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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:00 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 4:00 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, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: Miller

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

Others Present: Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: Mike Hickey, MJHY

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos commented that they are working off of a Revised Agenda for today's meeting that they received prior to the meeting.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the February 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the February 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that the Plant has no issues. Secondly, they are going to be looking at changing the billing rates for the Sewer Department's vacator truck and televising truck and those types of pieces of equipment that they put out into the field that have to go out and do repairs after plumbing contractors mess up the City and their connections. There has been no change in any of these billing rates since 1999. We know costs and prices have gone up.

Vice-President Dye asked that if this is when a plumbing contractor messes up a connection with the City, they have to send our guys out to investigate.

Milan answered yes. They have to investigate, vacuum out a sewer line, televise to do whatever it is going to take. There will be some other technical changes as well as far as how the connections go. That is all things they are going to update over the next month. One more thing, they talked to the Board about Donohue coming out a couple weeks ago to do an assessment on the primary tank area. They did that. Basically, the grading and surrounding items and there are some safety issues which Jeff and his staff took care of right away. In addition to the grading and other items evaluated, Sanitary District has performed various safety measures to protect personnel from having another injury like they had out there earlier this year. They basically chained off and blocked off some of the walkways that are at risk and installed additional railings. There is a whole list of recommendations, so he will make sure the Board gets a copy of that at the next meeting so they can look at that. Just wanted to give a quick update and a rough look at what is going on.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board did receive a Personnel Report today.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report dated February 27, 2024.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 02-27-24.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 02-27-24.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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President Dimopoulos asked to hear from their consultants.

MJHY

Mike Hickey said that the last few weeks they have been working on the schedule for the Financial Capability Analysis and coordinating all of the things that need to be done with the different groups, so that is the main activity for the last few weeks.

Donohue

Natalie Cook stated that they have been working with Mike Hickey on the FCA and updating the Long-Term Control Plan. They are also working on the preliminary engineering report for the CMDF facility.

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

Commissioner Rubio said that on Sunday she will be taking the Polar Plunge and jumping in Lake Michigan for Special Olympics. She said it is supposed to be 70, but the water will still be very cold.

Milan added that the water is 38 degrees.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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

ATTEST: _____
Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

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