

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 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 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, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Dye

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
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
Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: Umang Patel
Paulie, Impact Networking

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the January 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the January 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

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District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report that in Sewer Department, Jack Smith is on vacation. He said that the annual report has been completed and the rule 13 has also been completed and was given to Jeff.

In Safety, there are no updates. They do not have a date yet for the AED and CPR training. They are hoping to get those in the next couple of days from the Hammond Fire Department.

In Finance, Rachel reports that in the packet today, the O&M expenditure plan is on the agenda for passage as well as the wages and salaries.

In the plant, Jeff said that it is operating really well. We are dealing with some solids from the last rain and are making sure that those solids are getting to the farmers. Jeff has been working on all the year-end reports, and he anticipates all those being completed within the next couple weeks and they are anticipating getting ready for the snow that is going to take place in the next week.

Sharon has a Personnel report for the Board today. She also says that a lot of folks are looking at FMLA and requests.

In IT, Bob sent Tyler reports as requested.

In Maintenance, Dan reports that again they are hauling the biosolids to the farms. They are also putting in some new stairs at the Hohman storm station. Also, primary tank #9 is going to be doing some new gears and additional work out there. At Southeast Hessville, they will be cleaning out the grit and doing a pump out and inspection. He would also like to report (going backwards in time a little bit) that the Kennedy Avenue force main follow up. Retainage has not been released. A contractor owes us a piece of equipment- an adapter- and once that is received, they will make sure that the retainage is released. They are waiting on that to happen.

Milan concluded that is the District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, stated that she had nothing to highlight, but would take any questions.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Maintenance

No questions or comments.

Safety

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that with the help of HSD, Donohue and Max Kelln, they submitted the consent decree status report on time last Friday.

Donohue

Natalie Cook from Donohue stated that she did not have anything to report.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 1-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Adopting the 2025 Expenditure Plan for the Operation & Maintenance Fund (6201) in the Amount of \$28,772,775.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 1-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 2-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Amending Salaries and Wage Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2025.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 2-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

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

Commissioner Rubio commented that she is participating in the polar plunge again this year so, if you could support her in that charity event for the Special Olympics. She will be plunging into Lake Michigan on Sunday, March 2nd. She said last year it was like 70 degrees outside, and the water was not that bad, but who knows with all the snow coming this year. She said her wave with Old National is at 11:45 am and their goal is to raise \$240,000 and have 220 plungers from their team.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 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