

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2025  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:01 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 4:01 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, Rubio

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Hawkins

Commissioners Absent: Miller

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, HSD  
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Jeffrey Massey, HSD  
Sharon Szany, HSD  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD  
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

District Personnel Present via Zoom: N/A

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue  
Paul Lee, Impact Networking

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that roll call votes will be taken on all items today since Commissioner Hawkins is attending via Zoom.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the February 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the February 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

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**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report that in IT they are getting ready to look at signing an agreement. They are also continuing to work with Tyler to continue the conversion and dealing with the inventory.

Jack in Sewer reports to him that there are some issues at 173<sup>rd</sup> Place and 174<sup>th</sup>. They had to take the cutter in and do some cutting. He also wanted to report that since the weather has been pretty tough in February that only 3.5 miles of sewers were cleaned as of today's date. The vactors were down for ten days due to the weather. He also wanted to make sure everyone knows there are only 19 working days in February. Milan said it is all okay and weather related. Vactor #6 was down for repairs in the month of February. The Sewer Department is going to receive two Ford Rangers from the City. They are 2011 trucks that are just used to transport folks between here and the west end.

Dan in Maintenance reports that we are going to experience at some point issues with our land application- the biosolids. It is going to be a challenge. We need to go back and talk to the additional farms that are permitted and try to get them to look at accepting our biosolids again, so we are going to be in the process of doing that. There is a number of farms that are permitted and we need to make sure we get that taken care of.

Matt in Safety said that the Hammond Fire Department released information that they are going to talk to us next week to give us the dates for the CPR and AED training. Matt is also going to get in touch with them to talk about additional hazmat training that is going to be under discussion. If you look at the packet of information on your desk, you will see that we are just going to go to electronic versions of our board packets. It is time to do that.

Rachel in Finance reports that she and Kaleigh are finishing up all the Gateway information. They are going to do one final check and then be able to submit that and then go back to working on their accrual system.

Jeff stated that the plant influent is pretty cold because it has been cold and the plant does not like it that cold. It has been working and doing well, but it still does not like it that cold. #5 mix tank is getting repaired. Jeff has done a bunch of end-of-year reports with one more to go for Pretreatment. Soon, he is going to have to do the risk management plan and then work with Matt to have a safety component involved in that.

Milan concluded that is it for the District Manager's report.

There were no questions or comments for Milan.

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**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was a personnel report passed out to the Board today.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

**CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**MJHY**

Mike Hickey stated that he got a couple of assignments today from HSD, so he is going to dig into them and will give a report at the next board meeting.

**Donohue**

Natalie Cook from Donohue stated that at Jeff's direction they have started moving on the CSO Annual Notice that gets posted on the HSD website. That is it for right now.

**The Board considered the Revised Claims Approval Docket 05-28-24.**

Rubio **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Revised Claims Approval Docket 05-28-24.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

**The Board considered the Revised Claims Approval Docket 02-11-25.**

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Revised Claims Approval Docket 02-11-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

**The Board considered the Revised Claims Approval Docket 02-25-25.**

Vice-President Dye asked if the claim docket from today is also revised.

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, answered that this claim docket is also revised because they added a claim for Murphy Pipeline (PO #25-5059) was added.

Vice-President Dye said that their agenda does not show it as a Revised Claim Docket.

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President Dimopoulos said that there is a Revised Agenda for today's meeting.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Revised Claims Approval Docket 02-25-25 adding PO #25-5059.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

Vice-President Dye asked if they need a motion to accept the Revised Agenda. They have done that in the past.

Attorney Allegretti said he supposes. It would not hurt.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to accept the Revised Agenda presented to the Board for today's meeting.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

**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 commented that she is doing the Polar Plunge on Sunday. She sent everybody her link. She is very close to meeting her \$3,000 goal, so if you could donate and support her, she would appreciate it. Again, this Sunday at 10 am she will be jumping into Lake Michigan.

**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**

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle