenue remains the same. A discussion followed regarding the difference in rates that industrial users are paying compared to rates for domestic users. Mr. Huber reported that the rates have never been equal and that the rational behind the difference in cost is that domestic users are related to all of the collector sewer lines, but the bulk of industrial users are closer to the treatment plant on a main line. in addition, Mr. Huber stated with regard to treatment rates, that prior to the initial 1975 study domestic users were paying 100% of the non-billable flow but since that time it was decided that industry should pay its share of non-billable flow at a rate of 20%. Ms. Wallace reported that a meeting has been scheduled for late January to discuss these issues at greater length and that some of the issues will be ones that need to be reassessed in terms of looking at the rate structure. Ms. Wallace further reported that the Committee wanted to come up with a recommendation as to what to do by January 1st, which does not preclude looking at some of the issues in greater detail and deciding to make some changes in whatever ratios are used in setting rates. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Wallace moved that the Board adopt Alternative 4, which raises the industrial treatment charges and lowers the collection system cost for industry with domestic rates unchanged, and that the language in the resolution should state that the District would meet its obligation for 1995-96 and 1996-97. Mr. Dent seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays.

Mr. Ivey moved that the Board adopt the User Charge Report with corrections including the tables in the report as to expenditures from the General Fund and Construction Fund. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Mull reported that Mr. Clarke had contacted the District's Bond Counsel, Gundars Aperans, regarding the adoption of a "revenue neutral" rate. The Bond Counsel advised that the Board is free to adopt any rate it sees fit so long as the District Board complies with the covenants regarding rates in the Bond Order. There was some concern because some of the projections in the Official Statement show a 4% revenue increase per year.

Ms. Wallace reported that there is a rebate of \$48,000.00 going back to industrial users for 1991-1992.



e. Sludge Committee - Dr. Maas

Dr. Maas reported that the Sludge Committee met today to discuss moving ahead with the Alkaline Stabilization Facility with plans being submitted to the State. Dr. Maas further reported that plans are underway to advertise for bids on December 1, 1992 and received on January 12, 1993 with construction to start by February 15, 1992. Dr. Maas stated the Committee expressed concern that the Alkaline Stabilization Facility had fallen behind the original schedule developed in May and it was the consensus of the Committee that Hendon Engineering should provide monthly status reports to the Engineer-Manager with a copy to Chairman Maas one week prior to each Board meeting. Mr. Holbrook of Hendon Engineering verbally agreed to the request. Mr. Ivey inquired as to the status of a study being done by Dr. Rubin of North Carolina State University for marketing of the sludge product. Dr. Maas stated that Dr. Rubin elected to put in some time in testing the sludge but that any delay in testing will not result in holding the project up and is something that can come later. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Edwards moved that the Board approve advertising for bid on December 1, 1992 with a bid opening date of January 12, 1993. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

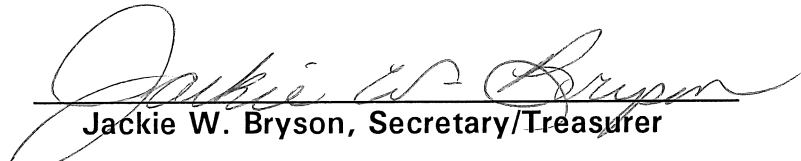
Mr. Mull gave a brief report on the Annual NCAWWA/WPCA meeting that was held in Charlotte, N.C.

**9. New Business:**

**10. Date of Next Regular Meeting: December 15, 1992**

**11. Adjournment:**

There being no further business Mr. Edwards moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Ivey seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

  
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Jackie W. Bryson, Secretary/Treasurer