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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 15, 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, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: N/A

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

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue
Phillip Pierce, Munster Public Works

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 June 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the June 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that it is pretty hot outside. He said that it is Festival of the Lakes week, so it is going to be hot and rainy. He is going to give some of the staff reports. Starting with IT, Bob has been working with Austgen Electric over at Tertiary and the SCADA system. This is new to the operators. The operators and Jeff had a little look at it and they all like what they see, so they are going to continue on that course. They had talked about some of the pump stations- Sohl, Kennedy and Robertsedale- that have antiquated dial-up systems with their computers and talking back to the SCADA system at the plant. The antennas are up at the stations, so that is good news. Hopefully soon Bob can have cell service. Bob is also in the process of looking at our manage to print services and they are talking to a few different groups to help with that and renegotiate to get better rates. He appreciates what Bob is doing to help them save some money.

Jack from Sewer Department reports that in July so far they have cleaned 6.01 miles. They did a main repair at 5514 Claude- a 10 foot repair that was done on July 9th. There is a request from the City Engineer, Dean Button, to look at Clark Field at 2204 Stanton- one of the contractors hit a lateral line, so they televised that sanitary main for the City and Jack's purpose with the sewers. His crew has also been cleaning up the area (the sewers) in and around the festival. All of the vactors are on standby for when it rains this week.

Sharon from Personnel has issued her report. She wanted to highlight she is working on FMLA with some folks. The next bit of business that she is working on is the National Night Out which is coming up.

Jeff in Operations said the plant is running well. We really need to get biosolids to the farmer's fields because it is very costly sending them to the landfill. Today, they cleaned the bottom of the CSO basin of some debris. That is in good order. IDEM was on-site today and did an inspection through the plant. Just showing up, took a look around and walked around, said hi to everybody and they are in good shape.

Vice-President Dye asked if that is a normal thing for them to show up. He asked if it usually once a year or whenever.

Milan answered they can show up anytime. They do a lot of phone calls to Jeff if they see something odd or strange, but they can show up because they have rights of entry. Jeff is usually on his own, so it was good for him to be there as well. Jeff continues to meet with contractors on long-term in-plant project goals.

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Dan in Maintenance let him know that they are hauling grit to the landfills. Dewatering is changing belts on the #3 belt press. They are prepping Robertsdale for knife gate change out. They are doing a lot of summer plant cleaning and cleaning of the stations. In Robertsdale, they repaired some sanitary rakes- the chains and bearings. They continue to do mowing and trimming around all of the stations and here at the plant.

Financially, other than what was in Rachel's report, she is getting caught up with a lot of different things. They are still in the audit phase and audit requests have come in from the auditor. Both Rachel and Megan are answering those. They are working on a template with Tyler and are going to have a meeting hopefully later this week and requesting training that is going to be meeting our needs, not necessarily what they want to see, but what we need.

Lastly, Matt reports and if you have any questions, please ask him. Letters were sent to the contractors regarding AED training and will be getting all that paperwork back in by September 15th. Master Fire is performing their annual fire extinguisher service inspection next Tuesday, July 22nd. Powers Health has new instructions for after-hours emergency care in case anybody gets injured or hurt. With that being said, and he hates to announce it, but you have to, we have gone one full year without any safety incidents or reportables. Lastly, Cintas day for all employees with rental uniforms is Wednesday, July 30th. A flier is going to go out to all of the operations and maintenance employees in their next paycheck.

Vice-President Dye asked if the fire extinguisher inspection also does the pressure suppression test for the sprinkler or is that done by somebody else.

Matt answered that is done separately.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety

No questions or comments.

Sewer Department

No questions or comments.

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CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey said that the Board should have a copy of his report. He would like to expand a little on item three- the PCCMP for Disinfection. Last Monday, July 7th Hammond met with EPA and IDEM via teleconference to discuss the need to disinfect the basin- outfall 002. As a result of that, they are asking for a letter stating our case why we do not want to disinfect. Max and his crew are preparing that letter. When they are done, Donohue, he and HSD will review it and if it is okay, send it out. He gave a report on this previously and wanted them to know it is moving along.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said that she would say Mike Hickey took the wind out of her sails, but he probably said it better than she could have.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 10-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$876,771 for the 2nd Quarter of 2025 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (6201) to the Replacement Fund (6206).

Rubio **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 10-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 07-15-25.

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 07-15-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 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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