

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 11, 2025
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 3:59 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 3:59 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
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Sharon Szany, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

District Personnel Present via Zoom: N/A

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: Maxen Yuzon

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the February 25, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the February 25, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report first from the plant. They had some pretty good rain last week. They did fill the basin and it is slowly draining. It should be down and drained hopefully sometime tomorrow. They will then be able to get in there and clean it out. Fingers crossed. They are supposed to get some more rain towards the end of the week, so they will see how that pans out. Jeff also reports that he is finishing up the Risk Management Plan and that should be done and able to be submitted next week.

Bob from IT said that the switch to Marathon is going well. He is doing some cloud backups, server backups and everything should be switched over by Friday. They are in the process of doing that.

In Personnel, Sharon says that they will be doing interviews for the two operator positions that are open. The interviews should begin next week on Monday. Right now, they have six applicants- two are from internal bids. She will be attending the career expo for all the Hammond schools this Thursday. It is going to be at Franklin Elementary in Robertsedale. This is where kids will learn a little bit about our sanitary district and they will get maybe a pencil, emoji and a book about the Sanitary District.

Vice-President Dye asked if these are the famous emojis that we have in the board room.

Milan and Sharon both responded yes. Sharon added we also have little toilets too.

Milan said he will make sure they all get one for the next board meeting. They are not used. He would also like to note with Personnel that one more person signed up for FMLA.

Dan from Maintenance reports that the Southeast Hessville sump is being cleaned and will be televised hopefully tomorrow. New metal stairs have been installed at the Hohman Avenue storm station. Primary tank #9 they are installing new parts and pieces. They are also reviewing the lightning protection proposals and plan for the gas ball and the digesters. Per our insurance inspection that we had done earlier this year, they recommended that we do some lightning protection, so we are beginning that process for them. Also, chlorine building is getting some definitely needed upgrades and the piping is getting wrapped up and we all know that come April, the chlorine system needs to be up and operational, so that is happening as well.

Rachel in Finance told them that she submitted everything to Gateway. They are finishing up on capital assets.

Rachel responded they are finishing up on accruals and then will be moving on to capital assets.

Matt in Safety said that tentatively the Hammond Fire Department has chosen April 2nd and 3rd to do AED and CPR training for many of us here at the District. It is going to be District-wide, so that will be done as well. Milan concluded that is the District Manager's report.

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Vice-President Dye had a question for Jeff Massey in regard to the generator maintenance. He asked, going into the storm season, if we have had any feedback from the Munster side. He knows we had some issues.

Jeff answered we have not. Our generators are on a schedule.

Vice-President Dye asked Jeff if he would follow up with Munster on that.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Maintenance

No questions or comments.

Safety

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. The main thing they did in February was the CD (Consent Decree) status report. They coordinated that and made sure it got out on time.

Donohue

Natalie Cook from Donohue stated that the Board has a status report from her as well and she does not have anything specific to highlight on it.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 03-11-25.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 03-11-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

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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

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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