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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2023
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:12 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 4:12 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
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY
Eric Cockerill, Donohue
Ken Schoon, Munster Town Council

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos commented that there is a Revised Agenda for today's meeting where they added a Resolution.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the February 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the February 14, 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 the only thing he has to update the Board on is that there is progress being made with their customer communities. He does not have a lot to offer because Joe is unfortunately sick today. It is slowly itching there. They are not seeing a lot

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of road blocks that they have seen in the past, so that is good news. The only other thing that they talked about in the executive session is that the District is searching for employees. There are currently about five positions available. They did reach out to Commissioner Hawkins and the Town of Munster and are going to start providing them with the open positions so they can post them appropriately where they post those because as everybody knows, anybody who works for the Sanitary District can live in either Munster or Hammond. They are not looking at stealing employees. That is not the intention or goal. In fact, they will shy away from that unless there is a really good reason and they will have a conversation about that with the Town Manager. The intention is that there may be residents in the Town of Munster who just do not know there are positions available. Other than that, that is all he has.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 5-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Assistance in the Preparation of Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for a Remote Cloth Media Disk Filter (CMDF) Facility.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 5-2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 6-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hammond Port Authority and the Hammond Water Works Department

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 6-2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 7-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between and Among the Hammond Water Works Department, the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety, and the Hammond Sanitary District Regarding the Reconstruction of a Portion of Summer Street

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Rubio **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 7-2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 02-28-23.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 02-28-23.

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

Commissioner Rubio commented that on Friday, it is National Employee Appreciation Day in case they did not know.

President Dimopoulos replied very good. He said that yesterday was Polar Bear Recognition Day.

Commissioner Rubio responded that she will be taking the polar plunge on Sunday. If anybody would like to contribute to a good cause, she would appreciate it.

Rachel stated that it is not even cold outside. She told her you are supposed to do it on the 1st of January.

Marty asked where she is doing this at.

Commissioner Rubio answered Lake Michigan in Chicago at 10:15 am on Sunday.

Vice-President Dye added that he thinks Rachel should do it since it is not cold out.

Rachel responded that the water is not turquoise.

Commissioner Rubio added that she is on LinkedIn if anybody would like to support her.

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President Dimopoulos said that he went one year to watch one of his friends do it a long time ago and it was painful to watch them do that. He feels bad for her already.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no Public Expression.


President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Dye moved and Hawkins seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None


Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 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

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