

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 9, 2023
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:07 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 4:07 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, Miller

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Hawkins

Commissioners Absent: Rubio

District Personnel Present: Marty Wielgos, Chief Executive Officer
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Sharon Szany, HSD
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Bob Szczudlo, HSD
Jim Alms, Sewer Department
Brandon Vanes, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

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

Others Present via Zoom: Dan Repay, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the April 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the April 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that everything as of today is running well. They are ready for the summer months. He knows it is not officially summer yet, but the weather is getting nicer- today is a nice day. They have some new employees that they hired. That info is in the personnel report. They are happy that they have gotten a good group. They do still have one opening in operations that Jeff is going to be looking to fill, but other than that, all of the other open positions have been filled. Other than that, he does not have anything to report other than the fact that they had Covid and all of this construction being done in the Plant with the addition at Headworks. If everyone remembers, it was the 14-million-dollar addition they put on. They have not officially done the dedication and tour that they want to do, but his plan is to hopefully get that done sometime midsummer. Obviously, it is a political season, but if it works well for the Mayor's calendar and most of the other political officials, he would like to get that done because it is overdue. They are sprucing up the Plant, doing some unique things. He has told the maintenance department and Dan what he really wants to concentrate on is capturing the railroad property that they bought. They have cleaned it up, but now they want to level it out because there are some ditches in there and they have the material to do that and then he wants to get it fenced in. The only thing that is holding them back from doing that is that they have several companies specifically on the western front that are approaching the property that they bought, so they are having a survey done to identify who they are and then he will send a letter out to each of those companies to figure out depending on how much encroachment it may be what they need to do and what they need to talk about. He has already had a couple companies approach him knowing what they are doing saying they would like to buy whatever their encroachment from the District. He thinks the best answer to that is to do it on a case-by-case basis. For example, if they are encroaching by a foot and they have a fence on it, it does not make sense to do it, so his answer would be no. Figure out something and move on. If they are encroaching 20-30 feet, that is a bigger issue. He will keep the Board updated on that. Other than that, he will answer any questions that the Board may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

President Dimopoulos commented that the Board did receive a Personnel Report today. There are six new hires. He asked for a motion to approve.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Maintenance Report

No questions or comments.

Safety Report

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. Today is May 9th and they have a quarterly consent decree report due today. He mailed a copy yesterday and is emailing one today, so it went in on time.

DONOHUE

Natalie Cook commented they have a status report from her as well. She wants to highlight the annual 2022 CSO report went in and for the first time in the five years she has been involved with this that there have been no dry weather CSOs which is due partially to the District's actions and partially due to good weather.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 10-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 10-2023.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that he would like to thank Dan Repay and the Little Calumet River Basin Commission for their faith in us and providing the start for engineering fees. It is a considerable amount of money and he would like to congratulate the District and of course Joe Allegretti and Marty, but also the staff that works so hard on this new southeast containment facility that the money will go towards the engineering on this. They are going to be better environmental stewards with this and they are going to do a lot of good for the river.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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The Board considered Resolution No. 11-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Planning, Design and Management Engineering Assistance.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 11-2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2023.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-09-23.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-09-23.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Rachel Montes said she forgot to mention that they had their exit meeting for the 2021 audit and they had no findings or comments. They were quietly present.

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 Dye **seconded** for adjournment.

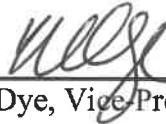
Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.



Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice President

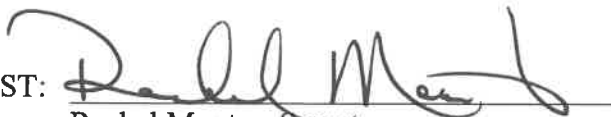


Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

Owana Miller, Member

Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle