

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:10 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 4:10 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  
Michael Sims, Munster Resident

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue

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

Rubio **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the September 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

President Dimopoulos said that they did have a Personnel Report submitted to them during the executive session.

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

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 the Board knows, they have had a busy week last week which has carried on to this week. Mayor spoke at City Council last night as he talked about in the Storm Water meeting. He will be speaking tonight on behalf of the Sanitary District to a group over at the Mohawks Club. It is all about the different programs here, specifically the backflow preventer valve. Then, he is going to spend some time talking about what happened in this last rainfall. Other than that, he has nothing to add to that, but will entertain any questions from the Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos commented that when he does talk to them about the backflow preventer- he heard this last night during the City Council meeting. People need to understand that when the backflow preventer is activated, they cannot use their sewer system within their house. They need to understand that because there were a couple comments made last night and they did not understand what happens when the backflow is engaged. That is just something to bring up during tonight's meeting, so everyone is aware of that.

Vice-President Dye said that he does not think that is being explained when the contractors are installing it.

President Dimopoulos added that the people he knows who have valves, they go through and in their bathrooms, they put a piece of tape over the toilet and a sign saying backflow in use, so that everybody in the household knows they have a system in place. They know when it is open or when it is closed, what they can and cannot do. People need to understand that.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**MJHY**

Mike Hickey said that HSD has applied for a construction permit for the disinfection system across the street to IDEM. There has been a series of questions back and forth and work with Donohue. HRC and HSD. They have answered the questions and it is back in IDEM's court, so hoping to get that wrapped up this week.

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**Donohue**

Natalie Cook commented that she does not have a report for them today, but she can note that they are wrapping up the first phase of the CMDF project and that should be coming to Jeff on Monday.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 24-2023: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana for Engineering Assistance in the Preparation of a Post-Construction Compliance Monitoring Plan (PCCMP) Report.**

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 24-2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0

**The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated August 31, 2023.**

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated August 31, 2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-26-23.**

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-26-23.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

Marty said that one thing does come to mind since the Mayor brought it up last night in his report to City Council. They did meet (he, Attorney Allegretti, members of staff and the Mayor) with Johnson Controls last week. It was a very good meeting and the Mayor is excited about the project. It was kind of an introductory meeting and to catch him up to speed with where they are currently with Johnson Controls. He can tell them it is moving very quickly in the right direction.

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**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**

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President



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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:



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Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle