

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:23 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Button called the meeting to order at 4:23 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  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Joe Allegretti, Attorney  
Jeff Massey, HSD  
Donald Woodard, HSD  
Rick Sutton, HSD  
Becky McKinley, GIS  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue  
David Nellans, Munster Town Council

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Button stated that the first order of business is the organizational meeting. As part of the organization of the Board, we need to elect officers of the Board that include Board President, Board Vice-President, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary.

Dye moved and Moore seconded to appoint Sam Dimopoulos as President of the Board for the year 2018.

Dimopoulos moved and Moore seconded to appoint Michael Dye as Vice-President of the Board for the year 2018.

Dimopoulos moved and Dye seconded to appoint Rachel Montes as Board Secretary and Kaleigh Boyle as Assistant Board Secretary for the year 2018.

Moore moved and Dye seconded to approve nominations for Board President, Vice-President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

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

President Dimopoulos stated that the next order of business was the consideration of the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**District Manager's Report**

District Manager, Marty Wielgos, stated that he did not have anything.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was no personnel report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she did not have anything to highlight, but will take any questions.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Safety Report**

Matt Muta stated that he will be giving the Board his report at the next meeting. Other than that, nothing to highlight.

**GIS Report**

Becky McKinley stated that she had nothing to highlight.

**Sewer Maintenance Report**

Jack Smith stated that he had nothing to highlight at this time, but he can answer any questions.

**CONSULTANTS REPORTS**

**The Board considered the AB&H Consultant Report**

Mike Hickey stated that everybody should have a copy of his status report and he did pass out a handout too. It was a letter to the Department of Justice that Marty signed- it was related to the status report. They submitted the phase II flood study on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, so that is just a copy of that letter which will go as part of the Consent Decree. He is happy to take any questions.

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President Dimopoulos asked if there were any changes to the Long Term Control Plan at all.

Mike Hickey responded that there is not right now, but there will be.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 1-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Authorizing Permanent Transfers of Money Between Certain Funds.**

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 1-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 1-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 2-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Engineering Assistance in the Preparation of a Final Long Term Control Plan (LTCP).**

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 2-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered Resolution No. 3-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana to Authorize the Commencement of Condemnation Proceedings to Acquire Real Estate by the Hammond Sanitary District.**

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 3-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. 3-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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**The Board considered Resolution No. SW1-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$659,537 from the Storm Water Fund (425) to the Sewer Maintenance Fund (608).**

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. SW1-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution No. SW1-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation for December 31, 2017.**

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for December 31, 2017.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the December 31, 2017 Bank Reconciliation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 01-09-18.**

Button **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 01-09-18.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 01-09-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

Marty said that he would like to have Mike Hickey give the Board an idea of the new direction that we are heading- that he is working on for the no basin solution in the South.

Mike Hickey explained that it has been almost three years since we have submitted the Long Term Control Plan and that recommended basins. Since that time, HSD has looked at some other options and some were a little more expensive than basins, but since three years went by, Donohue has worked on something at a different Indiana community- it is called claw media disc filters. It looks like it could be cost competitive with basins, so it would be an opportunity to have a Long Term Control Plan option which is about the same cost as basins without having basins. What we are envisioning- there would be some storage (perhaps a half a million or a

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million gallon tank). It would be an enclosed tank, so it would not be something that then the property could not be developed and then there would be these claw disc filters that would allow you to treat the CSO to acceptable standards and you would save a bunch on transmission costs. That is one of the things that we are going to look at and then try to pull it all together in to the Long Term Control Plan as a new option and then move forward from there.

Marty added that it is after going through all of these processes that is what you hope you get to at the end- people thinking outside, thinking of other ways to do what is best for the District, what is best for the City and Mike and his company came up with this. It is all enclosed- it is everything that we could hope for that could work so further economic development can be had on both the Hammond side and the Highland side. The idea was to do this at the same cost as the basins or lesser so that was music to our ears. He is on a real quick timeframe because—he questioned when we ideally have to have something back to them.

Mike replied that the Consent Decree requires the Long Term Control Plan to be submitted March 1<sup>st</sup> so they are doing everything that they can to get something together and submitted on March 1<sup>st</sup>. They are going to fast track- they are going to jump on this tomorrow and they are going to try and meet with HSD staff weekly to give them updates and as appropriate he will update the Board, but they want to jump on this as fast as they can.

**President Dimopoulos called for New Business**

There was no new business.

**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**

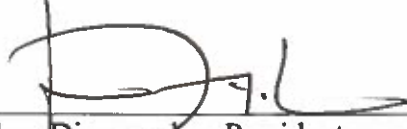
Dye moved and Moore seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

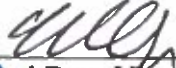
Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

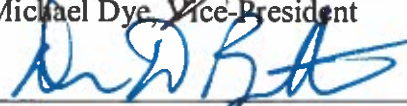
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Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Dean Button, PE, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle