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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 27, 2021
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:04 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 4:04 p.m. He stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins

Commissioners Absent: Miller

District Personnel Present: Marty Wielgos, Chief Executive Officer
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Dan Zander, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Rebecca McKinley, GIS Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC
George Peterson, College Bound
Augustine Vargas, College Bound

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he had to report was that he had a really good meeting with the new Mayor of Whiting (Mayor Steve) last week. They talked about a lot of things, but most specifically spent time talking about getting away from the true-ups. Whiting is the only community that is still doing the true-ups and to jump onto the interim rate that the other two customer communities are doing and then to be bound by the rate study. He was at

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least initially very positive towards all of that. He wants to look at the two agreements with the two customer communities so his plan is to meet with him next week and give him copies of those and explain to him those documents and kind of give him an indication of where he will be headed with what they at least know this far with the rate study what his interim rate will be and then take it from there. He feels and he does not want to jinx himself, but he feels very positive that the meeting went so well- it lasted almost three hours and Mayor Spebar bought lunch, so he feels good about it. He will make sure to keep the Board updated as they proceed. Other than that, he has nothing else to report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Long-Term Control Plan update is that they are still waiting on some information from Griffith before they can finish a couple tables, so he will keep them posted on that.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 07-27-21.

Dye **moved** and Garay **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 07-27-21.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was not any old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Marty commented that he notices that they have two new people in the room today. Normally, there procedure is they have each of them come up to the front and tell them who they are and a little bit about themselves.

President Dimopoulos responded absolutely and joked that he would have a few questions for them after they are done.

Augustine Vargas, Jr. introduced himself and said that he is doing College Bound. He said he is going to school at Trine University in Angola Indiana.

Commissioner Dye asked what he has been doing since he has been here.

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Augustine replied that he has been working with Jeff in the Lab. Commissioner Dye asked jokingly if he has been cleaning toilets.

Augustine said that he is not cleaning any toilets.

Commissioner Dye replied that they have been going easy on them.

George Peterson introduced himself and said that he is Rachel's son. He is also here for College Bound. He is going to Indiana University to study Biology.

President Dimopoulos commented nice. He said that he hopes they have a good experience here at the District. College Bound is a great program and he is very excited to have them on board.

Commissioner Dye said they should give them a day out in the field with Jack to teach them what real work is like.

Jack Smith responded that what is funny is that he coached Augustine when he was younger in baseball.

Rebecca McKinley added that would be incentive to stay in college.

President Dimopoulos asked George Peterson what school he was going to again.

George responded Indiana University in Bloomington.

Commissioner Garay told them to make the most of it. They never know what their time here could lead to. She was an intern one day many, many years ago and then one day they give you all of the money to run.

President Dimopoulos said this could all be theirs one day.

Marty added that Attorney Allegretti will still be here.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

Marty wanted to remind the Board that at the next meeting and asked Attorney Allegretti to correct him if he is wrong that they will be opening up their RFPs so they will formally open those up at the meeting and go through those.

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Attorney Allegretti replied that RFPs are not public- they are private, so they will not go through them at the meeting. They will just announce who they received them from that way the analysis is not shared amongst the competitors.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Garay **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for adjournment.

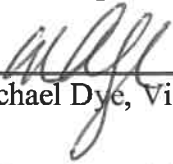
Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins

Nays: None

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

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Michael Dye, Vice-President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

Owana Miller, Member

Heather Garay, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

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