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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 10, 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, Hawkins, Miller

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Rubio

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Sharon Szany, HSD
Jack Smith, HSD
Robert Szczudlo, 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: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the May 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the May 27, 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 on IT. Bob said that he is looking at dewatering camera locations. He is also in the process of getting new proposals (quotes) on our managed printer services. That is taking place and going well. He thanked Bob.

Next, Milan said Jack from Sewer reports that they cleaned 13.4 miles in May. There is also an emergency repair being done in the 4400 block of White Oak. There is a sanitary main collapse, so they are out helping to assist with that. There are a lot of moving parts in this. One specifically being Buckeye Pipeline. BP also has a line in there and many Hammond water lines. It is complicated. In the next couple weeks. Sewer Department will be going out and cleaning the Pavillion and splash pad area for the Festival of the Lakes.

In finance, Rachel reports that she is in the middle of the state audit. They are working on capital assets and will be done with the documents for adjustments hopefully in the middle of next week. Also, Kaleigh and Rachel are working on the utility billing module in Tyler. Tyler told him they would like us to go live in August for parts of finance.

In maintenance, Dan reported that the power building is scheduling a shutdown for the #3 blower and that needs to be done soon. They began hauling out biosolids to the landfill because the farmers are done taking the biosolids until the wheat season is done growing which is sometime in July. It needs to get to a landfill and that is where it is going. They are also hauling screenings and grit to the landfill. They cleaned the basin a couple weeks ago, but they are going to need to go back in by the end of the week before it rains again and clean the basin out and get that hauled to a landfill. Jeff and Dan are going to assess tomorrow and maybe start hauling out on Thursday. The east rakes at Robertsedale pump station have broken off- part of them have broken off and crashed to the bottom of the sump pit so they are assessing that damage. Staff has gone out and are mowing all of the pump stations- there are close to 40 of those so they are out doing the mowing there. They are going to be cleaning the sump at Kennedy Avenue on the storm side. That should be either completed today or tomorrow. At DAF, they are replacing the grading and beams and are going to be doing some cleaning of the tanks in that area as well. At dewatering, they are working on belt presses. There are some alignments and adjustments that need to be done and some belt tension that also needs to be done. Primary tank #9 is in service after inspection.

In Personnel and Safety, there are reports from both of those in the Board's packet.

Jeff reports in operations that the plant is operating well with the little bit of rain that was received within the last week. Tomorrow, there is going to be a new operator introduced to the Mayor. If the Board remembers, a few months ago they had two new ones and one lasted a day, so hopefully this operator will last a little bit longer. That will happen tomorrow and will hopefully be able to join us working full-time on Thursday.

Vice-President Dye asked if the vactor truck has been fixed.

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Milan answered partially. It is in service. It will go back out of service once the new tank arrives. It is patched for now. That is the District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel report for this meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety

No questions or comments.

Sewer Department

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey said the Board should have a copy of his status report. He will just comment on the PCCMP for disinfection. They worked with Donohue to help Max respond to IDEM. They had a meeting with IDEM back in May and are working on a response. They will get that to HSD as soon as they can.

Donohue

Natalie Cook jokingly asked if her official report could be what Mike Hickey said.

No questions or comments for either consultant.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 9-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamster Local Union No. 142.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 9-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2025.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 06-10-25.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 06-10-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

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