

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
MARCH 27, 2018
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:06 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 4:06 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Code which started at 3:55.

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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Jeff Massey, HSD
Becky McKinley, GIS
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Don Woodard, HSD
Rick Sutton, HSD
Jacob Galik, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the March 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the March 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the March 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Marty Wielgos stated that he had a chance to speak with staff, including Don Woodard, about the Whiting request from Mayor Joe Stahura who attended the previous board meeting. Marty stated that after speaking with staff, it was in his opinion good to have Don proceed with signing the documents once he has received them all from Commissioner Button. Once they are all signed, they will be returned to Mayor Joe Stahura.

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Next, Marty stated that although he initially thought the railroad property that has been discussed for a very long time was overpriced, after consultation it has proven to actually have been a bit underpriced. Attorney Joe Allegretti stated that they consulted with an owner-operator that he knows well and respects and that an authorization for an offer will be submitted which either be accepted or countered. Marty explained that he believes there are actually 14 total acres, 7 on each side, which came up to almost half a million dollars which he believes will be good for the city. Marty also stated that it is good for the district and will settle an obligation that the district had in lieu of a fine which would have required the district to pay cash dollars to the state. However, the state has accepted this as a project with the bike trail which Marty stated will be good for all parties involved and will also give some land that Rick Sutton says can be used for the continued expansion of the plant. The proper documents will be signed after the board meeting and Attorney Allegretti will get them to the proper recipients and move forward with the offer and see where it goes from there.

Marty next stated that he asked about Local 399 and concluded that they've gone silent and under the radar, still operating without a contract and that he really does not know what they are doing.

Lastly, Marty stated that Rachel Montes (Business Manager and Board Secretary) and Kaleigh Boyle (Payroll Clerk and Assistant Board Secretary), are at a seminar and that they will be back at work on Monday due to the holiday on Friday.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report in the board packets.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 10-2018: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Non SRF Eligible Engineering Assistance.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 10-2018.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 10-2018 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 03-27-18.

Marty stated that he does not believe there is anything that stands out in the Claims Approval Docket 03-27-18, but that he would be open to answer any questions in Rachel's absence. There were no questions brought forth.

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Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 03-27-18.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 03-27-18 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

President Dimopoulos stated that after reading the meeting minutes from the previous board meeting (March 13, 2018 Board Meeting), the one thing that jumped out to him was that the Town of Munster was asked to hire an engineering company to review their situation. President Dimopoulos asked Commissioner Hawkins if he had any knowledge of the Town of Munster moving in that direction to which Commissioner Hawkins stated that they have. President Dimopoulos stated that it was awesome and that he was very glad to hear that they have moved forward and hopefully a report from the engineering company's findings will be shared with the board on what's happening with the situation.

Commissioner Button asked Rick Sutton about a project on the Kennedy ejector to upgrade some facilities and PFD's. Commissioner Button asked Rick if he could get a cost of those items to the board so that they could submit them for reimbursement through the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Rick stated that he would give them to the board.

Marty asked Rick if he could talk about the good news regarding a gracious gift received from the Water Department (Filtration Plant). Rick explained that the plant on the lake is in the process of a big electrical upgrade and part of the upgrade is to increase one of their generator sizes from 750 Kilowatt to around 1000-1500 Kilowatt. The filtration plant tried unsuccessfully to sell the 750 Kilowatt generator and didn't know what to do with it so they contacted Don Woodard to see if the district would take it off their hands to which Don said yes. Rick and some others went and looked at it and talked to some of the people at the filtration plant and the generator is a 1985 vintage Inland Detroit Diesel Engine with a Marathon generator which is the exact model (both engine and generator) that was purchased in 2000 for Headworks at the district. Rick stated that it's about half the size of the generator in Headworks but still a substantial piece of equipment that appears to have been well maintained and that the generator was actually delivered into our plant last week on a flat bed and will be installed and used as a permanent fixture to be used during power outages. The generator will be used for the Tertiary Building, which should be capable of powering 3-4 screws plus the rest of the Tertiary Building to keep the building online during a loss of power. This will allow the plant to not have to open the secondary bypass during periods without power. Commissioner Button asked Rick if the transfer switch would also be provided to which Rick explained that the filtration plant will be getting a new switch but that he wasn't sure as to what their staff are planning to do with the old one. Rick stated that he told the filtration plant staff that if they needed to get rid of it to call us and we will be there with a flatbed truck in short order.

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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

Button moved and Dye seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

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



Sam Dimopoulos, President



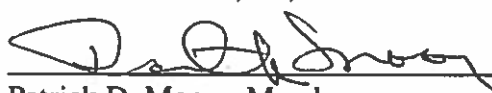
Michael Dye, Vice President



Dean D. Button, PE., Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST:  

Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Jacob T. Galik