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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:18 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 4:18 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
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Bob Szczudlo, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Michael Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue
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 January 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the January 24, 2023 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 as they know they had a very lively executive session. He thinks they accomplished a lot. There was a lot of information that he and Attorney Allegretti needed to share with the Board to keep you all updated on the different programs they are working on. He thinks the most important is their customer communities. Although there is not anything new to report since their last meeting, the good thing is that there is nothing bad to report,

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so, it is all still moving in the right direction. Slow, but as he has always said to the staff and Joe, how many years has it taken them to get to this point. He remembers when they first started out and they were told they were crazy because they had contracts that locked them in. Look where they are today and the tremendous turnaround in progress. It has taken a while, but at the end of the day he thinks they are doing all the right things. If it takes more time, then so be it. Other than that, he does not have anything else to add unless there are questions from the Commissioners.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, is not at meeting, so President Dimopoulos asked if there were any questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

No questions or comments.

Sewer Maintenance Report

Commissioner Hawkins commented that Jack Smith and the Sewer Department put out another annual report. It is a fine document. It is very professional and full of information. He again commends him on the excellent work. Hammond is lucky to have Jack Smith.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. The only update is the Consent Decree quarterly report was submitted on time- February 8th, so that is all he has.

DONOHUE

Natalie Cook commented that the Board should have a status report from her as well. They are starting work on CSO public notification plan in the next couple weeks. If there are any questions, she would be happy to answer them.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 2-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Engineering Assistance in the Preparation of a CSO Public Notification Plan.

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Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 2-2023.

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 3-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Acknowledgment and Acceptance of the Grant of a Utility Easement from the City of Hammond Redevelopment Commission for a New Sewer

Rubio **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 3-2023.

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 4-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Acknowledgment and Acceptance of the Grant of a Permanent Easement from the Park District of the City of Hammond for a New Sewer

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 4-2023.

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

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated Period 13, 2022.

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated Period 13, 2022.

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

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated January 31, 2023.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated January 31, 2023.

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

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 02-14-23.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 02-14-23.

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.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 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