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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:01 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

Vice-President Dye called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Commissioners Absent: Button

District Personnel: Marty Wielgos, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joe Allegretti, Attorney
Jeff Massey, HSD
Becky McKinley, GIS
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, AB&H Donohue
David Nellans, Munster Town Council
Kerry Keith, SEH of Indiana

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-President Dye stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the August 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dimopoulos **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the August 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the August 29, 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 to report. Mr. Woodard is on vacation and he just came back from having vacation last week, so he has nothing to report.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

Hawkins **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, wanted to highlight that we are currently paying vendors within 30-60 days now.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

Safety Report was not included.

GIS Report

There were no questions for Becky McKinley. Vice-President Dye thanked her for her report.

Sewer Maintenance Report

Vice-President Dye thanked Jack Smith for his report. There were no questions.

CONSULTANTS REPORTS

The Board considered the AB&H Consultant Report

Mike Hickey stated that he handed out the SORP (Sewer Overflow Response Plan) today which was required by the Consent Decree which was due on September 9th. It got sent out last Friday on the 8th so it went out on time and he wanted to give a copy of the transmittal letter.

Marty asked what the next project is that we have based on the Consent Decree.

Mike Hickey replied that the next due date is November 6th and it is to submit the Statement of Sanitary Sewer System Ownership and Operation for Munster. The Consent Decree requires HSD and Munster to come to some agreement on the ownership of the different parts of the sanitary sewer system so that is due on November 6th.

Marty explained to Commissioner Hawkins that he will set up a couple dates, but what they originally are going to do is pull up everything so that we can give it to Munster to look at first and then call a meeting and sit down and say this is our responsibility, this is yours, this is ours, etc. so that way we have some format.

Vice-President Dye questioned if we have something in place similar that we have done in the past.

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Marty answered that we do not. Joe has always said that we should and now that the Consent Decree is calling us to do that, we will. What it has been in the past is that any force main in the Town of Munster is covered by Hammond Sanitary District and is our responsibility and anything that is not a force main was the responsibility of the Town of Munster. This map will now spell that all out.

Attorney Allegretti wondered if Becky had generated something at one point.

Becky responded that she has in the past, but nothing like this. She can help however.

Mike Hickey added that Steve has worked on it too, so maybe Steve and Becky can work together.

Vice-President Dye asked if once we come to an agreement then we present that package. He is wondering how that works.

Mike Hickey answered that we want to get started on it because we always work from the back. It is due November 6th so we need to get something out in the next few weeks so people can see it and we can go back and forth and we will send something to EPA prior to November 6th.

Marty added that we will actually send the EPA our final draft is what that is.

Commissioner Hawkins asked Mike Hickey what that document is officially called.

Mike Hickey answered that it is called the Statement of Sanitary Sewer System Ownership and Operation for Munster and he took that right from the Consent Decree.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation for August 31, 2017.

Dimopoulos **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the Bank Reconciliation for August 31, 2017.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the August 31, 2017 Bank Reconciliation is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-12-17.

Moore **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-12-17.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 09-12-17 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Vice-President Dye called for Old Business

There was no old business.

Vice-President Dye called for New Business

The Board considered Resolution No. 41-2017: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana In Support of the Downtown-Grand Marquette Connector Trail Project.

Vice-President Dye asked Marty to give the Board a brief summary on what this is.

Marty explained that what we are trying to do and Joe has been working on it for a while, but we have always been trying to acquire the property (the abandoned railroad property) to the north of the Plant. It actually runs adjacent of our north fence all the way up to the toll road and all the way west to 150th he believes and the City at the same time had been looking at that same property to extend the bike trail from 150th into Chicago. Under the Consent Decree for the Sanitary District part of our stipulated penalties with the State of Indiana, the agreement was that they would forego a cash payment and allow us to use that money on this type of project. We went to the City and that is the project that was determined that would fit our needs and the City needs and it is good for everybody instead of us paying a cash payment that we get nothing out of to the State. We actually- the City gets a benefit for that so it is a win-win for everybody. That is what this document covers. It is actually an agreement between three entities of the City- the City itself is going to participate financially in this project, the Hammond Sanitary District and the Redevelopment Commission. We are passing ours today, the Redevelopment Commission he believes passed theirs yesterday and the City of Hammond unfortunately did not get it passed yesterday- they ran into some snafus with the documents that were presented to the City Council so that is not a problem; it is just going to be a delay of two more weeks for the City to pass it.

Moore **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 41-2017.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. A copy of Resolution 41-2017 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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Commissioner Hawkins commented that this is a very good project for the environment, this is a very good project for the people riding bikes and it is a good demonstration project for the District. He might suggest another project of this being another bioswale bike project and this would benefit the Little Cal watershed area through the Twin Creek or Plum Creek subdivisions that would benefit the Grand Calumet tributary. He proposes this project as a joint project between the Town of Munster and the Hammond Sanitary District located on 45th and Calumet and this reconfiguration he proposes a bioswale on the bike trail and it be named for someone that he has mentioned to members of the Board.

Vice-President Dye called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from commissioners.

Vice-President Dye called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

Vice-President Dye called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dimopoulos moved and Moore seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Dean Button, PE, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Sam Dimopoulos, Member



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Patrick D. Moore, Member

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle