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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:00 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 4:00 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, Rubio

Commissioners Present Remotely: Hawkins

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
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 August 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the August 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

President Dimopoulos explained that since Commissioner Hawkins is on Zoom all votes will be done as roll call votes today.

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

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Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that the only thing he had to report today is that obviously, they had a lot of rain in the last day or two. They are very fortunate and did extremely well. They got two inches of rain here in the general Hammond area. As they know Chicago area had a lot of trouble. It was a crazy storm, but they faired well. Other than that, he will take any questions from the Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos commented that it seems they have been lucky with the last few storms that they split on them going north and south and they went unscathed, so hopefully that pattern sticks around.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel Report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety Report

No questions or comments.

GIS 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 front of them. Last meeting, he made a comment on number seven the Post-Construction Compliance Monitoring Plan (PCCMP). They met with EPA and IDEM and they were asking about the status of that report. They are working on it with Donohue and are hoping to have it done within the next two to four weeks.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said the Board has a status report from them as well. In addition to what Mike Hickey said about the PCCMP, they set up lab testing as part of that and she wanted to give a shout out to Jeff and his crew because they got that done in about two weeks, so it was turned around very quickly which is a huge help. If there are any questions, she would be happy to answer them.

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RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 27-2022: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing a New Voluntary Retirement Program Through the Year-End 2022.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 27-2022.

Commissioner Rubio asked how many people will take advantage.

Marty answered confirmed so far are about three or four. At the end of the day, there will probably be a total of seven.

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

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-13-22.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-13-22.

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

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

Vice-President Dye asked if they have heard anything from the customer communities on the letter they sent out.

Marty replied they have not. As they have indicated, they are moving forward with the billing based on the cost-of-service study. They have already received their first bill with that. The second bill is getting ready to go out here within the next week, so that will be two bills. He will tell them that they have not received any payments on the first bill, so he will assume the second bill will be the same. Whiting had not gotten billed, but they corrected that problem and they will be getting their bills here fairly quickly. They are trying to set up a meeting with Whiting to hammer out the final details of their agreement. As far as Highland and Griffith, they have received nothing. As of this new bill getting ready to go out which is their second bill, it will also include late charges and interest.

Attorney Allegretti added that actually the negotiating with Highland and Griffith has invoked the dispute resolution process that was contained in their letter of intent. That process includes a meeting that they are having Monday and then each party selects an arbitrator and then the matter continues to be resolved in that fashion. Hopefully it will not be as time consuming as the

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last five-year adventure with these folks. The outcome is always litigation, but they feel very confident in their position.

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

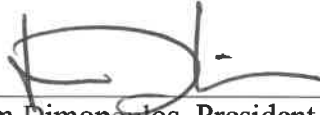
Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio


Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 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