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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
MAY 14, 2019
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:08 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 4:08 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
Dan Zander, HSD
Becky McKinley, GIS
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jonathan Albers, HSD

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

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the April 23, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the April 23, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the April 23, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Marty Wielgos says that over the last several board meetings he had reported their status with Local 399. He says that as he reported in the last meeting, Jeff Massey was approached by a member who said he represented several of the members of 399 and that they wanted to pursue putting a contract together. Marty says that they did and they talked about what would be acceptable, at least in his mind. District Manager Marty Wielgos explains that they put it together quickly and they ran with it. They presented it back and he had Joe Allegretti look at

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it. Marty says Joe did a little tweaking, but not much. He continues on saying there were 2 key things he was concerned about with the contract. The first was that if they signed the contract, or whatever contract tomorrow, it would only be good from tomorrow until the end of 2020. He states that it is a very short contract, as they do them in four-year blocks, nothing more and nothing less. He explains again that if it were signed that it would only take them through 2020. Marty Wielgos says his concern was that every day that went past was another day that the workers have not received some type of raise or any type of certification raises, and that to him those two things over anything else are the most important. He says that because it is short term, they will continue to lose money and is why it is important. Marty Wielgos says he wants to get a contract done that addresses those key issues so they can get their money, get their certification raises to get them to 2020 because they would start negotiations for the next four-year contract probably by the end of this year. He turns it over to Jeff Massey to discuss the response they received back.

Jeff Massey says right now they are in pretty good shape. He says the contract went back and was presented to the union and they are supposed to be giving it to their people to distribute the information and bring it up to a vote from what he understands. Jeff says hopefully they will have something before the next board meeting. Commissioner Moore asks if they have contracts at the Hammond Sanitary District or other places as well. Marty Wielgos informs him that this contract covers just the Hammond Sanitary District. Joe Allegretti explains that the contracts with other departments within the city are not identical. Marty says that 399 has a contract with the Jean Shepherd Center and the Hammond Sanitary District, both of which are different contracts. He also says there are no contracts with City Hall. Commissioner Moore asks if they have ever had a contract with all departments together. District Manager Marty Wielgos explains that somewhere down the line they had tried to do this all in one and it all started out with the right intentions, but he doesn't know what happened as it just never got done. Marty continues on saying that they are here now and they approached the Sanitary District by union representatives through Jeff and in his opinion, it makes sense. He reiterates that the two most important things they should be concerned about right now, because the contract is so short, is them getting their money. He says in his opinion they should not waste another day going without the money that he thinks they deserve. He says that they will wait to see what happens and will keep the board updated.

Marty says the other thing he needs to report is the construction at the Hammond Sanitary District right now and that everyone should enter and exit through the north gate, as it makes things easier and simpler. Marty Wielgos says the construction is moving along and because of some of the interest they've earned on some of the money they will be able to do some extra projects, which is what they had hoped for. Marty says that's all he wants to say about that right now. He says that they have poured the pad for the transformer and they are running an eight-inch pipe across the street. Matt helps Marty out with describing what is going on by saying the area across the street is going to have a lot of work going on, especially right behind Headworks, so anyone coming in should go around right by the maintenance building along with the Grit building and come back in. Marty says that is all he has and says he will take any questions.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was not a personnel report for this meeting.

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FINANCE REPORT

Business Manager Rachel Montes says she has nothing to highlight but will take any questions.

There are no questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were no Department Reports.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

Mike Hickey from AB&H Donohue says he has a couple things. He says every quarter they have to send a status report of the Consent Decree. He says this was sent out May 9, 2019 and he just wanted to give them that for their records. He switches topics over to the Long-Term Control Plan and references the CMDF. He says he will take any questions on that.

Commissioner Dean Button asks Jeff Massey if it would be okay if he could get in to see the pilot facility because he is interested in the process and would like to see it if possible. Jeff asks if he would like to see it today. Commissioner Button responds saying whenever it is convenient. Marty says Commissioner Button can see it sometime during the day and to just give Jeff Massey a few days' notice. Commissioner Button says as long as it isn't a bother, he would like to see it because he is interested in the process because he knows nothing about it. Jeff Massey says that it is no problem and they will get together to make it happen.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 15-2019: 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 Revised Final Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP)

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 15-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 15-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered Resolution No. 16-2019: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Execution of an Agreed Order with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 16-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 16-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation 04-30-2019.

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation 04-30-19.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Bank Reconciliation 04-30-19 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-14-19.

Moore **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-14-19.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 05-14-19 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

President Dimopoulos says he has the item regarding the report from Munster. Commissioner Hawkins says that he gave the report to Mike Hickey. Mike Hickey responds saying Commissioner Hawkins just handed it to him a half hour before the meeting and says he will download it, give it back to Commissioner Hawkins, and make sure everyone at HSD gets a copy. President Dimopoulos says that's great and that he'd like to thank Munster for submitting the report. He says they will review the report and get back to them. Commissioner Button also thanks the people of Munster.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

There was no New Business.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Button says they had a couple of inspections by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along the levee and says he thinks Matt handled the pump station inspections and says that all went very well. Commissioner Button says there was a matter on the levee inspection that will be forwarded to Matt and Dan about a sluice gate on the Southeast Hessville Pump Station. He says it may require the District's assistance on that. Commissioner Button says

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other than the routine inspection issues they found like a few animal burrow holes, some issues they had just experienced such as drain problems and high water. Marty Wielgos asks Commissioner Button to explain to the board about animal burrow holes. He asks if they are inside or outside the levee. Commissioner Button says they are in the levee and goes on to explain saying that occasionally animals will dig a hole inside the levee and there's one in particular where they can see it and they will usually pack it with some midline clay. Marty Wielgos says his further question is about what the Little Cal is going to do about it. Commissioner Button responds saying they could have coordinated that, and in fact there are issues that were found on the river as well. He goes on to explain that there are two ways they go about this. Commissioner Button explains that the Little Cal will pay for any maintenance that needs to get done whether they undertake that work or the Sanitary District does. He explains that the cost for the inspection that team did, including HSD's teams, Public Works, engineering by hiring consultants when he couldn't be there those days, will be reimbursed to the Sanitary District by the Little Cal. He continues on saying that if there's any work, while citing Jack Smith and the issues on the Forest Avenue section of the levee, any of that work done on what needs to be repaired will have the costs reimbursed by the Little Cal. Marty asks Matt Muta if he is aware of all of this and Matt confirms that he is.

Commissioner Button continues saying the issue as it relates to the Oxbow Park flooding area, they understand one of the flap gates is stuck open and if they send their crew to clear out so the flap gate can function properly, Little Cal will reimburse the Sanitary District. Marty Wielgos says that's what he wanted to make sure of. Commissioner Button says the Little Cal would then ask for a regular test of the electrical facilities for each of the pump stations called Egger tests. Commissioner Button says from past experiences he knows it is very expensive and the District's opinion is unnecessary and it is insisted by the Corps of Engineers a test to be done on an annual basis and that is part of the reimbursement process the Hammond Sanitary District gets for operating the stations. District Manager Marty Wieglos asks if that is also reimbursed and Commissioner Button says it is not as it is apart of the \$13,000 the Sanitary District gets for each station per year and says that is not reimbursable. Marty Wielgos asks if it is just for that one process. Commissioner Button responds by saying no and elaborates by saying they get paid \$13,000 to operate the station for costs they have such as electrical costs or a pump breaking, then the Little Cal is paying \$13,000 a year per station to do the operations and maintenance on those stations. Marty Wielgos then asks Business Manager Rachel Montes if the \$13,000 Commissioner Button is talking about covers the station. Commissioner Button informs him and says it does not cover the cost of every station because they are mostly CSO stations or small water stations. He references the Southeast Hessville Station and Outlot A as small water stations. Marty then asks where this \$13,000 is coming from. Commissioner Button says this was agreed on about two years ago. Marty asks if it changes. Rachel Montes says the \$13,000 is a number agreed upon as some stations are more and some are less. Commissioner Button says that it is the number the District and the Little Cal agreed on. He says it should offset some of the cost but any of the other items that need to get fixed as part of the levee will be reimbursed by the Little Cal. Commissioner Button says they just want to get a quote so they can then talk

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to the Little Cal and ask them if they're okay with the District having this work done so the Little Cal is okay with it and they can sign off on it.

Marty again asks Deputy District Manager Matt Muta if he understands the process and wants to make sure it is followed as Commissioner Button just explained to the tee. Commissioner Button says to not do the work without occurrence though because then the Little Cal will say they don't like the process or something else.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Button moved and Moore seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

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

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: Jonathan Albers