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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 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 4:12 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
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Sharon Szany, HSD
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Dan Zander, HSD
Bob Szczudlo, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the June 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the June 27, 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 they did cover a lot in the executive session. Some of that he needs to save until their next board meeting when they can actually do it in the public part of their board meeting. Other than that, the plant is running good. They did have some backups- Jack went over those in the executive session. You know when you have a heavy rain in

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a very short period of time like we have experienced before and unfortunately this time in the third district, there is not a whole lot they can do about Mother Nature. There just isn't. Everything was running, didn't lose any power, the District was doing what it needed to do, but Mother Nature just didn't want to cooperate for that short period of time. When you get three inches of rain in a very short period of time, it does not matter how big the pipes are, it is just going to be trouble. Anyway, they had a good executive session discussion and they will see how some things pan out, but other than that, he does not have anything else unless there are questions from the board.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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. He did want to report that they are in the home stretch working on the permit with HSD for the CSO outfall that IDEM is requesting, so they will get that out of the way.

DONOHUE

Natalie Cook commented that she would be happy to answer any questions.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 20-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Amending Salaries and Wage Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2023.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 20-2023.

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Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 07-11-23.

Rubio **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 07-11-23.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0-1 (Dimopoulos) abstained.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

Marty stated that he wanted to add and as the Board is well aware, they have had two employees that left and moved on to bigger and better things, so he just wants to compliment Rachel and the staff downstairs. They are picking up those added duties (it is a lot) with one being payroll and the other paying the bills. The employees are doing a great job under some really tough times. Nothing has been disturbed or stopped because of having two people less. They moved forward and already have one individual who will be coming on board soon. He and Rachel interviewed the second individual for the second spot and were pretty impressed. They are going through the system with the City and the job being posted and they are hoping by the next meeting Rachel can announce those two positions have been filled. He just wanted to bring that to the Board's attention.

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 4:17 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President

Michael Dye, Vice-President



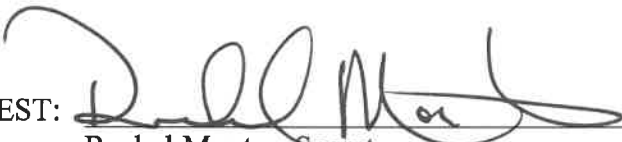
Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Owana Miller, Member



Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle