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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021
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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 4:02 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:	Dimopoulos
Commissioners Present Remotely:	Garay, Hawkins, Miller
Commissioners Absent:	Dye
District Personnel Present:	Marty Wielgos, Chief Executive Officer Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney Rachel Montes, Business Manager Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
District Personnel Present Remotely:	Jeffrey Massey, HSD Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager Robert Szczudlo, HSD Dan Zander, HSD Jack Smith, Sewer Department Rebecca McKinley, GIS Department
Others Present Remotely:	Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC

There was a roll call of attendees for the meeting to be documented in the minutes.

The same rules and guidelines will apply as previous meetings. Before somebody makes a statement/motion, they need to state their name so they know who is talking. There will be roll call votes on everything.

President Dimopoulos stated that he would entertain a motion that he as Board President has the authority to sign all documents today on behalf of the Board.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** to give Board President, Sam Dimopoulos, authority to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Garay, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None

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Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos stated that the next order of business is the consideration of the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Garay **seconded** to approve the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he had to report is that as quickly as the snow came, it is quickly leaving them very rapidly. He is going to let Jeff Massey talk about that very briefly. Jeff indicated to them a little earlier that he was itching close to almost 80 million coming into the Plant- This is from 33 million a day or so ago, today starting at around 40 million this morning and then throughout the day it keeps itching up to now being at almost 80 million. He asked Jeff to highlight that a little bit.

Jeff explained that the snow melt- he is looking at the data right now- and they are pushing right at 70 million into the Plant right now, so they are in wet weather mode. Earlier today, they were barely at 20 million so they are definitely seeing the snow melt come in and hitting the Plant. They are doing really well with it, but there is a lot of water coming in right now.

Marty commented that it is really amazing. He explained that received a call from the Mayor this morning. He was concerned about how warm it was and he knew that all of the water from the snow melting was most likely coming to the Plant, so he was checking in. Marty said he indicated to the Mayor that everything was operating and running normal and that Mr. Massey was doing a good job controlling it and his staff. The Mayor is on top of it and was just making sure the District was okay.

President Dimopoulos asked Jeff what the record was. He knows 80 is very high, but wondered if they have had more than that.

Jeff replied that they have pushed 112 into the Plant for a short period of time, but have sustained about 90 and that is about the best they will ever do. That is really pushing the Plant at 90, but they have peaked out at about 112 for a few hours.

Marty said that one thing to remember is that the Plant is rated at 48 million, so when this Plant is at 112 (like Jeff said) even for just a few hours before he has to starting dumping into the River, that shows it is a really fine-tune machine if you ask him.

President Dimopoulos said that is great.

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Marty had nothing else to report or highlight.

PERSONNEL REPORT

President Dimopoulos commented that the Board all received a copy of the Personnel Report via email.

Miller **moved** and Garay **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Garay, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that at the last Board meeting, they asked for a schedule for the Financial Capability Analysis. He just heard from Karl Cender today and it will take him two weeks to do the initial analysis, so he just wanted to update the Board on that.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 02-23-21.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 02-23-21.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Garay, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was not any old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called fort New Business

President Dimopoulos stated that they do have one item under New Business.

Marty explained that the one item they have is their Impact agreement for their cyber audit that they had originally done for the District. Within that audit, they came back and reported to himself and staff that there were many areas of concern. They initially agreed at the last Board meeting to a contract that was for five years at about \$500,000 for 24/7 coverage of them monitoring the system including SCADA. After talking to staff, they thought that was probably just a little bit more than they believed that they needed. They went back to Impact and they redid the agreement, so now it is a three-year agreement for a little over \$300,000 plus \$100,000 which was also in the first contract for equipment. A lot of the equipment they have here and all of the online stuff is very, very outdated- not even supported by the manufacturer anymore, so

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that all needs to be changed. He is just asking, once again for the Board's blessing to move forward with that.

President Dimopoulos asked for a motion to give the CEO authority to move forward with the Impact Networking contract.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** to authorize the CEO, Marty Wielgos, authority and approval to approve the contract (3 years for \$300,000 and an additional \$100,000 for equipment that is needed) to upgrade the District's cyber capabilities.

Marty added as Commissioner Hawkins indicated at the last Board meeting, Impact helped the Town of Munster with a major breach that somebody hacked into and they were able to help Munster correct that before the individual- whoever that was- got into system any further and caused major damage. They really are highly recommended. He just wanted to add that.

President Dimopoulos wanted to clarify that the numbers are approximate for the cost.

Marty answered yes. It is approximately \$350,000 and then the \$100,000 is \$100,000, but it is like \$350,000 for the three years.

President Dimopoulos just wanted to make sure that was in the minutes.

Commissioner Garay commented that she had a quick question for Marty before they vote on that just because the numbers have changed. She wanted to make sure that they are clear with the number for equipment that it does not need to be bid out.

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, asked Attorney Allegretti if they had to bid out on electronics.

Attorney Allegretti responded that he believes it comes under the category of a service and he thinks the Board is free to use any means to acquire a service that it sees fit.

Rachel added that with the fixed assets policy, most electronics do not fall into that policy if the single item is under \$25,000 which all of these parts will be under \$25,000 individually. They are not going into the same room. They are going spread out through the whole Plant, all of the offices. It is not just one location.

Attorney Allegretti stated that this will not violate the public purchasing statute if he may say.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

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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

Hawkins **moved** and Garay **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President

/S/

Michael Dye, Vice-President
(attending and voting via teleconference)

/S/

Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)

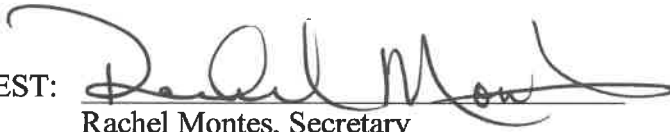
/S/

Owana Miller, Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)

/S/

Heather Garay, Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle