MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
APRIL 14, 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 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, Hawkins, Miller
Commissioners Absent:	Dye, Rubio
Commissioners Present via Zoom:	N/A
District Personnel Present:	Milan Kruszynski, District Manager Joseph Allegretti, Attorney Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager Rachel Montes, Business Manager Jeffrey Massey, HSD Jack Smith, Sewer Department Sharon Szany, HSD Robert Szczudlo, HSD Kaleigh Boyle, HSD Jessie Amezcua, HSD
Others Present:	N/A
Others Present via Zoom:	Natalie Cook, Donohue Liam Rose

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated the next order of business is the consideration of the March 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the March 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 3-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he was going to start with an update from Rachel in Finance. She, Kaleigh & Jessie attended the Tyler Connect 2026 Conference last week. They covered lots of material all relevant to the process that we currently use. They made a connection with a Tyler tutor that we may want to consider hiring once we are done configuring all the modules. We are going through a State Board of Accounts audit. They are performing the audit readiness that continues with weekly meetings that are held with the City and other departments. Rachel has been performing a thorough trial balance review. She has identified some configuration issues. They will address those when that review is done. Her and Kaleigh will work to correct all issues from 2025 and the first half of 2026. Kaleigh and Rachel are also working on the accounts payable flow process. Small changes will being made as they become more comfortable with the software and figure out how to use it as it best suits us because we need to remain in compliance with all the SBOA requirements. A couple more things. They took some classes while they were at the conference on the employee portal. This portal has a lot of potential if used correctly. She is going to upload the slides from the conference to our common drive so that management can look over them. This will make most employees contact with HR and payroll electronic. It will also allow employees to print their paystubs and W2s. Our Accounts Receivable clerk (Carol) will be dropping the dual system by May 31, 2026.

Our Maintenance Department reports that hauling biosolids to the landfill continues. They are installing the new rakes at Sohl Avenue. In Dewatering, they are installing new piping to the presses and also working on the presses. They are finishing up the installation of new chains, flights, baffles and drives on the primary tank #12. They are cleaning the basin whenever they have the possibility to do that. They are cleaning the plant and outlying stations. They are also picking up the screenings as needed.

Sewer Maintenance reported that they cleaned 10.7 miles of sewers in March 2026. 3.38 miles cleaned so far in April (as of 4/13/26). The water tank for vactor #5 will be shipped at the end of April. There is a 10-year warranty on these water tanks. There was a pin hole leak in the tank. This was caught before the warranty was up, so it is saving us $8,000. The 400 block of Russell Street work was completed by the Sewer Department. On April 8th the Sewer Department met with Dean Button at the Sportsplex with representatives from Muffin Monster which is a device that will chew up whatever gets into the sewer lines. This item is 8 to 12 weeks out. Salyer will be doing the installation and Sewer will assist with hydro excavation as needed due to the locates.

Matt in Safety let them know that they had a meeting with Lochmueller Group pertaining to the new safety program on April 8th. Right now, weather permitting training with the Hammond Fire Department is scheduled for June 9-11 here in the plant.

Operations reports the following. An average of 3.61" of rain fell since the last meeting – the CSO basin was utilized. HSD personnel handled rain events well. There were no basement backups. The plant is running normally with flow averaging 69 million gallons/day. The basin is

being emptied and will be cleaned as weather allows. They are working on the response letter from the IDEM inspection on 3/18/26. Still collecting data for plant odor control work with Chemtreat. The Biosolids Land Application permit renewal is near completion. It should be submitted by the end of the week. The IDEM Air Pollution permit is in draft form and undergoing technical review. Finally, they are finishing up the work on the March MRO that is due to EPA and IDEM on 4/28.

Lastly, from IT, these updates will be regarding AT&T. They are still working on some billing disputes. The analog lines are set up and working. They are looking at moving some of those lines over for station communication. They are ordering new LTE devices – LTE devices are cell modems – for analog service at the remaining 14 locations. Moving over to SCADA. They are continuing to work on SCADA migration and upgrades. The future major projects will be new PLC equipment for Secondary Treatment, full implementation of our private APN cellular network for the pumping stations and move our remaining plant SCADA nodes to our Process Control Network. Tyler Technologies Time & Attendance, new time clock configuration has started, and they will be working with Tyler in the coming weeks to get that all set up and integrated.

That concludes the District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board was given a Personnel Report prior to meeting.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Department
No questions or comments.

Safety Department
No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY
Mike Hickey was not in attendance.

Donohue
Natalie Cook said the Board has a report from her. One thing she would like to bring to their attention on there is that last month they started – Jeff has asked them to start looking at the grit system and finding ways to improve the grit removal process. That is all she wanted to point out. She will answer any questions.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated December 31, 2025.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated December 31, 2025.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 3-0.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated January 31, 2026.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated January 31, 2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 3-0.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated February 28, 2026.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated February 28, 2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 3-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 04-14-26.

Hawkins **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 04-14-26.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 3-0.

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 Hawkins **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 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
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle