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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:01 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 the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters in accordance with Indiana Codes.

Commissioners Present: Dye, Hawkins

Commissioners Attending Remotely: Dimopoulos

Commissioners Absent: Garay, Miller

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

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC
Natalie Cook, Donohue
Kenneth Schoon, Town of Munster
Drake Wahlers, Leopardo

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-President Dye stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the July 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to approve the July 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 3-0.

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Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he has to report today is that as everybody knows they are self-insured with the City and pay a certain fee for each employee to the City for the self-insurance coverage. This year the City is asking them (him) to sign an agreement for those transactions to continue moving forward. They have never had to do that before, but he thinks it is just a housekeeping process with the City. It is predated to January 1st of 2021, so he is just asking for Board approval to be able to sign this agreement.

Vice-President Dye verified if they should do that now or under new business.

Attorney Allegretti replied that it makes sense to do that under new business.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she had nothing to highlight, but would take any questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

There were no comments or questions.

GIS Report

There were no comments or questions.

Sewer Maintenance Report

There were no comments or questions.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. He did want to give a swift update on the application for grant funding. Originally, the IFA thought they were going to know by August 6th, but there were so many applications they are not going to let everyone know until August 27th. They will know in a few weeks if one or both of their grant requests got approved. There were so many, they were unable to get through them all by August 6th.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if the process is that fast.

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Mike Hickey responded that originally, they thought they were going to know by August 6th if they were going to be picked or not, but since they had so many applications, it is going to take them to August 27th to figure out who is going to get it. He just wanted to update them on that.

Commissioner Hawkins thanked him.

Donohue

Natalie Cook responded that the Board has a status report from them as well, so if there are any questions, she would be happy to answer them.

There were no questions or comments for Donohue.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated July 31, 2021.

Hawkins **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated July 31, 2021.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 3-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 08-10-21.

Hawkins **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 08-10-21.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 3-0.

Vice-President Dye called for Old Business

There was not any old business to discuss.

Vice-President Dye called for New Business

Vice-President Dye stated that under new business, they have the City of Hammond Insurance Plan Participation Agreement that their CEO spoke to them about earlier in the meeting. With that being said, he is looking for a motion to approve this document before them.

Hawkins **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** for the Insurance Plan Participation Agreement with the City of Hammond and authorize their CEO, Marty Wielgos, to sign the document.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins

Nays: None

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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 asked if they were going to have the presentation by Leopardo at the next meeting.

Attorney Allegretti said that they do have a representative from Leopardo here with them today. He asked how far he is from the City or if he is local.

Drake Wahlers from Leopardo responded that they are located in downtown Chicago.

Vice-President Dye commented that with the lack of members present, they were wondering if they could reschedule with him.

Drake Wahlers replied sure. He did not think they had anything to present tonight.

Vice-President Dye told him that they did get their presentation. They appreciate them putting this together for them. Their CEO will review it along with the Board. He asked Marty if he had anything to add.

Marty stated no. He thinks that because of the fact that Leopardo is the only entity that actually submitted, his recommendation to the Board would be to accept as presented and then they can start moving forward with the projects.

Vice-President Dye asked if they needed a motion by the Board.

Attorney Allegretti answered no. He does not think there is anything before them right now. He thinks they should just direct staff to begin—he thinks the process contemplates a discussion “negotiation” with the RFQ proposer and if the Board directs staff to do that, they will do that. No motion is necessary.

Vice-President commented that on the record, they would just like to direct staff to review the presentation given to the Board and their CEO and staff will review the Leopardo Energy presentation.

Marty added that they will pretty much identify projects with Leopardo that they think qualify for the energy savings which he thinks they have quite a few of.

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.



Sam Dimopoulos, President

Michael Dye, Vice-President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Owana Miller, Member



Heather Garay, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle