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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2025
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:03 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

Vice-President Dye called the meeting to order at 4:03 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: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: Dimopoulos

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Joseph Allegretti, Attorney

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

Others Present: Karl Cender, Cender & Dalton
Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

Vice-President Dye stated the first order of business is the consideration of the September 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the September 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would first like to report from Operations and Jeff that the plant is running well. The flow is averaging about 31 million gallons a day. There has been about two inches of rain across the district since the last board meeting. We had a chemist visit from Citco Chemical. He is helping us work on a chemical addition to the collection system to help with some of the odor controls. We also have, here on site, a couple fogging machines to help control the odor from the CSO basin and also around operations. It

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looks like we are going to order two more fogging machines because they seem to be working well. Jeff reports that the August MROs have been submitted to the EPA. The next item of business is really good for all of us here at the District. Jeff reports that the laboratory received results from the EPA, DMRQA- 45 blind sampling tests and parameters- all of them passed every parameter. Jeff, congratulations to you, the laboratory and the District. He thanked Jeff and told him he appreciated that. Lastly, he wanted to note that the chlorination season ends October 31st.

Next, he would like to move on to Maintenance and his report from Dan. They continue to clean the basin. They continue to haul the biosolids to both the landfill and the Wealing Brothers facility which will place some of the biosolids on farmland and farm property. They made repairs to the rakes at Sohl Avenue and Robertsdale. Flares have been adjusted- they were having some pilot issues. The North Grit building had some repairs done to the classifier. They worked on controls on the RAS pumps (3, 4 & 5). They worked on the Sewer building's venting. At the west pump house, they cored some holes and installed both flow pipes between splitter boxes. Back at Robertsdale again, they replaced some packing in the #5 storm pump.

Milan said that Sharon from Personnel is not with us today, but she did leave a report and basically just wanted us to know that there were some interviews conducted for the Payroll Clerk in the Accounting Department. We are now creating an account with LinkedIn and Indeed to advertise for that position. There have also been some interviews conducted for the apprentice operator position. We have two candidates that are waiting for approval. It looks like they are also going to be interviewing a few other folks that have applied from the outside as well. That will take place either this week or the beginning of next week.

Sewer Department reports that they are looking at the price of renting a bucket machine- a cleaning operation. This used to happen in the olden days when they had to clean out the sewers instead of the vactor trucks, but there are some sewers that are pretty old in the City, so they will need to use a bucket machine rather than the vactor trucks. They are pricing that out. This is mainly for right along here on Columbia Avenue.

Vice-President Dye asked how the bucket machine works.

Milan answered that it lowers into sewer, loads the waste from lines into the buckets and then pulls it back. There are a series of buckets. It starts at one end and then brings it back. Old school technology, but we have some old sewers that we would blow out if we used the vactor truck.

IT reports that they are working on exporting data to and for Tyler. That includes payroll files from September and October. They did some installation of imaging scanners for the Tyler software for various staff members.

Matt reports from Safety that there have been no safety incidents this month. A new first aid safety cabinet is being installed in the Power building.

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Rachel in Finance reports that we are presenting the budgets today at the City Council and will be going there right after this meeting today.

That is it for the District Manager's report.

Vice-President Dye said that he noticed on Summer Street the metal plates over some of the sewers. He wanted to know if that is something we knew about.

Jeff answered he is not too sure what that is about.

Vice-President Dye said in several areas they have metal plates over the manhole covers.

Milan said they will ask and find out.

Vice-President Dye replied he is just curious. He takes that way coming from Bishop Noll every day, so he is curious what is going on with that.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Vice-President Dye said that he would say the department reports were pretty much consolidated in the District Manager's report.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Vice-President Dye stated that Mike Hickey is not present.

Milan replied that he does have a status report from him. The following activities for period ending September 30, 2025. He attended some staff meetings, attended a board meeting and worked a little on the Highland consent decree.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said the Board has a status report from her that should cover everything unless they have any questions.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 10-14-25.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 10-14-25.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

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Vice-President Dye called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Vice-President Dye called for New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Vice-President Dye called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

Vice-President Dye called for Public Expression

There was no public expression. Vice-President noted that there is no public present in person or online.

Vice-President Dye called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, 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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