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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:17 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 4:17 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
Sharon Szany, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Bob Szczudlo, HSD
Jim Alms, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike 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 March 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the March 28, 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 discussed briefly in the executive session with some great detail, he is proud to announce that they have come to a final agreement with the Town of Highland as well as with Whiting to everything that had been stumbling blocks for years and years. That has all been taken care of. It is a good agreement for the District, a good

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agreement for the Town of Highland. It has been a long road- nine years since we started this process, but it is also good at the end of the day for the ratepayers in Munster and Hammond. It is a big win. It is something that they had to spend a tremendous amount of time both in and out of the Courts, hours and hours of meetings and it has finally paid off. He does know that the Mayor is going to talk about that briefly tonight at the City Council meeting because he was really happy and very excited about the work that had been done in getting these resolved with our customer communities. The only one they still have out is Griffith which is kind of a little of a shock to him because they were moving along at a faster pace and then for some reason it kind of slowed down, but he does not see any major hurdles there. It is just a matter of getting back with them and getting something done in writing. Other than that, he will entertain any questions.

President Dimopoulos thanked Marty and the whole team for the hard work. He said this has been a long twenty years of back and forth it seems like. He is hoping they can be done with this and move on to bigger and better things and put this behind them.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

No questions or comments.

Sewer Maintenance Report

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. In that report, he talks about coordinating a meeting with IDEM. So, Jeff Massey, Donohue and himself were on with IDEM today and they had some questions about the disinfection over at the basin. It was a good meeting. They have to get them a few things, but it went well.

DONOHUE

Natalie Cook commented they have a status report from her as well. She wants to highlight that there is a new section on the report. She will be keeping them updated on the cloth media disc filter preliminary engineering report as they get that started. If there are any questions on that or anything else, she would be happy to answer them.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 04-11-23.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 04-11-23.

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

President Dimopoulos said they do have a few things to go under new business.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to give the CEO authorization and permission to sign on behalf of the Board the Highland draft which will turn into a final document from Highland for the agreement presented to them.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

Dimopoulos **moved** and Dye **seconded** to authorize the CEO to proceed on any MOU from Johnson Controls if that should happen prior to their next meeting.

They want to make sure they stay on track and move as quickly as possible with them on this potential project they are talking about with them.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if the President can make a motion.

Attorney Allegretti answered that under Robert's Rules of Order for small boards like theirs, the President can. He said they can do whatever they both want though.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to authorize the CEO to proceed on any MOU from Johnson Controls if that should happen prior to their next meeting.

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.

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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 Rubio **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 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

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