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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2019  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:02 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 4:02 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  
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

President Dimopoulos called for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated there was an executive session prior to the beginning of this meeting. He states discussions of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation that is pending. Purchase or lease of real property by the District and to discuss job preference evaluations of individual employees, pursuant to the code IC5-14-1.5-6.1b 2b d & 9

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business was the consideration of the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**District Manager's Report**

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District Manager Marty Wieglos says that the only thing he has to report is that the local union 399 took their contract vote that they had submitted to them a couple weeks ago and it was turned down by one vote. He states that they are still without a contract as they speak. He says that's all he has.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

Commissioner Dye says that he would like to adopt the report that was presented at the beginning of the meeting.

Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** to approve the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**FINCANCE 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 & Associates says that they all should have a copy of the status report in front of them as he has a couple things to report on. He states that on May 30<sup>th</sup> HSD met with EPA for two purposes. One was for them to visit the CMDF facility to talk about a Long-term Control Plan and Mr. Hickey says that went well. He says they took a look at it and took notes. Mike Hickey continues on saying that the second purpose for the meeting was that there was an audit of the Consent Decree. He says one of the things they found out during the audit was that on December 20<sup>th</sup> they approved the PCCMP and they sent three copies of the same approval letter, which was strange. Mr. Hickey explains that they found out is that they approved the SORP and that they also approved the CSO Operational Plant as well on December 20<sup>th</sup> of last year. He states that this was the day before the government sat down and they ended up faxing the one letter 3 times instead of faxing 3 separate letters. He continues on saying the board may have seen some copies of that and tells them that is what is going on. Mike Hickey says the SORP and the CSO Operational Plant also got approved, which is good news.

Commissioner Button asks whether the Long-term Control Plan was approved. Mike Hickey says that would have been great if the EPA would have given them an approval of that but that it is still being reviewed.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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**The Board considered Resolution No. 17-2019: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Ratifying and Modifying Employment Agreement with Board Attorney**

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 17-2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Resolution 17-2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

**The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated May 31, 2019.**

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Bank Reconciliation May 31, 2019.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Moore, Hawkins

Nays:

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of Bank Reconciliation May 31, 2019 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 06-11-19.**

Button **moved** and Moore **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 06-11-19.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. A copy of the Claims Approval Docket 06-11-19 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

Commissioner Button asks if the District has had the chance to review the report that was provided by Munster in regards to the lift station upgrades. He then states before he gets started, he would like to say that he read the report and would like to read an excerpt from the executive summary. Commissioner Button reads from the Munster Report's executive summary. He reads "The results of the study indicate the lift station is functioning adequately under current flow conditions; however, it does not meet the current design standards, nor does it have the capacity to convey future flows from anticipated development in sewer shed." Commissioner Button says that this statement is preposterous and to say that it functions adequately now is ridiculous in his mind from the evidence that has been provided to the HSD last March. He continues on saying that the lift station is in some way functioning properly is completely unacceptable from a technical side. Commissioner Button says he was wanting to ask the Sanitary District if they had

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an opinion and if they had read the report and is wanting to know if someone is prepared to make a response to this report.

District Manager Marty Wielgos says that it is still under review, but he appreciates the board's comments. He says that he doesn't think anyone on the District's side, as far as internally (everyone who is not a board member), would disagree with Commissioner Button at all. Marty Wielgos says that before they respond officially, he wants to be able to have everyone who needs to look at the report to be able to look at it. He tells Commissioner Button that his point is well taken. Commissioner Button thanks Marty Wielgos.

President Dimopoulos asks if there are any more comments on this matter.

Commissioner Button says that he would be happy to share some of his comments from his review with the District. He continues on saying there were no appendices provided at this point, so there was no backup documentation that he could review. He states that there were discussions about average day and peak hour, but there was nothing in regards to Maximum Day, which they experienced in February when they saw regular occurrences of those pumps running continuously. Commissioner Button states that he thinks it is wholly inappropriate to suggest in any way in this report that this station is functioning properly. He states that those are his comments. President Dimopoulos thanks Commissioner Button for his comments.

President Dimopoulos asks if there is any more Old Business.

**President Dimopoulos called for New Business**

Commissioner Button says that he would ask if the District had received, prior to this meeting, an interlocal agreement and the City of Hammond with regard to the supplemental, environmental plan. He says this sets forth the arrangement between the HSD and the City to construct the bike trail that is required by the Consent Decree and the payment for it would be paid by the Sanitary District, subject to review and approval by the council of the City of Hammond.

Button **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the agreement.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays:

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**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**

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Dye **moved** and Button **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Button, Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Moore

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 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