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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2026
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:00 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 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, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: Dye

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated the next order of business is the consideration of the February 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the February 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski said that he would like to report first from the Sewer Department. 6.3 miles have been cleaned so far in February (as of 2/20/26). They are implementing the cleaning of the gun range septic tank which will be done every week on Friday. The Sewer Department assisted the Sportsplex with a back-up issue. Their two grinder

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pumps went bad. In assisting, they pumped the pit down, so Salyer was able to come in and install new pumps. Lastly, the Sewer Department would like to thank the Storm Water fund for the new 2025 F450 dump truck which will be used for the repair side.

Next, he is going to report from Maintenance. They are loading and hauling biosolids to both the landfill and Wealing Brothers. They removed block and brick for a 10' x 10' access necessary at Sohl Avenue. This opening is there so when they dismantle the rakes, they can get the old rakes out and start putting in new rakes. Primary tank #12 is being rebuilt. They are also installing electric conduit and control boxes at Sohl Avenue. As always, they're cleaning at the Plant and outlying stations. There is ongoing maintenance on the belt presses and piping at Dewatering. There is also work being done on the RAS pumps.

Reporting from IT. Bob is still working with AT&T on billing issues and disputes. Analog lines for testing have been set up and are working. He ordered the remaining lines and is working on relocating equipment. He is working with a vendor to offload the remaining measured business lines for more savings. They are also continuing to work on the SCADA migration and upgrades. Lastly, Tyler Technologies (the new software we are moving to), the Time & Attendance portion of that system will be the next module for IT. Configuration and implementation will go through June.

Matt reported from the Safety Department that new coats for all employees will be ordered. He is waiting on samples from the vendor with the updated logo for both the Sanitary District and Storm Water. The next safety meeting is scheduled for this Friday (2/27) at 7:15 in the morning.

Lastly from Operations, last week there was 0.16" of rain. The plant is running normally- flow averaging 26 million gallons/day. The odor monitors that were placed in the plant to help quantify odor issues have been sent in for downloading of data. Jeff met with Chemtreat to establish a sampling protocol for chemical addition to help with plant odor control. Work is continuing with that. He also met with Donohue and Faegre Drinker to discuss USEPA/IDEM technical comments regarding HSD's request to phase out disinfection at Outfall 022 (CSO Basin). Also working with Donohue to review specifications for new gas compressors for our methane recovery system. He met within the last two weeks with the City Engineer regarding missing weir structure at Calumet Avenue and Eaton Street. Basin cleaning (bottom of the basin) will be conducted as weather allows. Work continues on the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal and on the IDEM air pollution permit. He completed the January MRO and Land Application report due to EPA and IDEM which is due 2/28.

Milan concluded that is the District Manager's report.

There were no questions or comments for the District Manager.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no Personnel report.

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CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that on February 10th HSD received a response from EPA and IDEM responding to HSD's request to phase out disinfection at the basin. He is working with Donohue, Max and HSD to draft a response. The response is due March 16th so he will keep them posted.

Donohue

Natalie Cook said that she was not planning to make a report today but can add that they are working with Mike Hickey on the same and also a couple other small plant projects that Jeff Massey has going on.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 1-2026: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Adopting the 2026 Financial Expenditure Plan for the Pretreatment Fund (6209) in the Amount of \$649,484.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 1-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 2-2026: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing Execution of a Release and Termination of Easement on Property Located at 1175 State Street.

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 2-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 3-2026: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Accepting and Approving a Professional Services Proposal of Cender Dalton Municipal Advisors.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 3-2026.

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Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered Resolution No. 4-2026: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana Adopting the Preliminary 2026 Financial Expenditure Plan for the Operation and Maintenance Fund (6201) in the Amount of \$31,707,118.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 4-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 02-24-26.

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 02-24-26.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0.

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 called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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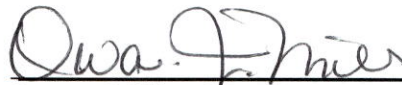
Sam Dimopoulos, President



Michael Dye, Vice-President



Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

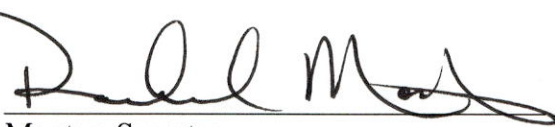


Owana Miller, Member



Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST:



Rachel Montes, Secretary

Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle