

MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT BOARD

NOVEMBER 8, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was held in the old office of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the first floor, City Hall Building, Asheville, North Carolina, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, November 8, 1977.

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Crowe called the roll. In addition to Chairman Robinson, the following members were present: Messrs. Dawson, Griffith, Hyatt, McDevitt, Smith, Warlick, and Williams.

In addition to the Board members, the following consultants and staff members were present:

Mr. Anthony Redmond
Mr. Dean Huber
Mr. W. H. Mull
Mrs. Jan Crowe
Mrs. Linda Duncan

The members having received copies of the Minutes of the October 18 meeting, Mr. Dawson moved the motion and Mr. Smith seconded that the Minutes stand approved as written. Voice vote was unanimous.

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

- (a) Progress report on Sewer System Evaluation Survey: Received as information by the Board.
- (b) Progress report on Industrial Discharge Permits and related activities to improve plant efficiency: Mr. Mull informed the Board that MSD has heard from all twenty-one industries which were contacted and requested to submit discharge permit applications and that he has informed each industry what it must do to comply with pretreatment requirements. He further stated that some industries are checking samples in conjunction with MSD in order to bring their company into compliance.

Mr. Mull supplied information to the Board regarding Mr. John A. Tapleshay's (FMC Corporation) inspection report on MSD's aeration equipment. Based upon Mr. Tapleshay's recommendation, the aeration tanks were drained, the diffuser socks changed, and the system restarted. Flooding this past weekend caused muddy water to fill the tanks and undo all the work that had been done, which necessitates draining the tanks and cleaning and replacing the diffuser socks. Mr. Mull will report to the Board at its next regular meeting on chemicals used in the sludge lake to liquify the remaining scum blanket and improve bacterial action.

- (c) Progress report on Administration Building: Mr. Mull reported to the Board that the building is more than 90 percent complete, that the flag pole is up, that the tile is down, that lighting fixtures and doors are being installed, that wallpaper is being hung, that woodwork is being finished, and that the grounds are being readied for landscaping.
- (d) Proposed amendment to Sewer Use Regulations: Mr. Mull requested that Chairman Robinson appoint a committee to work with him, Mr. Huber, and Mr. Redmond on this revision. Chairman Robinson appointed Messrs. Williams, Warlick, and Smith to serve on the Sewer Use Ordinance Committee.
- (e) Proposed portage trail around the west end of the dam across the French Broad River at MSD's property: Mr. Mull requested that the Board concur with his prior approval of the concept of plans for the portage trail, which includes proper warning signs, construction methods, and maintenance agreement as part of the plans. This portage trail is being implemented by The Land-of-Sky Regional Council in conjunction with the Buncombe County Recreation Department and Office of Public Safety. Mr. Smith moved that the Board approve the concept of the plans for the portage trail, and Mr. Hyatt seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- (f) Discussion of Auditors' Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1977: At Mr. Mull's request, Mr. M. T. Daniel of Winston-Salem and Mr. Alan Bolick of Asheville, both representatives of A. M. Pullen & Company, attended the MSD Board meeting. Mr. Daniel explained in detail all aspects of the audit to the Board and agreed to include any additional information the Board might desire in future reports. He also told the Board that Mr. James A. Shaver of the Asheville office of A. M. Pullen & Company will be in charge of MSD's audit in future years.

As a result of the explanation of the annual audit report and after considerable discussion in regard to remittance of sewer service charges collected by the various municipalities for the MSD, Mr. McDevitt made the motion that the Board direct Mr. Mull and Mr. Redmond to put together a report on sewer service charges and present same to the Board regarding the status of charges, collections, and remittances from all municipalities that remit funds to MSD from the time they became involved to the present; and, thereafter, an annual report should be made to the Board by each municipality on charges, etc. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. After much discussion, Chairman Robinson requested that Mr. McDevitt withdraw his motion because of the complexity of the motion and that Mr. Dawson withdraw his second in favor of restating the motion. Both members complied.

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Mr. McDevitt then restated his motion, moving (1) that Mr. Mull try to get information from the City of Asheville for last year and each preceding year--going back to 1968--on the amount billed, the amount collected, and the amount remitted to MSD; (2) that Mr. Mull attempt (with Mr. Redmond's assistance, if needed) to also obtain this same information from the other municipalities back to the time they originally became involved; (3) that Mr. Mull bring this back to the Board as soon as possible; and, further, (4) that Mr. Mull use whatever aid he might need from any source to obtain these figures. Mr. Hyatt seconded this motion, and roll call vote was unanimous.

In further action, Chairman Robinson requested that Mr. Mull get in touch with the MSD trustee (Mrs. Molly Long of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, N.A.) and schedule a presentation to the Board on the annual report received from Wachovia. This presentation, along with that of A. M. Pullen, is to be conducted on an annual basis.

Mr. Williams moved the motion, which Mr. Smith seconded, that the Board forego the December meeting and schedule the next regular meeting for January 17, 1978. Voice vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.


Asst. Secretary