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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2026  
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:04 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 4:04 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, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: Dimopoulos

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Hawkins

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Jeffrey Massey, HSD  
Jack Smith, Sewer Department  
Robert Szczudlo, HSD  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY  
Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

Vice-President Dye commented that all actions will be taken with roll call votes today since Commissioner Hawkins is attending via Zoom.

Vice-President Dye stated the first order of business is the consideration of the January 13, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the January 13, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025**

There were no questions or comments for Business Manager, Rachel Montes.

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Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the Financial Report for October, November & December 2025.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager Milan Kruszynski said that he would start by reporting from the Sewer department and Jack that the trucks are down due to the cold weather. They are overlooking a couple of big jobs that have taken place in the last week. Not because of us, but because of some water main breaks. The first one was at 116<sup>th</sup> and Indianapolis Boulevard. There was a water main break, and sewers had to be replaced due to the location of the water valve installation- 9' of 15" sewer. They participated there as well as at 122<sup>nd</sup> and Stanton Avenue. The 36" water main was hit by a boring contractor. They were working over there to install some fiber optics. That leaked for a number of days, so they were out there for a while making sure the covers on the storm sewers were cleaned out so water could flow. They also inspected the sewers when the water was shut down, and our sewers are in good shape.

Vice-President Dye asked when a contractor damages something, he wanted to make sure they and their insurance are responsible for reimbursing the District for the damage.

Milan said that will all be billed through the Water department.

Milan said the Safety department update from Matt is that both Matt Muta and Jim Alms from Sewer will be participating in May to do the OSHA 30 training. Also, we are scheduled with the Hammond Fire department for disaster training on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. They will see how that all works out, but it should be good.

From Operations and Jeff, the plant is running normally. The flow is averaging 29 million gallons a day. The odor monitors have been placed in the plant to help quantify the odor issues. Some basin cleaning will be conducted as weather allows. He is working on the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal. He is also working on the IDEM air pollution permit and the January MRO and Land Application report that are due to EPA and IDEM on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The IT department and Bob reports that they are still working with AT&T on billing disputes and analog lines for the fiber circuit. Analog lines should be working by the end of next week. He is continuing to work on the SCADA migration and upgrades. He is also working with Tyler Technologies for the Work Orders and Time & Attendance modules. Finally, they will be upgrading O365 to Premiere Licensing which has better security and options.

Maintenance reports that they are hauling since the beginning of the year biosolids to the landfills and to the Wealing Brothers storage facility for land application. Staging for the Sohl

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Avenue rake replacement project is taking place. Primary tank #12 rebuild is going on. 45<sup>th</sup> and Calumet had emergency repairs on the force main along Calumet Avenue. Work on cleaning the plant and substations is also taking place.

Milan asked Rachel if she had anything to report on from Finance.

Rachel said that they will be configuring the Utility Billing and Accounts Receivable modules in March. The second week of March. They are also working on year-end right now. In both systems. They are going to have both systems balanced for the complete year.

Milan concluded that is the District Manager's report.

Vice-President Dye asked if there were any questions for the District Manager.

Commissioner Hawkins said that he had one. On the streams of the City Council meeting which he believes was Monday night, the Mayor mentioned something about meeting with the District and, he believes, Councilman Salinas about the odor issue. He is wondering if this was anything more than Milan just mentioned.

Milan responded no, that's it. They are looking to identify the sources of where the odor is taking place and eventually looking to use consultants to help us mitigate the odor. What we can do to either add or move some of the misting equipment around, but that's about it.

Commissioner Hawkins thanked him.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Sewer Department**

No questions or comments.

### **Sewer Department 2025 Annual Sewer Report**

Vice-President Dye thanked Jack and told him that he always does a nice job on his annual report. They appreciate him putting that together with everything organized and neat. The report is very easy to read and put together very well.

Commissioner Hawkins wanted to add that he thinks it is an excellent report. There is a lot of useful, interesting information. Jack and his crew who put it together should be commended.

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**CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**MJHY**

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. He just wanted to highlight they coordinated the submission of the quarterly consent decree status report which was submitted yesterday on time.

**Donohue**

Natalie Cook said that they helped out with the quarterly report that Mike mentioned. Nothing other than that, nothing else to report.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 02-10-26.**

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 02-10-26.

Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

**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**

Vice-President Dye noted that there is nobody from the public here today. Public expression is now closed.

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

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

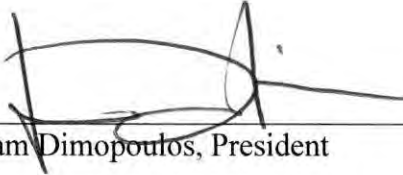
Ayes: Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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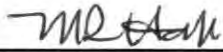


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Sam Dimopoulos, President

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Michael Dye, Vice-President



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Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member



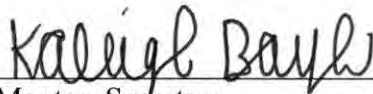
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Owana Miller, Member



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Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST: 

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Rachel Montes, Secretary  
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle