

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Rubio

District Personnel Present: Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

District Personnel Present via Zoom: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos said that all votes taken today would be roll call votes since Commissioner Rubio is attending via Zoom.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the October 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the October 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

President Dimopoulos noted that the Board does have an amended agenda for today's meeting.

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he is going to start with operations and the report from Jeff. The plant is running normally. The flow is averaging 32 million gallons a day. There has been about 1.4 inches of rain across the District since the last board meeting excluding today. The chemist from Citco Chemical was here November 4th. He conducted chemical testing and the perfumers are in operation near the basin across the street. Basin cleaning should be done this week. They are also working on the biosolids land application permit renewal which is due in January 2026. For your notes, this is a ten-year permit so once every ten years. They are also working on the October MRO which is due to the EPA on 11/28. Thank goodness the chlorination season has ended. It finished October 31st so the chlorine system is shut down for the winter.

The next report is from Maintenance and Dan. He wants to report that the hauling of biosolids for land application is taking place. They are hauling biosolids to the landfill and also to the Wealing Brothers facility so that they can land apply on their locations. Work is being done on the aeration air chamber injection system to stop the air leaks. They have poured a couple of concrete pads. They have poured one at the Hopper building which is on the far east end of our plant in the facility. The asphalt was broken up, and it is better to be replaced with concrete because a lot of heavy equipment goes up and down that ramp area. Also, they are pouring concrete steps in the landing at the Sohl Avenue pump station in preparation of installing larger roll-up door to accommodate the installation of new rakes. Cleaning of the plant and stations as they prepare for the winter season. They are changing oil, gear boxes and bearings on various pieces of equipment. They are working on the belt presses at Dewatering. They are checking all of the heaters, furnaces and boilers throughout the plant and stations. They are installing a new variable frequency drive on the Grit scale with a gear box and sprockets. Lastly, to report from Dan, the demolition of the primary tank #12- all chains, baffles and flights will be taking place.

The other department I need to report on is the Sewer Department. Jack explained there was an emergency sewer main repair that was done at 150th and Calumet Avenue. That has been completed. It took a little over a week to do this, and it was done mainly in-house. Congratulations to the Sewer Department and the Sanitary District folks. Great job. They saved us some really good money. Sewers cleaned for the month of November as of 11/14 were 7.5 miles giving a total of 107.93 miles cleaned for this year.

The other reports you will get from staff themselves. Matt is there so he will give the Safety report and Sharon will give Personnel. That concludes the District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel report for today's meeting.

Sharon not here today, so nothing to report.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety

No questions or comments.

Sewer Department

No questions or comments.

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that on November 7th, they submitted the quarterly consent decree status report. It was submitted on time.

Donohue

Natalie Cook stated that they received an updated screen proposal for the Southside pump station. They have looked that over and it is in line with the existing screen size capacity, so they are happy with where that's at.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 14-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$876,770 for the 3rd Quarter of 2025 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (6201) to the Replacement Fund (6206).

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 14-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 15-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$876,770 for the 4th Quarter of 2025 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (6201) to the Replacement Fund (6206).

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 15-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

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The Board considered Resolution No. 16-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County Approving & Authorizing Execution of a Consulting Agreement with Lochmueller Group, Inc.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 16-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 17-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Approving the Professional Services Agreement of MJHY, LLC for 2026.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 17-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 18-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Approving the Legal Services Contract of Joseph Allegretti for 2026.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 18-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 19-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Approving the Long-Term Control Plan & Consent Decree Professional Engineering Services for 2026.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 19-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 20-2025: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Approving the On-Call Professional Engineering Services for 2026.

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Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 20-2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered the Revised Claims Approval Docket 11-18-25.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Revised Claims Approval Docket 11-18-25.

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

Vice-President Dye wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

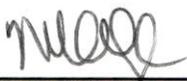
Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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Michael Dye, Vice-President



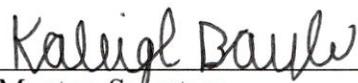
Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



Owana Miller, Member



Monica Rubio, Member
(attending and voting via teleconference)

ATTEST: 

Rachel Montes, Secretary
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle