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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2020
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:02 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Dimopoulos called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Jeff Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Shannon Ferguson, HSD

Others Present: Natalie Cook, Donohue
Mike Hickey, MJHY LLC
Dennis Benoit, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the January 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the January 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the January 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that he is going to start off with saying that they have Dennis Benoit here. He is the engineer for the improvements at Headworks. Over the last six-eight months, we have been looking at some other options in some of the electrical control panels that were originally planned and built in to the quote and after a lot of discussion and a couple other

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people taking a look at it, they had found a different way to do it that would save the District a substantial amount of money. He asked for Dennis Benoit to tell the Board specifically those plans.

Dennis Benoit said that as Marty indicated the Sanitary District agreed with IDEM to improve the electrical reliability to the feed to the treatment plant because as of right now all the Nipsco feeds land on one pole and then go into the switch gear. The switch gear is also approaching almost fifty years old- it is all in need of work. They had originally in the project a rebuild of all the switches, but in the course of the negotiations that occurred between IDEM and the Sanitary District, they wanted an improvement. The improvements are going to consist of- right now, there are three circuits that feed the Plant from Nipsco, but because they all land on one pole they're of limited reliability because crews cannot get up there to switch the circuits because everything is live. Nipsco, at their expense, agreed to run a second pole line in which was done over the last late summer/fall and is now complete. They are going to have two redundant feeds installed landing on two separate poles feeding underground two separate transformed rated for the capacity of the Plant. This is what got negotiated through the contract to install all new switch gear. Some on the existing concrete pad that is out there and they are going to expand the concrete pad out to the west so the number of switches is going to increase. They are going to have two redundant feeds to the switch with an automatic transfer switch where even if it needs to be switched by the Sanitary District personnel (they do not have to wait around for Nipsco to come out) can switch these circuits and Nipsco has agreed to all this. All of this is being done along with the Nipsco service that was done at Nipsco's cost- they agreed to do that as part of their agreement with the Sanitary District. All of those changes are net credit to the project of a little under a million dollars. On the docket tonight, there is a Resolution to sign or authorize Marty to sign these two change orders. One is a credit change order and one is an add change order, so the net savings is going to be used by the Sanitary District for other purposes.

Marty asked Dennis what the savings was again.

Dennis answered a little under \$900,000.

Marty explained that basically they cut the cost of the project by two million and with some of the additions that they had eliminated and added to, that sucked up about 1.4 million. he asked Dennis if that was correct.

Dennis replied 2.6 was the deduct and a little over 1.6 to the add.

Marty went on to say that gave the surplus of about \$900,000 which is great news and actually getting a better product and a better operation. Originally, we were going to have one transformer and now are going to have two transformers so each feed will come into its own transformer which will allow the switching if we lose power by our own staff. Now, with that being said, what we want to do with this \$900,000 he is going to turn it over to Dan Zander- our Superintendent- he has and will explain the pictures in front of you our next very important if not critical repair that needs to be done.

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Dan explained that it is the tertiary screws. There are three that are in dire need of repair. They are welding on them weekly, daily sometimes because the flights are worn out on them. One screw by itself is around \$180,000, double that with installation costs. If we could do three of these that were put into service in 1975 it would be really good and he would like to put it out to bid and hopefully get the cost down to do four, but would settle for three if that is the money that we have. They are really in need of repair, so having the extra money for them is great because they are critical to the Plant- we cannot survive without them.

Marty stated to the Board that if they look at the pictures in front of them, that gives them an idea on the size. It is hard to believe that they are that large, but the condition that they are in we are constantly doing repairs on them. To think that three of them are from 1975 is amazing. They are long overdue and Rick had been telling him that for years. It is just that we never had the funds to do that. Now with the cost savings from the project, he thinks it something that we need to move on ASAP.

President Dimopoulos commented that is great. Thanks for all of the hard work getting that number down.

Commissioner Button asked the items listed in the change order- removal of pump and hydraulic stop study, removal of switch gear and elimination of valve vault that is in addition to what has been discussed in the meetings. That accounts for a good part of the savings.

Marty said that it was determined that bit of the project was not direly needed at this point.

Dan added that those pumps can be added towards the Long-Term Control Plan when we have money in the future if you wanted to continue with that part of the project. We can do them in the future. We can survive without those right now. We cannot survive without these screws.

Commissioner Button asked if those were pumps that pumped into the Treatment Plant or into the Basin.

Dan answered into the Basin.

Marty said that is their great news.

President Dimopoulos said fabulous news.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

FINCANCE REPORT

Business Manager Rachel Montes stated that the Financial Report is for Period 13, 2019 which is a period of adjustments. There were a few adjustments and transfers. There was an adjustment in

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Receipts and Disbursements that needed to be made. It all clears in a different month than it does normally, so all the documentation is attached to that report if there are any questions.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No.2-2020: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Change Orders No. 2 and No. 3 for the Headworks Pump Station Improvements Project.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2-2020.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 2-2020 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

2020 BOARD MEETING DATES AS AMENDED

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the 2020 Board Meeting Dates as Amended.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Moore, Hawkins

Nays:

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the 2020 Board Meeting Dates as Amended is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket Period 13, 2019.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket Period 13, 2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket Period 13, 2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 01-28-20.

Moore **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 01-28-20.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 01-28-20 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was not any old business.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Button moved and Hawkins seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice President



Dean Button, PE, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

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