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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2025
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 3:59 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 3:59 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
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Sharon Szany, HSD
Jack Smith, HSD
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, 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 August 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the August 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would first like to report from the Sewer Department. Total miles cleaned this month as of 8/25/25 (which was yesterday) is 7.56 miles bringing the total to of the year to 82.36 miles. There was an emergency main repair at 4905 Cedar Avenue- there is 37 feet of 18-inch pipe that needed to be repaired. We had a heavy rain event, as we talked about earlier, and the total number of calls for reported basement backups was 216. Of those 216 calls, there were 197 confirmed basement backups. 86 of those homes are

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in Robertsdale. 19 refused basement inspections or no answer at the door. There were 22 reported street floodings and 26 covers were blown off the storm sewers. All covers were placed back on the sewers.

Vice-President Dye asked of the confirmed basement backups, how many were repeat- have already had confirmed backup from previous rain events.

Jack answered 97.

Milan said he was going to move to the IT's department punch list. Fire alarm communication which they talked about a few meetings ago has been ordered and they are waiting on scheduling. We are still waiting for AT&T to cut over to the new fiber circuit. They are also working on the noise issue with Verizon network. They are working out some programming bugs in the new SCADA platform. They are waiting on scheduling to install cameras in the Dewatering building. Lastly, congratulations to Jessie and Nayeli on the birth of their son Amir Gael Amezcua. He was born 8/23/25 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces and 20 inches in length.

The board congratulated Jessie on the birth of his son. Vice-President said there goes his sleep.

Milan stated he was going to move on to Safety. Matt is not here today because he is picking his son up from the sitter. Matt said that he did provide several operators with new boot tickets. These operators had their existing boots destroyed during the storm. A reminder that hard hats and safety glasses are required on all HSD premises. He is going to let Matt know that he needs to be a leader in that and wear his hat around here too. He is going to lead by example.

Milan went on to the Maintenance report. Robertsdale 24-inch force main break that happened between Saturday night and Sunday morning last week. Two Sundays ago. A lot of us were out there. It had to be dug out and then we got all the rain on Monday night to Tuesday, so the hole kept filling in with water. It took an extra 2/12- 3 days to get out all the water out to get to the main pipe to cut and repair it. As of this afternoon, the total repair is done as far as the street being open, paved, striping. They are going to do the sidewalk that was disturbed hopefully by the end of the week. They are hauling biosolids to the landfill. Kennedy Avenue DWP #3 pump needs some attention. The digester fabricator- new piping for the recirculating pump. All tertiary filter tank valves need to be replaced. He asked Jeff what year this building was built.

Jeff replied 1974.

Milan explained that the building has not been tucked since then. They are way overdue. They are going to try to clean and pump out the drying beds. They are doing some Fisher station #1 pump troubleshooting inspection. The DAF power machine needs to be repaired.

Milan said in financials, the last training meeting was today with Tyler on Core Financials. Staff will now have to contact Transitional Services of Tyler to set up the next trainings and sessions.

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They are getting close to having the Sewer and Debt Service budgets completed. They are balanced but will be finalized in the next couple days and then be able to go to Council for sponsors.

Lastly, from Jeff in Operations, the plant is now running well. It is recovering from the major rain event. According to the rain gauges in and around the City they say somewhere between 6-9 inches of rain fell. The largest amount was in Robertsedale. During the event, the plant reached a peak flow rate of 160 million gallons a day. The plant is designed for 68 million per day. They have maintained a daily flow of over 70 million gallons a day until yesterday. The flow is still around 50 million gallons today. Every pump at every station ran. Jeff was commenting to them during the staff reports that one of our stations hasn't run in 4-5 years (since 2020) and it ran. We know this was a big event. CSO basin has been emptied and will be cleaned when dry. It overflowed approximately 100 million gallons of water. The laboratory submitted to the EPA the licensing requirements for certification analysis so they can maintain their laboratory credentials. They are waiting for EPA for that submission. That concludes the District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board did receive a Personnel Report today.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 12-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of a Quit Claim Deed with the City of Hammond for Construction of the Grand Marquette Trail.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 12-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 08-26-25.

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 08-26-25.

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 stated that we have no public here today. He wants to make sure that is in the meeting minutes.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 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