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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:15 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 4:15 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, Miller

Commissioners Absent: N/A

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

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC
Ken Schoon, Munster Town Council

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that it has been a good week so far starting off since it is just Tuesday. Everything is running quite well. The Plant is functioning. They need some rain and Jeff would be the first person to tell you about that. Rain is direly needed. They are at the lowest flows that they have ever seen here coming into the Plant. Of course, everything gets a little-- and the bugs like it, but Jeff is doing a great job. He wants to turn it over to Jeff Massey and

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Dan Zander to talk about the repair in Munster (an emergency repair) that they just did on a force main.

Dan explained that they had a force main break on Calumet Avenue before the 45th Avenue pump station. They dug it up and the line was cracked, so they put a sleeve around it and made the repair. It is backfilled and opened back up. They are going to pour the sidewalk, so it is repaired and ready to go.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that is the one that was further down on Calumet they had previously.

Dan answered yes. It was north of the one they had last year- probably a quarter or half of a mile, but same line.

Marty thanked Dan and stated that other than that, he has nothing else to report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

President Dimopoulos stated that the Board did receive a Personnel Report today.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Long-Term Control Plan update is that he got an email from EPA last week. They were wondering the schedule for submitting the revised Long-Term Control Plan. As he has said before, they are waiting for some information from Griffith, so they have an internal meeting with HSD staff tomorrow and they are going to figure out how to respond to EPA since they are still waiting on that information from Griffith.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 29-2021: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Amending Salaries and Wage Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2021.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 29-2021.

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Commissioner Garay commented that they had a report from Business Manager, Rachel, during the Executive session that they wanted to make a correction to the salary schedule amending the Laboratory Assistant Part-time pay from \$15 an hour to \$17 an hour.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the amendment to Resolution No. 29-2021.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The Laboratory Assistant part-time pay is amended to \$17 an hour.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Resolution No. 29-2021 approved with amendment.

The Board considered Resolution No. 30-2021: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Extending a Temporary Employee Policy.

Miller **moved** and Garay **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 30-2021.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 31-2021: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing a Temporary Employee Policy.

Dye **moved** and Garay **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 31-2021.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 32-2021: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$150,000 for the 3rd Quarter of 2021 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (606) to the Replacement Fund (460).

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 32-2021.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

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Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 33-2021: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the City of Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana for Planning, Design and Management Engineering Assistance.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 33-2021.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-28-21.

Garay **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-28-21.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was not any old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

President Dimopoulos stated that under new business, they have a Resolution before them.

The Board considered Resolution No. 34-2021: RE: A Resolution Establishing an Employee Policy Pertaining to a Self-Reporting Obligation Following an Arrest or Criminal Charge.

Marty wanted to briefly explain to the Board what this Resolution is. This Resolution requires an employee if and so an employee has been arrested, they have 72 hours to report it to their immediate supervisor which would then be reported to him.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 34-2021.

Vice-President Dye commented to make sure this is added to the employee handbook.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no Reports from Commissioners.

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President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no Public Expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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


Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Garay, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 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