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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS MEETING
MAY 10, 2022
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:03 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 4:03 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, Hawkins, Rubio

Commissioners Present Remotely: Miller

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

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue
Ken Schoon, Town of Munster

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos commented that they have one of their Board members present via Zoom today. Owana Mille is on the Zoom call. He asked if Owana was there.

Commissioner Miller responded that yes, she is there.

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Attorney Allegretti commented that one member is participating remotely. The policy requires a roll call vote.

Marty Wielgos stated one other thing- they will do the Storm Water meeting after the Sanitary District meeting.

President Dimopoulos asked if they have to go back and do a roll call vote for the approval of the minutes.

Attorney Allegretti answered that they are okay. Just moving forward.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he has for today is to say a lot of good work, a lot of hard work by staff they weathered another couple bad storms with no problems or hiccups here at the District and as far as he knows, no basement backups. They have been and he does not want to jinx themselves, but they have not had a basement backup in a long time relating to rainfall. They have been very lucky and they look forward to keeping that trend happening. That is the only thing he has.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

No questions or comments.

GIS Report

No questions or comments.

Sewer Maintenance Report

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that on the status report, they submitted the final quarterly Consent Decree report on Monday- it was due that day. In regards to the Long-Term Control Plan, they are still waiting on the update for the FCA from Karl and once they get that, they can move forward. That is all he has.

Marty added that there was something he missed in his report. With a lot of time since they have taken up the cost of service study- years have passed- they have talked about it on numerous

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occasions in their board meetings, he is happy to report that as of today, the certified letters went out with the reconciliation amounts to both the Town of Highland and the Town of Griffith. Those were sent out today, so he is sure they will have responses coming as soon as those are received. After a long, tedious, a ton of hours put in to it, they are finally now at the point that those went out. He will keep them updated on what transpires once those are received.

Commissioner Hawkins asked about Whiting.

Marty answered that he asked Attorney Allegretti that today and he is going to put a call in to Max to find out why they are not sending a letter to Whiting, so Joe is going to do that tomorrow and then they will have an answer to that.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said they submitted the annual CSO Notice for 2021 mid last week and she does not have anything else specific to highlight, but would be happy to answer any questions.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 18-2022: RE: A Resolution Accepting and Approving Professional Services Proposal of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 18-2022.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-10-22.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-10-22.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

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President Dimopoulos called for New Business

President Dimopoulos commented that they do have a couple things under new business today. They have the Finance Report and the Bank Reconciliation. He said they would start with the Finance Report for April 2022.

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Financial Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2022.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2022.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

Councilman Ken Schoon of Munster stated that it saddens him to announce and it has not been in the newspaper yet, but a man that spent a lot of time with this Board and this operation, Russell Snyder, passed away a couple of days ago. The visitation and funeral will be Saturday at the Ridge United Methodist Church in Munster.

President Dimopoulos commented that Russell was on the Board when he first started.

Mr. Schoon added that it was an important part of his life. His first time here was on a tour that Russell took them through and his participation with this Board is included in his obituary which will be in the paper very shortly.

The Board and staff thanked him for letting them know.

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President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President

Michael Dye, Vice-President

Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

Owana Miller, Member

Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST: _____

Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle