

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 2019  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:16 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 4:16 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session at 3:45 p.m. 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  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Joe Allegretti, Attorney  
Jeff Massey, HSD  
Dan Zander, HSD  
Becky McKinley, GIS  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department

Others Present: N/A

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the October 15, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Business Manager Rachel Montes says she would like to notate that there is a revised agenda. President Dimopoulos acknowledges and says he has one.

Hawkins **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the October 15, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the October 15, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**District Manager's Report**

District Manager Marty Wielgos says that the only thing he has to report is that he was approached by the Mayor's Office several months ago, specifically Kevin Smith. He says Kevin Smith and other city council members were on a trip several months ago in Denver, Colorado and they had noticed some of the outlying pump stations, switch boxes, and train signal boxes within that city were made into different murals that reflected either the city's history or things that were happening in wildlife. Marty says Kevin Smith came back and suggested that maybe they should

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do that with some of the Sanitary District's outlying pump stations. Marty says that he liked the idea and told Kevin that they were in the midst of painting those either way so he hired Felix Maldonado. Marty explains that Felix is the guy he hired 14 years ago to paint the mural on the Environmental Education Center across from Wolf Lake and that it is still as beautiful today as it was when it was painted 14 years ago. Marty Wielgos turns it over to Deputy District Manager Matt Muta to discuss the pictures the board has in front of them.

Matt explains that the pictures they have in front of them are from the Roby Pump Station, which is near the Horseshoe Casino entrance when you enter the marina. Matt explains that he painted all four sides, first priming it, and then painting with many coats. Matt says he thinks it turned out better than anyone expected, and it depicts aquatic life, which he thinks is very cool. He continues on saying the design is an octopus with its tentacles reaching out the pipes. Matt goes on to say Felix did a fantastic job and that it is all finished up now with that station being an asset to the city going forward, as people coming into the city will notice it. Matt Muta says he thinks the businesses around there will also like it, and you can now tell there is a pump station there because the mural makes it pop out. District Manager Marty Wielgos says he was able to paint that in 3 weeks, which he thinks is absolutely amazing with how great it looks. President Dimopoulos adds that he thinks Felix did a great job and will have to take a drive up there to have a look at it. Commissioner Dye adds that it also brings a lot of life to that area. Marty Wielgos agrees with Commissioner Dye and says that it was in need of painting anyway along with the door needing to be repaired. Marty says they got all of that taken care of and got it all painted in three weeks. Marty continues on saying the cost that what Felix charged was less than what he would've had to pay painters to go out there and do. He also says Felix did the whole thing with aerosol spray paint. President Dimopoulos jokingly says that the only problem is that kids in school busses are going to think there is an aquarium there, but says it looks great and says they should look to do that on the other pump stations.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was no personnel report.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 10-29-19.**

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 10-29-19.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 10-29-19 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**President Dimopoulos called for New Business**

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Commissioner Button moves to cancel the November 26<sup>th</sup> Hammond Sanitary District Board Meeting.

Button **moved** and Dyes **seconded** for the cancellation of the November 26<sup>th</sup> Hammond Sanitary District Board Meeting.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The November 26<sup>th</sup> Hammond Sanitary District Board Meeting is cancelled.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 28-2019: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, Ratifying, Approving and Authorizing Execution of the City of Hammond's Agreement with Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) Regarding Construction of the West Lake Corridor Rail Project**

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 28-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 28-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**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 Dye **seconded** for adjournment.

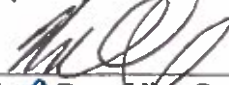
Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore


Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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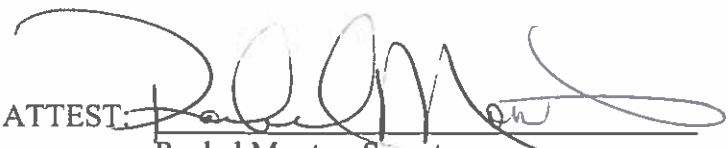
  
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Sam Dimopoulos, President

  
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Michael Dye, Vice-President

  
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Dean Button, PE, Member

  
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Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

  
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Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST.   
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Rachel Montes, Secretary  
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Jonathan Albers