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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2023
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:02 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 4:02 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: Natalie Cook, Donohue
Ken Schoon, Town of Munster

Others Present via Zoom: Mike Hickey, MJHY

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

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 he does not have much to report on today. The weather has been mild. It is warm today with rain coming for the next five days, so they will be on their toes and watching that with Mr. Massey and Dan Zander. The Plant is running well. Closing out towards the end of the year. Budgetary wise, they are doing really good for what they had planned with the budget. Everything is really coming together. As the Board can see, they are making some interior improvements. Updates cosmetically to the interior of the building. These are the new panels that were put up just last week compared to the old ones that were taken down to be reupholstered. He thinks the upholsterer has done a great job.

Commissioner Rubio commented that the color is a little darker.

Marty replied that they are a little darker. They are then going to change the carpet and take the wallpaper down and paint the wall, which will be the last two tasks done after the panels are finished. The whole room will have a different look. He is very happy with the progress so far. Once again, they are winding down with it being the fourth quarter (October almost over) and just November and December. They had one new hire come in. They are very excited about that person. He is doing very well. They normally do not hire in the fourth quarter because things- there are people taking vacations and a lot of other things, but they were behind the eight-ball and they had some positions that they needed to fill, so they did do that. They have a couple more between Sewer and Sanitary that they are looking to fill, and they will fill those before the end of the year. Once again, he is very happy about this last hire. That person seems to be doing really well, so they are excited about that. Other than that, he has nothing to report, but would be happy to entertain any questions from the Commissioners.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 10-24-23.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 10-24-23.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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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


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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

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Sam Dimopoulos, President




Michael Dye, Vice-President




Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Owana Miller, Member



Monica Rubio, Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle