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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:02 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 4:02 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, Miller

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Rubio

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: N/A

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

President Dimopoulos said that all votes taken today would be roll call votes since Commissioners Hawkins and Rubio are attending via Zoom.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the September 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** to approve the September 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report out from the last two weeks. First, with Safety. All designated contractors have submitted their 2025 updated CPR/AED certifications as per HSD policy. The deadline to submit was 9/1/25 and all

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contractors did submit before the deadline. Currently, we have no employees on active Workman's Comp.

Moving on to the Sewer Department. There is not too much to highlight - the last two weeks have gone smoothly. Miles cleaned so far as of 9/22/25 is 6.9 miles bringing the total for the year to 91 miles.

In Finance, Rachel reports that there is an exit conference for the audit this Friday at 9 am. You are invited to attend.

Vice-President Dye asked if any board members signed up for that.

Rachel replied it is not required, but they are able to attend if they would like. She did send the link to them all.

Milan went on that we are moving through with Tyler and OSAS in Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable. We have also decided to handle our mail a little differently. It will make it a little easier for us here within the building to get these together and processed.

Dan from Maintenance reports that we are hauling biosolids to the landfill. They are cleaning out the Grit building- tanks and piping. They cleaned the basin and did some haul out there. They are hauling the grit to the landfill. They changed out the motor on the #1 blower. He showed some photographs the Board could look at after. It is a pretty big piece of equipment. It took a 7-ton crane plus to move the piece of equipment. It is okay, but now they need to get it to some place to get it repaired and fixed. That is the next challenge. They are fixing air leaks in the air channels. Cleaning and mowing the stations continues. They are working on the belt press in Dewatering. To conclude, general everyday maintenance in the plant and at the stations is being done.

Jessie in IT reports that the new battery backups in the Chlorine building, Power building and here in the Administration building regarding all the switches have been made. That is good that we have those backups. All stations are up and running on SCADA. He should not have said that, but as of 20 minutes ago, everything was running.

Jeff in Operations reports that the plant is running well. Flow is averaging 33 million gallons a day. There was a flow rate of 68 million gallons earlier today. There has been 0.80" of rain since the last board meeting. They met with a chemist and are working on a chemical addition for our odors. They ordered some fog equipment to see if that is going to help control the odors. These are both, again, experimental. This Friday, Jeff has a plant tour scheduled for the kids from Illiana Christian High School. This is an annual event, and Jeff is the host and then he turns it over to a lot of the guys in the plant. We are also entering our last month of the chlorination season which ends October 31st.

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That concludes the District Manager's report.

Vice-President Dye asked if the tour with the Illiana Christian students is geared to a certain age group or field driven.

Jeff answered that it is the Science class for juniors and seniors that comes. This started when Dr. Mike Unger's son went there.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-23-25.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-23-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. 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.

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. Roll call votes taken.

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

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