

MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 1973

**REPORT BY THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

A special meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the Board Room 501, City Building, Asheville, North Carolina at 2:00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 2, 1973. After due notice by the Chairman, the notice stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive a report from the Ordinance Committee and take any action on this matter.

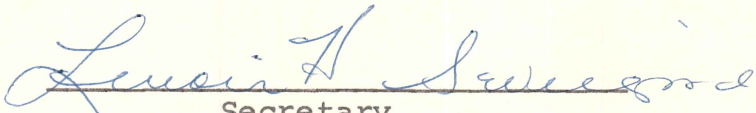
Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order and Mrs. Swicegood, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Peterson, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Hyatt, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Warlick, Mr. Williams, Mr. Goodson, Mr. Clark and Mr. Redmond, Attorney.

Chairman Peterson ruled that the only item on the agenda was a report by the Ordinance Committee. WHEREUPON, he requested Mr. Roy Robinson to present his report. Mr. Robinson read a proposal from Greeley and Hansen and presented a copy to the Secretary for the Minute Book. This proposal stated that Greeley and Hansen would complete a Sewer Use Ordinance at a cost not to exceed \$6,100 and that Greeley and Hansen would complete an industrial rate ordinance at a cost not to exceed \$17,700. Mr. Robinson read a supplemental communication from Greeley and Hansen stating that they did not desire to perform any work outside of this proposal at the present time. WHEREUPON, Mr. Robinson stated that the committee recommended and he moved the acceptance of the Greeley And Hansen proposal. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. After a general discussion, roll call vote was unanimous. Affirmative. Mr. Robinson stated that he would contact Greeley And Hansen.

Mr. Redmond pointed out to the Board that there was insufficient funds in the engineering item of the Operation and Maintenance budget to meet these expenses. He pointed out that there was a Contingency Fund in the budget and suggested to wait until late in the fiscal year to determine the necessity of amending the Operation and Maintenance budget.

Mr. Peterson stated that there was no further business and adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

October 2, 1973

  
Secretary



SPECIAL GUESTS: Mr. James Canter and Mr. Tom Rhideout from the Corporate Trust Department of Wachovia Bank.

R/W RESOLUTION WITH CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY.

E. P. A. requested that MSD file a request for a supplemental grant on past construction projects. RESOLUTION.

Mr. L. E. Hoffmann, Consulting Engineer, discussed the current status of long-range plans for MSD.

WAGE INCREASE FOR ALL MSD EMPLOYEES RETROACTIVE OF 2½% between July 1, 1973 and October 12, 1973. The budget committee further recommends that an additional 2½% increase be granted, effective with the current pay period.

DRAFT OF RESOLUTION OF P. GREER JOHNSON, ENGINEER\_MANAGER, REQUESTING HIS RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974.

The regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the Board Room, 501 City Building, Asheville, North Carolina at 2:00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 23, 1973.

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order and Mrs. Swicegood, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Peterson, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Brownell, Mr. Williams, Mr. Warlick, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Hyatta dn Mr. Redmond, Attorney.

Chairman Peterson stated that members had received copies of the minutes of the regular September meeting and the Special Meeting held on October 2, 1973, and entertained the motion of approval. Mr. Redmond suggested that they be handled separately. WHEREUPON Mr. Brownell raised the question of inserting a statement relating to the action on the Hominy Valley proposal. After a short discussion, by common consent, it was agreed to include Mr. Brownell's comments in today's meeting rather than amending September's Minutes. WHEREUPON, Mr. Dawson moved and Mr. Clark seconded that the minutes be approved as recorded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Hyatt seconded that the Special Meeting of October 2, 1973 be approved as recorded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brownell moved and Mrs. Swicegood seconded that the following statement should be made in these minutes. The reason behind the Board's decision to defer the Hominy Valley question to the Buncombe County Commissioners was that the area proposed for service is outside of the present boundries of MSD and under the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners and therefore any petition to the MSD should originate with the County Commissioners. That the records show that Chairman Ratcliff did request a meeting in his office to discuss this problem. This meeting was held and attended by Chairman Ratcliff, Commissioner Owens, Chairman Peterson, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Johnson and Dr. Waller and the staff members of Buncombe County Health Department. After a discussion, Chairman Peterson and Chairman Ratcliff recognized this as a county problem and Chairman Ratcliff indicated that he expected to make a formal petition to MSD Board about July 1, 1974. MSD would take no action until receiving a request from the County Commissioners. The motion to insert the above statement in the minutes was approved unanimous.

Chairman Peterson introduced Mr. James Canter and Mr. Tom Rhidout from the Corporate Trust Department of Wachovia Bank, to answer questions relating to their duties as trustees. Both gantlemen attempted to answer numerous questions and in summary, Mr. Canter attempted to explain that all actions are governed by the Bond Resolution. The trustee must invest in government guaranteed securities. He cannot invest in securities of graeater than 18 months maturity date. He attempted to explain that the Engineer-Manager & Trustee confer monthly on MSD investments. The Bond Resolution states that the Engineer-Manager, with a concurrence of the Consulting Engineer, shall inform the Trustee of anticipated cash requirements by months. All other funds shall be invested by the Trustee.

Mr. Canter pointed out that the Bond Resolution placed on the Board the decision, based on the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer, what funds should be placed in the Repair & Extension Fund, and placed on the Board, based on the recommendation of the Engineer-Manager, what funds to be placed in the Reserve Account. Mr. Canter also pointed out that the Board is authorized by the Resolution to instruct the Trustee to purchase or redeem bonds.

This item of redemption seem to concern the Chairman more than any other item and he directed several questions to the Trustee. After a general discussion, it was agreed between Chairman Peterson and Mr. Canter that the bank would furnish quarterly reports to the Board indicating current interest rates and any suggestions that they feel free to give about MSD investments. Chairman Peterson thanked the gentlemen for their cooperation.

Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Brownell seconded the following resolution. Roll call vote was unanimous. Affirmative.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Carolina Power and Light Company requested a R/W for power line construction on property owned by MSD

WHEREAS, this line will be on the extreme southern portion of the Main Plant site and on property not currently being used or subject to be used in the foreseeable future

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chairman M. C. Peterson and the secretary, Lenior Swicegood be authorized to execute the agreement.

Mr. Dawson moved and Mr. Brownell seconded the following resolution. Roll call vote was unanimous. Affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Office of E. P. A. requested that MSD file a request for a supplemental grant on past construction projects

WHEREAS, in the absence of a Board meeting, the Board was polled for approval

WHEREAS, the Engineer-Manager, P. Greer Johnson, did file a letter of intent and completed forms forwarded by E. P. A. prior to October 18, 1973

WHEREAS, there are no objectional restrictions known at this time to the acceptance of such grants

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does approve this action taken by the Engineer-Manager.

Mr. L. E. Hoffmann, Consulting Engineer, discussed with the Board the current status of long-range plans for MSD. After a general discussion, Mr. Robinson moved and Mr. Williams seconded that Mr. Hoffmann prepare a written proposal on consolidating and up dating previous engineering reports and approved the beginning of this work under the present contract with Harry Hendon & Associates. Total cost not to exceed \$5,000 without authorization. Roll call vote was unanimous. Affirmative. Mr. Hoffmann is to make status reports to the Board.

Chairman Peterson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:50 p. m.

Chairman Peterson immediately called an executive meeting to discuss personnel and called on Mr. Ben Clark, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Clark presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at budget time this year the personnel committee recommended an 8% increase in wages

WHEREAS, at that time the Board was under the impression that we were under federal guidelines with a 5½% restriction

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond has informed the Board that we are not now under federal restriction

THEREFORE, the budget committee recommends that a retroactive pay increase between July 1, 1973 and October 12, 1973 of 2½% be granted to all employees. The budget committee further recommends that an additional 2½% increase be granted, effective with the current pay period.

Mr. Clark answered several questions and explained his reasons and moved the adoption of the above resolution. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous. Affirmative.

Chairman Peterson stated that he and the Engineer-Manager had had a discussion and requested Mr. Redmond to read the following letter. (See attachment)



The Board accepted this letter and instructed that the following resolution be drafted by Mr. Redmond.

DRAFT OF RESOLUTION OF  
DISTRICT BOARD OF METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT  
OF  
BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the District Board held on October 23, 1973, the Chairman caused to be read a letter from P. Greer Johnson, Engineer-Manager, dated October 16, 1973, in which Mr. Johnson requested the consent of the Board to his retirement as Engineer-Manager, effective January 1, 1974, and

WHEREAS, the District Board, at said meeting, formally accepted Mr. Johnson's request, but with utmost regrets, and indicated its desire that there be expressed in the records of the District Board the sentiments of the District Board with respect to Mr. Johnson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Board of the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County hereby accepts with the utmost regret the request of Mr. Johnson for retirement as of January 1, 1974.

In accepting this request, the Board recognized the invaluable services rendered by Mr. Johnson, not only in the creation of the Metropolitan Sewerage District but also in guiding it through the period of construction, the sale of its bonds and the subsequent operation and maintenance of its extensive facilities throughout Buncombe County. In addition to his expertise as a professional engineer, Mr. Johnson has displayed a substantial capability in the field of municipal finance and has guided the Board throughout the last 10 years in connection with the investment and reinvestment of funds belonging to the District.

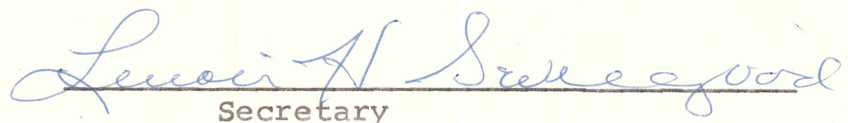
Through Mr. Johnson's membership on the State Stream Sanitation Commission and the Water and Air Pollution Control Board of the State of North Carolina, he has brought to the District ready and immediate knowledge of the many financial aids administered in this State by those bodies. The District Board is greatly appreciative of these years of service that Mr. Johnson has rendered to it and will find his replacement difficult to achieve.

The action was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Peterson stated that it would be difficult to find a replacement for Mr. Johnson and ask Mr. Paul Warlick if he would head a committee of the Board to find an Engineer-Manager. Chairman Peterson suggested to Mr. Warlick that he pick his own committee, Mr. Warlick accepted. The meeting was adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

October 23, 1973

  
Secretary



# METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY

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GEORGE E. DAWSON, Asheville  
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Paul W. Warlick, Biltmore Forest

William T. Goodson, Woodfin

Philip C. Brownell, Buncombe County

D. Frank Hyatt, Jr., Asheville

October 16, 1973

Honorable M. C. Peterson, Chairman  
Metropolitan Sewerage District Board  
of Buncombe County

P. O. Box 2419  
Asheville, N. C. 28801

Dear Chairman Peterson:

This is to confirm our previous conversation in which I stated that I would be sixty-three years old in December and would like to be placed on the retirement list as of January 1, 1974.

I have given considerable thought to the timing and this will be twenty-six years to the day after I joined the City of Asheville and this would seem appropriate.

In connection with MSD, we have no construction at the present time and none in the foreseeable future. We have two and one-half million dollars in the bank and an adequate staff with no current labor problems. It would seem to the writer that this would be an appropriate time for the MSD to make any adjustments necessary by my action.

With kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Greer Johnson  
Engineer-Manager

GJ/ph  
cc

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