

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2024  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:21 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 4:21 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

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Rubio

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney  
Jeffrey Massey, HSD  
Dan Zander, HSD  
Sharon Szany, HSD  
Bob Szczudlo, HSD  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD  
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Councilman Alfonso Salinas III, Hammond City Council  
Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: Mike Hickey, MJHY

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos said that before they continue with their business, he would like to introduce their new CEO of the Sanitary District, Milan Kruszynski. He is a very familiar name and person to everyone here. He has been involved in Hammond for over 40 years. He has been a resident of Hammond his entire life. President Dimopoulos commented that he is very excited that he is here to work with us here at the Sanitary District. Welcome.

There is a revised agenda for today's meeting.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the Revised Agenda for January 9, 2024.

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Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business on the agenda is the Election of Officers.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to nominate Sam Dimopoulos as President of the Board for the year 2024.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to nominate Michael Dye as Vice-President of the Board for the year 2024.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to nominate Rachel Montes as Board Secretary for the year 2024.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to nominate Kaleigh Boyle as Assistant Board Secretary for the year 2024.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

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President Dimopoulos stated that the next order of business is the consideration of the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

President Dimopoulos said that since it is Milan's first day, they are going to move past the CEO's report and they will anticipate his report at the next meeting.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

President Dimopoulos said that they did receive two Personnel Reports today.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Reports for November 2023 and December 2023.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she does not have anything to highlight, but will take any questions.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Sewer Maintenance**

No questions or comments.

**Safety**

No questions or comments.

**CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**MJHY, LLC**

Mike Hickey stated that hopefully the Board has a copy of his status report. He will report that he has been coordinating the plan to make the final revisions to the Long-Term Control Plan and the

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FCA with Hammond. Donohue and Max Kelln are working on it and they should have that within the next two-four weeks. That is all he has.

Commissioner Hawkins asked Mike Hickey and said that with Attorney Allegretti listening, he may want to chime in like he does. It has been a long time since they have submitted to their friends in Washington at the EPA and the DOJ regarding the Consent Decree. He asked if there is any expectation when they can come with the final determination.

Mike Hickey asked if the question is about the Consent Decree or the Long-Term Control Plan.

Commissioner Hawkins responded it is the Long-Term Control Plan. They submitted the Consent Decree and with the Long-Term Control Plan they submitted, they never got the final word from them on how much it is going to cost.

Attorney Allegretti explained that the other possibility is based upon an affordability analysis where the time for compliance can be extended. The amount spent or the tasks performed can be modified, but they can get some additional time. Mike Hickey is the best person to ask this.

Mike Hickey added that what they are working on in the next two-four weeks is if they are going to ask for an extension now or later. You only get one chance to ask for an extension, so they will have a meeting with Joe, Max and HSD and figure out when do they ask for the extension and how much do they ask for. You need to do the Financial Capability Analysis (FCA) which shows if you are a high burden community, it is easier to get the extension. They could not start the FCA until they had the agreements with Highland and Griffith and they just got the agreement with Griffith in December. Now, they can start getting the ball rolling and start answering all of these questions.

Commissioner Hawkins clarified that the time extension will be they have x amount of time to complete everything from a few years back, so there will be an extension of time from that.

Mike Hickey explained that right now the Consent Decree says that everything has to be completed by March 1, 2035, so the idea is that they would add years to that date.

**DONOHUE**

Natalie Cook stated the Board has a status report from her as well. In addition to supporting work on the Long-Term Control Plan that Mike Hickey mentioned, they also submitted in the last couple weeks the preliminary layout and preliminary basis of design report for the CMDF facility. If you have any questions about that or anything else, let her know.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 01-09-24.**

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 01-09-24.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

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Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

**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**

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

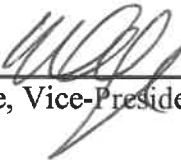
Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call vote taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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Michael Dye, Vice-President

  
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Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

  
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Owana Miller, Member

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Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST:

  
Rachel Montes, Secretary  
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle