

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Rubio

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
Sharon Szany, HSD
Bob Szczudlo, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Michael Hickey, MJHY
Ken Schoon, Munster Town Council

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos commented that one of their Commissioners (Rubio) is present remotely. She is joining via Zoom, so they will be having roll call votes on all items today.

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

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **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, Marty Wielgos, said that he knows President Dimopoulos acknowledged that Commissioner Rubio is present via Zoom, but he thinks they need to do a roll call for everybody who is here. He thinks because Commissioner Rubio is on Zoom they need to allow two things to happen. One, he has already recognized Commissioner Rubio on Zoom, so he thinks they need to acknowledge the Commissioners who are here.

President Dimopoulos had Commissioners who are present say here when taking a roll call of attendees.

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, pointed out that the agenda should have read October 24, 2023 for the board meeting minutes.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the amended meeting minutes as October 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

- Board meeting minutes did have correct date, so there was no amendment or change made on documents to be signed. Agenda was only item that had incorrect date of October 10, 2023.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Wielgos, stated that he does not have much to report today other than the fact that as they get close to the end of the year, things kind of slow down. Obviously, with the fabulous weather they are having, the Plant is running really well and it is giving them more time to do some outside work because of taking advantage of the warm weather. Other than that, things are good. They have one employee (position) they are looking to fill in the Sewer Department that he talked to Jack about today. They are going to put a bid out to see if they can find the right person for that position. Other than that, things are going really well. Rachel is going to be gone next month. She is having a surgery done, so that is the other reason why they needed to bring Kaleigh up to speed on a variety of things. She will be remote from home, so it is not like they will not have contact with her. Timing on doing what they did with Kaleigh was once again the perfect time to do that. He will entertain any questions from the Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Maintenance

President Dimopoulos commented that they received a copy of Jack's report. It was very thorough. Excellent.

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Safety

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY, LLC

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his report. The only thing that he wants to say is that the Quarterly Consent Decree status report was submitted on time- November 9th.

DONOHUE

Natalie Cook stated that the Board has a report from her as well. The only thing she wants to highlight is the CMDF preliminary design. They submitted some preliminary drawings to Jeff last month. They are continuing work on that. They have had a lot of delays based on determining site conditions and findings which has been slowing them down, but otherwise they are keep on keeping on.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 11-14-23.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 11-14-23.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

President Dimopoulos called for New Business

The Board considered Resolution No. 27-2023: RE: A Resolution Authorizing the Sanitary District of the City of Hammond, Indiana to Make Temporary Loans to Meet Current Running Expenses for the Use of the Debt Service Fund of the Issuer, in Anticipation of and Not in Excess of Current Taxes Levied in the Year 2023, and Collectable in the Year 2024; Authorizing the Issuance of Temporary Loan Tax Anticipation Warrants to Evidence Such Loans and the Sale of Such Warrants; and Appropriating and Pledging the Taxes to be Received in Such Fund to the Punctual Payment of Such Warrants Including the Interest Thereon.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve Resolution No. 27-2023.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Hawkins wanted to add and said that the people can probably notice it that are looking online, the room is looking completely different. It is looking much brighter now with the painted background instead of the wallpaper in here and the lobby. It is looking a lot better. It really looks nice. Thank you, Marty.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

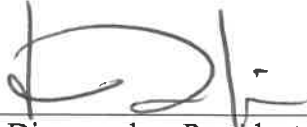
Dye moved and Hawkins seconded for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 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