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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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, Miller

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Rubio

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

Others Present: Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the September 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the September 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report that in maintenance, the Kennedy Avenue project is moving along. Phase one of the pull has been done- from the station to the west, so there is still one more pull to go. That is hopefully going to happen in the next two to three days. Right now, the crews are cleaning stations (sump pits, especially) at Southside and

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Dyer Road. Also, they are nursing along the Cal-Munster rake until they can get that replaced. At tertiary, they are cleaning out the drains.

Milan said the Sewer Department reported as of October 11th, 4.23 miles have been cleaned in October. The total for the year is 109.12 miles. Elite Pipeline will be out to chemical grout the joints. This is going to be at Calumet and 142nd. They came into town this afternoon and with the weather, tomorrow they will be doing the install of some 18-inch ultra violet cured pipe that needs to be placed inside of the pipe.

Milan stated in IT, Jessie is Bob today, well this week reports that on the 22nd, they are going to be updating the Lucidity program which helps Jack out keeping things straight in the Sewer Department. Matt in Safety reports that forklift training will now be on October 25th- it is a Friday, so that is going to happen. The hard hats have also been received and are going to be handed out to the various departments. Rachel from finance reported that later this afternoon/evening, they are going to go to City Hall, talk to them in caucus and then be there for the City Council meeting. They have their first and second readings today for the Sewer Department budget. Lastly, Jeff in operations reports that the plant is running just fine even though it has rained. There has been anywhere from 6/10 to 8/10 of an inch and there are no issues. He also wanted us to know that the lab passed certification. EPA sends different chemicals our way and has the lab do analyses on them and we passed. The lab is certified for another year.

Vice-President Dye asked if this is a silent test or does the lab know when it is coming down the pipe.

Jeff answered that you have to register to get into the test, but you do not know what the results are. Everyone who is certified under the NPDES program has to take this test and they collect all the data and you see where you qualify as analyses and the lab did really well. As they typically do.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Maintenance

No questions or comments.

Safety

No questions or comments.

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CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey was not in attendance today, but did submit a status report.

Donohue

Natalie Cook from Donohue stated that she did submit a status report. She did want to add that they got the property legal descriptions submitted yesterday and today, so those are all taken care of now.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 21-2024: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the 2024 Survey and Geotechnical Services for Property Acquisition.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 21-2024.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 10-15-24.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 10-15-24.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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.

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President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

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

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