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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 29, 2025
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:00 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, Miller

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Hawkins, Rubio (late)

Commissioners Absent: Dye,

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Sharon Szany, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Robert Szczudlo, HSD

District Personnel Present via Zoom: N/A

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos explained they will be taking roll call votes on all items today since Commissioner Hawkins is attending via Zoom. Commissioner Rubio is also supposed to get on Zoom, so they will start now with the three commissioners.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the April 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the April 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 3-0. Roll call votes taken.

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Commissioner Rubio joined the meeting via Zoom. President Dimopoulos questioned if they needed to vote again on the board minutes. Attorney Allegretti answered that is not necessary. She will just vote on any items moving forward.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report starting with IT. Bob has been working with a consultant to go over our phone bills and they are going to continue to do that. He is also doing some work with Tyler dealing with the fixed assets, MP2 equipment. Again, working with Tyler and discussing with Tyler and the financial folks downstairs. He is also going to be working on an inventory template with Tyler (the company we are converting with) regarding the Tool Room and the electricians.

Sewer Department reports that so far in April they have cleaned 13.5 miles of sewers. There is a possible cave-in on 200 Block of Russell Street. They are going to televise that tomorrow morning and if there needs to be a repair done, they will take care of that in-house.

Safety, Matt informed them that the Hammond Fire Department is coming here three days in a row (May 20-22nd) to do in-plant training, take some tours and understand what we deal with here that might involve them. They are also putting a big emphasis this spring that staff in the plant as they are walking around and working the plant, that they are wearing their hard hats.

In operations, Jeff is telling them that they are in the process of cleaning the basin and they want to do that as fast as they possibly can before the next rain which looks like it is going to be next Thursday. There was a Pretreatment audit done by IDEM and there were no issues, and they made one recommendation that they will address shortly. He congratulated Jeff on the good job done with Pretreatment. He had a new inspector from IDEM, so she was doing a little training with us as well.

Milan said our north road is going to be closed for a couple of days here because Nipsco is doing some pole replacement. It is not any equipment of ours or poles of ours, but they need to be on our property doing that pole replacement. That is going to happen on our north road.

Jeff went through priority pollutants with his group also and everything came out just fine. The semi-annual biomonitoring went well also. A lot of good things happening and good reports are coming out.

In maintenance, they are hauling biosolids out to the farms. This will be the last round until after the wheat harvest. They are also doing the cleaning of the basin. There is a mixer in the digester that needs to be replaced. They are going to be pulling a DWP at the Southeast Hessville station next week. Staff is going around mowing the stations. They are working on the #4 sanitary pump at the Robertsedale station. They are also working on #9 primary tank and finishing that up and working on the primary tank handrails. Nipsco is going to be changing a transformer at the

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Forsythe Park station next week. Also, at the Robertsdale station, they are going to be working on the storm side knives, gates and check valves. Over at Kennedy Avenue, they are cleaning the sumps of both the storm and sanitary sides. The last thing going on in maintenance is that they are going to be cleaning the clarifier of algae.

Milan said that concludes his District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

No Personnel report today.

Sharon stated that they are looking into a new employee assistance program to match the City. By next meeting, they will have changed.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey said that the quarterly consent decree report is due next Friday (May 9th) and they are working on that with Max Kelln and Donohue and will make sure it gets out in time.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said that she does not have anything to report on.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 04-29-25.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 04-29-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, 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

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 Rubio **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 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