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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 1982

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service was called to order at 9 30 a m on January 19, 1982 by Thomas D McKewen

Board Members Present	Thomas D McKewen, Director Dr R Kenneth Barnes, Secretary
Staff Members Present	Reed W McDonagh, Deputy Director James K Robinson, Esquire Joseph G Johns, Jr , Controller

The Director presented a briefing to Dr Barnes outlining pending plans for presentation of a Bill to remove MES from DNR The Director outlined his meeting with the Secretary, DNR, regarding legislative strategy Status of draft legislation was discussed by Jim Robinson

Discussions on the possibility of Dr Barnes becoming Corporate Treasurer ensued with the indication that he was not interested in that position because of current budgeted salary Likewise, it was considered best to maintain the status quo in light of the impending legislative program

Dr Belva Jensen's name was mentioned as a likely candidate for Corporate Treasurer The Director is to talk to the Secretary about this candidate

Jim Robinson briefed the group on the current efforts by the Attorney General's office to secure Bond Counsel Opinion on the '74 Resource Recovery Act Some urgency was expressed as to the necessity of pushing forward on obtaining the Opinion

The Director reviewed a list of potential projects being pursued by MES to be presented to the Board of Public Works as soon as favorable Bond Counsel Opinion is forthcoming

A Resolution was unanimous adopted authorizing the Director to enter into a contract with the University of Maryland, Professor Kenneth Smith, and with the Donaldson Brown Center for a management seminar for approximately eighteen senior personnel of MES to be conducted commencing on Friday, February 26,

1982 with a session after dinner and concluding with a Sunday morning session ending with or without lunch Attendance is required' The estimated cost of the seminar is $6,000 and to come from corporate reserves

Mr McDonagh introduced the subject of the need for a public safety officer After discussions by Jim Robinson about the legal ramifications, it was concluded that we should pursue this in view of excessive workmens compensation claims and to hedge against any unfavorable action by MOSHA/OSHA It was further concluded that the public safety officer's duties would not extend to enforcing safety requirements against independent contractors

Joe Johns commenced a discussion about renewing the services of the accounting firm of Ernst & Whinney for the MES annual audit Likewise, a discussion was held on the subject of renewing services provided by McGraw & Simmons It was concluded by the Director that Joe Johns should develop a timetable for procurement of these services on a competitive basis

Dr Barnes announced that he would be unavailable during the period February 26, 1982 through March 2, 1982

Obtaining appraisals for the Grace property was discussed The outcome included the Director requesting Joe Johns to forthwith set up a meeting with the two most qualified firms That meeting (briefing) is to occur next week

The Director reviewed the current status of ocean dumping of sewage sludge and the proposal being made by MES to the District of Columbia and to EPA The thrust of the proposal is to demonstrate a viable alternative to ocean dumping using the MES composting process and marketing

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11 30 a m

Respectfully submitted Reed W McDonagh

Reed W McDonagh, Deputy Secretary