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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 12, 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 4:02 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: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

District Personnel Present Remotely: Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Rebecca McKinley, GIS Department

Others Present Remotely: Mike Hickey, MJHY LLC
Natalie Cook, AB&H Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos called for a roll call of Board Members.

President Dimopoulos explained that on every motion, they will have a roll call. Anybody speaking must state their name before they speak.

Attorney Allegretti added that the board members attending remotely authorize the President to sign warrants, motions and any other documents on their behalf eliminating any need for us to chase down actual signatures on the documents.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to authorize President Dimopoulos to sign any documents on their behalf.

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Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for a roll call of all other attendees.

President Dimopoulos stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the April 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the April 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

District Manager's Report

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that they have everybody back at work as of yesterday. All employees are now back full time. They only had about six of them that were rotating, so they are all back. They have had no problems. Everybody is being tested at the gate for twelve hours of the day when they have the most traffic. If and so they are over the temperature amount which is 101, they will not allow them into the Plant. If they are allowed, their name is being written down and if they need any kind of protection (masks, gloves or anything else they deem necessary) they come into the Plant and see the appropriate person in the Plant. If they are an employee, they see their supervisor and if they are not an employee, they get that at the gate. All of that has been working very well. Construction is still moving forward- a little slower than they may like, but there is a lot going on so they are content and happy with what they are seeing. If you notice at the South end of the wall of the new construction some of the Midas façade was put into the wall. If you have not seen it, it is absolutely beautiful. Everything seems to be running well. There are no employees sick. The Plant is functioning and running really really well. There has been a lot of rain over the last week or so and Jeff has managed that. They have used the basin. Like he said, things are all running well. If there are any questions, he would be more than happy to answer them.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she had nothing to highlight, but would take any questions.

Marty added that he and Rachel, as always, watch the revenue that comes into the Plant every day. He gets a report every day as soon as the checks are ready to be taken to the bank and they have noticed just a slight dip in revenue, but nothing to be concerned about at this point. They

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have already put into place payables at 60-90 days, but have not had to implement that because the revenue has not changed much so they have not done that yet. Everything on the revenue side so far is still very good, so they are happy to report that everything on the revenue side is well.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety

Nothing to highlight.

Sewer Department

Nothing to highlight.

GIS Department

Nothing to highlight.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have his status report in their packet and he would be happy to answer any questions. If not, he would like to report on the Long-Term Control Plan. at the last board meeting or the one before that, he reported that they did receive EPA comments on the Long-term Control Plan on April 3rd, so they have been answering those questions. He did call EPA today and received a real positive response. They believe it is very close in getting this resolved. They are very complimentary of Jeff. He did tell them that they were going to be asking for an extension and they expected that, so it is all good news. He would be happy to take any questions.

Donohue

Natalie Cook commented that the Board should have a status report from Donohue as well in their packet and she does not have anything additional to what Mike said.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation dated April 30, 2020

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation dated April 30, 2020.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-12-20.

Hawkins **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-12-20.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was not any old business.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

There was not any new business.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Miller said that she was contacted today so she just wants to give them an update by the State Department of Health and this is for all first responders, essential workers and asymptomatic individuals. Next week, starting May 21st through May 24th they are going to be doing COVID-19 testing from 9-6 pm, so if there are any employees that need to be tested during that time, they can definitely go over there and get the test done. It is going to be at Morton High School.

Marty asked if they are a first responder or deemed essential worker, if they could be tested.

Commissioner Miller answered yes. All they need is an ID.

Marty asked if there is a charge to the employee.

Commissioner Miller replied that there is no charge.

Marty asked the dates again.

Commissioner Miller repeated that this is May 21st through May 24th from 9-6 pm.

Marty asked if they need to make an appointment.

Commissioner Miller responded no. She explained that it is a drive-up site. She said she was on the phone right before meeting to finalize some things so she has been working on this all day.

Marty verified that this is for all employees that are deemed essential which definitely includes the Sanitary District, so he asked Dan, Jeff and Matt to sit down with him and talk about the operators and other employees since they are obviously doing it during work time which he does not have a problem with, but he would like to figure out some kind of schedule so that everybody

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who wants to go is given the opportunity to go. He asked if this test is saying that you had the virus or if it can also tell you that you have the virus. He knows there are different tests.

Commissioner Miller replied that this test will tell you if you have it or not. It is not the antibody test which is the test that tells you if you had it.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dye moved and Miller seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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

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

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Owana Miller, Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)

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Patrick D. Moore, Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)

ATTEST


Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle