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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:08 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 4:08 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, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: N/A

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
Bob Szczudlo, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Rebecca McKinley, GIS
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Michael Hickey, MJHY
Jerry Albertson, Munster Resident
Lilia Dahn, Munster Resident
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 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Rubio **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the September 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that he is happy to report today that they had a really good meeting with the City of Whiting- Mayor Steve and his staff in regards to the results ‘

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of the rate study. The rate study that had taken place for the last six years and finally finished up a year ago. The meeting went well and the City under the leadership of Mayor Steve agreed to the terms and results of the rate study. So, moving forward as of today they are not going to do any more true-ups with the City of Whiting. They have agreed to the interim rate that was agreed to when they entered into this agreement a couple years ago. Moving forward, the Mayor and his staff have committed that they will follow all of the results pertaining to the rate study that pertained to the City of Whiting. That starts as of today. He is happy to have Whiting taken care of out of all of that. He is still working on both Griffith and Highland. That is all he has to report.

President Dimopoulos thanked Marty for all of his hard work with this. He knows it is an ongoing battle to get this all straightened out. They are one step closer. He asked if there were any questions for Marty.

Commissioner Hawkins wanted to congratulate Marty. He said it has been years and Whiting was not involved in the cost-of-service study until the end. He hopes that this will signal their friends, especially in Highland to settle on the cost-of-service study.

Marty thanked them. He said it is all because of the hard work of all of the staff and Joe especially. Commissioner Hawkins was involved in a lot of those early negotiations with all of the customer communities. He is just happy they have Whiting, and the Commissioner is right, they were not even involved in the study and they agreed in principle to everything the study said which he thinks speaks really loud of the leadership Whiting has and their team. Really the only change in their team was the mayor. All of the rest of the people Mayor Steve has kept on in all of those positions, so, all of those people from Whiting they were dealing with from the very beginning other than the mayor, so Mayor Steve has done a great job. Thank you again. He appreciates that.

PERSONNEL REPORT

President Dimopoulos commented that they did receive a Personnel Report in the Executive Session.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that at the last board meeting he reported that they prepared with Donohue a Post-Construction Compliance Monitoring Plan (PCCMP). HSD is in the process of reviewing that report. Once they get HSD's comments, they will take it to the next step.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 28-2022: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Determining Certain Equipment of the District to be Surplus and Providing for its Disposal.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 28-2022.

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

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-27-22.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-27-22.

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.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no Public Expression.

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President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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