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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 12, 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, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Miller

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Sharon Szany, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos announced that all actions will be taken with roll call votes today since Commissioner Miller is attending virtually via Zoom.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the April 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the April 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he was going to start with an update from Jack and the Sewer department. 9.46 miles were cleaned in April. 2.1 miles cleaned so far in May. Two main repairs were done on the 5400 block of Oakley Avenue. There were 861 locates performed for the month of April. The Sewer department started cleaning Columbia Avenue from 165th to Summer Street. Footage will be down for the month with other cleanings because this sewer line takes a while to clean and they use two vactor trucks at a time to clean out the sewer line. In the 610 feet of sewer main on Columbia Avenue that has been cleaned, they have pulled out 19.6 tons of solids so far. The line is packed. Jack's guys are having a little bit of fun out there.

Safety and Matt reported that the Sewer department uniforms are trickling in. As you can see Monica is modeling one of the women's coats that have been delivered and the men's are on their way. Milan let Commissioner Miller know that hers would be delivered to her by Sharon in the next few days.

IT (Bob and Jessie) informed him that the badge numbers have been uploaded for all the employees in the Tyler Time & Attendance module. Biometrics will be started this week which means fingerprints.

The Accounting department said that the audit readiness continues with weekly meetings that are held with the City and other departments. The 2025 trial balances have been submitted to RSM and the schedules for the financial statements are to follow. The 2025 audit has also begun. Employee Onboarding in Tyler has one more meeting to complete the HR module. The accounting and IT departments have three modules left to configure in Tyler. Rachel is going to be reaching out to Tyler to schedule the configuration of these modules here in the 2nd quarter. Those modules are Fixed Assets and Project Accounting.

Maintenance department lets us know that they are continuing to load out biosolids to the landfill. They are finishing up the rakes at Sohl Avenue and the primary tank #12 here at the plant. Cleaning the pre-aeration tank. They are finishing up brick work on the Southside pump station and also finished the sump concrete repair there gearing up for sanitary rake demo and installation of new rakes. They installed new stairs because there was a safety concern at Aeration and Primary. Milan asked Jeff if the handrails were back up yet.

Jeff answered not yet. They are still being fabricated in the shop.

Milan continued that the Maintenance department also installed a new concrete drive at Cabela's pump station, and they are making sure they are mowing and cleaning all stations.

Lastly, the Operations report. It rained about 1.03" since the last board meeting. The CSO basin was used. HSD personnel handled the rain events well with no basement backups. The plant is running normally with flow averaging 45 million gallons/day. The basin will be cleaned as

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weather allows. The Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal has been received by IDEM and is under review. The Biosolids Marketing and Distribution Permit renewal has been received by IDEM and is under review. The IDEM Air Pollution Permit has been received by IDEM and is under review - permit application will be available at the Hammond Public Library for public review. Work is starting on the Municipal Streamlined Mercury Variance application.

There were no questions or comments for Milan.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board was given a Personnel Report prior to meeting.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

President Dimopoulos asked if there were any questions regarding the financial reports that were submitted to them.

No questions or comments.

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 that they submitted the quarterly consent decree report last Thursday. That was worked on along with Mike Hickey and Max Kelln. She does not have anything else to highlight.

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RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 6-2026: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$876,771 for the 1st Quarter of 2026 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (6201) to the Replacement Fund (6206).

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 6-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 7-2026: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District Determining Certain Equipment of the District to be Surplus.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 7-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2026.

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated April 30, 2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 05-12-26.

Hawkins **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-12-26.

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

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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 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

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