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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 13, 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, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Miller

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

District Personnel Present via Zoom: N/A

Others Present: Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the April 29, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the April 29, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

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 from IT that AT&T are going to be here. They are going to be helping Bob work on the fire alarm that is in the elevator and get that taken care of. There are also going to be some people working on the level sensor at Kennedy Avenue tomorrow. A company we have used before to save some money on phone bills (Spyglass) is going to review our phone bills for the last three years to make sure we are paying what we should be paying. If they recover, they make a few bucks and we get some dollars back too. It is always good to do a review.

Jack in the Sewer Department informed him that they have cleaned 6.36 miles so far this month. There is a vactor truck that is down- it has a water tank that has been punctured, so they are getting quotes to get that repaired.

Personnel is working on a lot of FMLA cases and also working on paperwork that Rachel sent from the Tyler Conference in Texas. Rachel, Kaleigh and Jessie are down at the conference.

Safety, Matt is reporting that on May 21st and the 22nd that it is locked in with the Fire Department unless they have something crazy happen for a morning training session and an afternoon training session from the different fire stations to come out to the District to take tours and see everything we have and how they would be able to respond to any incidences out here. All three shifts from a number of different stations will be coming out here.

Dan reports that in maintenance, the basin was cleaned for the last two days. All of the solids have been removed, so that should help with a lot of the odors that have been emanating from the basin.

Vice-President Dye asked about fan that was moved out there.

Milan thanked him for noticing and said that fan was moved on purpose because there was more of an odor there than there was in the plant. Jeff had that moved about a week ago. The debris from basin is going to the landfill so it is not sticking around here at all. It needs to go away. At DAF, a sludge pump is tripping out, primary tank #9 is waiting for a final inspection and then it will be put back into service. Primary tank #4- the actuator valve is not closing, so that needs to be addressed. Dewatering press #3- they need to change the belt and also the #2 wash box seals are leaking, so that will need to be addressed. Blower #3 is tripping out and it is the second time this has happened so Jeff and Dan are working on that. At the Cal-Munster station, they are going to demo the old chains on the rakes and install new stainless-steel chains. At Robertsdale pump station, the sanitary pump #4 needs to have a shim plate installed. Right here at Headworks, it says that the south 20 packing is leaking. Robertsdale, also, they need to change out the #1 and #2 check valves. The staff is mowing at all of the stations because grass is growing faster than we can cut it. We just cut the front grass last Thursday and it is back again. It is just what happens. Tomorrow at Forsythe Park, they are going to be switching out the

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transformers- Nipsco will be doing that. Within the plant, staff are going to be cleaning tunnels and buildings.

In operations, Jeff reports that the plant is doing pretty well. We are going to be inspecting the force main under the river. We need to start draining that first so that will start tomorrow and hopefully inspect by Friday. The new chlorine system is going through a shakedown mode. It is working but just needs to be tweaked a little bit and then that will be good for the rest of the season. We do have one job opening in operations so they will be reinterviewing some folks that they interviewed about two months ago. We will begin to make class A biosolids again because the “airplane hangar” in the back where the stuff is located, all of the class A is gone from there so that will start.

Milan concluded that is the District Manager’s report.

There were no questions, but Vice-President Dye thanked him for his very detailed report.

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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety

No questions or comments.

Sewer Department

Jack Smith said that Sewer Department is running great.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey was not in attendance.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said that she will report on behalf of both Donohue and Mike Hickey that they did submit the quarterly consent decree report at the end of last week.

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RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 7-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Purchasing Agents of the District to Make Advance Payments on Contracts for Public Works Projects, Goods and Services.

Rubio **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 7-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

Vice-President Dye noted that they have a revised agenda.

President Dimopoulos thanked him and said that he was not aware, but that they are working off of a revised agenda that was submitted today.

The Board considered Resolution No. 8-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of a Release and Termination of Easement on Property Located at or Near Property at or Near 165th Street and Indianapolis Blvd.

The Board joked that the spellcheckers are gone on their trip with the way the resolution was written.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 8-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated March 31, 2025.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated March 31, 2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-13-25.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-13-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, 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

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, 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

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