MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 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 4:01 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 4:01 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, Rubio
Commissioners Absent:	N/A
Commissioners Present via Zoom:	N/A
District Personnel Present:	Milan Kruszynski, District Manager Joseph Allegretti, Attorney Rachel Montes, Business Manager Jeffrey Massey, HSD Jack Smith, Sewer Department Kaleigh Boyle, HSD Jessie Amezcua, HSD
Others Present:	Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC Natalie Cook, Donohue
Others Present via Zoom:	N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated the next order of business is the consideration of the February 24, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the February 24, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski said to buckle up, the rain is coming. He is going to start with his report from Jack and the Sewer Department. 7.81 miles of sewers were cleaned in February. We had a vactor truck that was at Standard Equipment that we finally got back on

March 3rd. It was there for a month. The router pump was replaced at the cost of Standard Equipment as part of a warranty.

Vice-President Dye joked that is why it took a month.

Milan continued that from the rainstorm they were talking about earlier from last Friday (3/6/26), there were no basement backups reported. We did have seven street floodings reported from SeeClickFix. Four street floodings were called in after hours to the office for a total of eleven.

Vice-President Dye asked with the street floodings, if they were due to lots of leaves, debris, etc.

Milan answered yes. Debris in the curb line/gutter. That is what it is. A real quick story, as Jack would tell him, sometimes it slows the water up to keep it from gushing right through the sewer. A little bit, okay, but it is important to try and keep it as clean as possible.

President Dimopoulos stated that he was going to tell a story that happened in his neighborhood while they are on the subject. We had an early snow this year, so all the leaves were still falling. The Street Department came and cleared out their street and put piles right over the sewer catch basins. At his corner, he took a shovel and got it off of there, but he is sure they are doing that everywhere. That is something that maybe we should tell them to stop doing.

Milan said he will have a chat with them about that. They work very well together.

Moving on to the Safety Department and Matt. The Sewer Department uniforms sizing will be taking place on March 17th. This is for the biannual redress. Disaster training with the Hammond Fire Department will take place June 9th, 10th and 11th here at the Hammond Sanitary District.

Operations and Jeff report the following. An average of 1.8” of rain fell over the last week- most of it last Friday- there were no basement backups. The plant is handling the flow normally. The flow is averaging 49 million gallons/day. The CSO basin filled and it overflowed with Friday’s rain event to the river. They are working on draining the basin. Chemtreat will be in the plant on Thursday (3/12/26) for a tour concerning chemical addition to help with the plant odor control. He is working with Donohue, Faegre Drinker and Mike Hickey on a response letter to the USEPA/IDEM for technical comments regarding HSD’s request to phase out disinfection at Outfall 022 which is the CSO basin. He is also working with Donohue to review specifications for new gas compressors for our methane recovery system. Basin cleaning was conducted last week and will be conducted again as soon as the basin is emptied, and solids are allowed to dry. He is working on the Pretreatment Annual Report which is due April 1st. He is continuing work on the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal and the IDEM Air Pollution Permit.

Maintenance and Dan reported the following. They are working on the rebuilding of primary tank #12. They are working at the Sohl Avenue station for the rake replacement. They are working on belt presses in Dewatering. Hauling biosolids to the landfill and to the Wealing

Brothers facility. They are working on the automatic transfer switch for the generator at the Robertsdale pump station. Staff are cleaning the stations, cleaning the plant, and interior painting is being done at the Sheffield Avenue pump station.

Lastly, IT report. Still working with AT&T on moving analog phone lines over. They got two new phone lines connected with Comcast at the Southside station so they will be getting rid of the old AT&T ones. Milan concluded that is the District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT
There was no Personnel report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Department
No questions or comments.

Safety Department
No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY
Mike Hickey stated that they should have a copy of his status report. They mostly worked on item 4 of the report. It had to do with responding to EPA and IDEM's request about the CSO basin. He worked with Donohue, Max and HSD. The letter response is due March 16th, and they are on schedule to get that.

Donohue
Natalie Cook said they have a report from them as well. It covers what Mike just mentioned as well as a little of what Milan brought up. There is one thing not on there that she will be adding this month. Hammond is required to release an annual CSO report that covers dry-weather outfalls that gets posted on the HSD website and it gets updated every year. They are wrapping up the 2025 report, and she is pleased to report that there were no dry weather overflows in 2025. Those are defined as any outflow more than two days after the end of rain. Success.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 03-10-26.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 03-10-26.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0.

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
Commissioner Rubio commented that the Polar Plunge was cold. She wanted to thank everyone who donated. It was the coldest year. This is her third-year plunging. It was 22 in Chicago- felt like 13. The waves were super high. She did not intend to plunge all the way, but her daughter, when her back was turned, put her in a chokehold and pulled her down in the water. So, she did fully submerge. She got sick afterwards.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression
There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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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: _____
Rachel Montes, Secretary
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