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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 26, 2026
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:05 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 4:05 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
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Sharon Szany, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcuca, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the May 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the May 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he was going to start his report with an update from Operations. There was an average of 1.00" of rain that fell since the last meeting. The CSO basin was utilized. HSD personnel handled rain events very well. There were no basement backups. The plant is running normally. Flow is averaging about 32 million gallons/day. The basin has been cleaned. That took place last week. Further cleaning has to be conducted. Biosolid Landfill Application permit renewal is still under review. Biosolids Marketing and Distribution permit renewal is still under review. IDEM Air Pollution permit is under review. They are responding to questions sent by the permit reviewer. A copy of the permit application is available to view at the Hammond Public Library. Jeff is working on the Municipal Streamline Mercury Variance application. The first 2026 biomonitoring was successfully conducted. No violations. Jeff has submitted the April 2026 MRO/DMR to EPA and IDEM.

Matt in Safety reports that training with the Hammond Fire department is scheduled for June 9th, 10th and 11th. He is still waiting for the delivery of men's coats. This Friday there will be a safety meeting with staff.

Rachel in Accounting lets them know that the audit readiness continues. Weekly meetings are held with the City and other departments. The schedules to the financial statements are waiting for trial balance entries from RSM to be completed. HR will complete Tyler's Employee Onboarding module this week and will be able to enter employees as they are hired. This will expedite the process for new hire information being accessible to the Accounting department. Accounting and IT departments have two modules left to configure in Tyler. Fixed Assets and Project Accounting. Tyler does not offer Fixed Assets conversion so IT and Rachel will figure out and discuss how to move forward with this module. They are also looking to have the fixed assets list reviewed for obsolete items that should be removed.

IT and Bob reports that AT&T is still working on setting up replacement lines for the outlying stations. IT continues to work on SCADA migration and upgrades. Tyler Technology Time & Attendance – most of the fingerprints have been scanned and they are ready to start testing clocking in and out. The wireless access points and firewall hardware will be upgraded tomorrow morning.

Jack and Sewer department wants you to know that vactor truck #5 is down for repairs with a power steering problem. It had to be towed by Bert's to Austgen Fleet Service. Vactor truck #4 is also down. Its turbos failed. That was driven to Austgen Fleet for service. Unit #12 went in for a repair. Columbia Avenue cleaning from 165th north so far has totaled 1,544.20 feet. They have hauled out 26.67 tons of material from that sewer.

Lastly, Maintenance and Dan lets them know that the rakes are finished at Sohl Avenue. They are reinstalling the doors and the block wall they had to dismantle and take apart in order to get the rakes in. They have installed a new DWP at Southeast Hessville station that had been out since February 2025. They are gearing up to install new pumps at Kennedy Avenue station. Just

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for your information, half of the invoices will be reimbursed by the Little Calumet River Basin Commission so that is good. Too bad everything is not on the Little Cal. The cleaning of the basin is ongoing. Hauling of biosolids to the landfill is taking place. Hauling biosolids to Wealing Brothers is taking place. Last week they pulled a mixer out of the Digester so that it can be rebuilt.

That concludes the District Manager's report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board was given a Personnel Report prior to meeting.

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

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

CONSULTANT UPDATES

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that he had nothing to report. He was out of town for the last few weeks and just got back in.

Donohue

Natalie Cook stated that she does not have anything either. She is just a fly on the wall today.

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

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 05-26-26.

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

President Dimopoulos stated that we do have new business for today's meeting.

Commissioner Rubio said that they received Resolution No. 8-2026.

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The Board considered Resolution No. 8-2026: RE: A Resolution of the Hammond Sanitary District Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Hammond Sanitary District and the Hammond Redevelopment Commission.

Rubio **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 8-2026.

Commissioner Hawkins commented that being that they just got this document and they have not looked at it entirely, he would like to make a motion to table this so that they can get all the information.

Hawkins **moved** to table Resolution No. 8-2026. There was no second made on motion to table.

President Dimopoulos said that since there was no second to table, they will have a vote for the approval of Resolution No. 8-2026.

Attorney Allegretti clarified that the resolution is a resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement and authorizes the President to execute the attached quit-claim deed which is part of the substance of the conveying property owned by the Hammond Sanitary District to the Redevelopment Department of Hammond.

President Dimopoulos thanked Attorney Allegretti for the clarification.

Commissioner Hawkins said he would like to make a comment please. This asset of the Hammond Sanitary District – he personally believes, it is his understanding, that Hammond is going to get a 25-million-dollar crane company investment which is great. Hammond is the city of his birth, and he thinks this is great for Hammond. This asset on Calumet Avenue, which he believes is about seven acres, but he is unsure of Munster's position and with them being a partner in the District is why he asked to table this today. He is concerned that one partner of the District will benefit and the other will not. That is his concern. He just wanted Munster to get the opportunity to have a position.

President Dimopoulos thanked Commissioner Hawkins for his comment. He said the comment he is going to make is that property was given to the Hammond Sanitary District, we did not pay for it. It was given to us by the City, so now the City has found another use for that property and that is why they are going through with this motion so Hammond can benefit from it. There is nothing that we are using that property for at the moment. We have no plans to use that property any time in the near future, so the best use of this land is to give it back to the City so that they can get a customer on there and get it back on the tax roll.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if we know that property was given by the City to HSD.

Attorney Allegretti replied that he cannot give any details, but Jeff may be more familiar with historically how that property came into possession. He thinks it was through conveyance, a

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County Commissioner's deed which is a process he is familiar with. Whereby, tax defaulted property is advertised in the sheriff's sale and can be acquired by paying the amount of delinquent tax. That does not happen when the property is not received as having fair market value equal to the amount of the tax lien. The County Commissioners typically convey it to the municipality where it lies. Now, he thinks because it was continuous to the property owned by the Sanitary District, the property was conveyed from the Civil City of Hammond to the Hammond Sanitary District. He asked Jeff if that is his recollection.

Jeff answered that it was something like that. It was part of the whole group with the basin and everything from Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue.

Attorney Allegretti agreed and said the Sanitary District acquired it to be used for that purpose. He asked if they recall if they got a deed directly from the County or from the Civil City.

Jeff responded that he is not totally sure.

President Dimopoulos said that is fine. They have a motion and a second for the approval of the Resolution, so now they are going to vote.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Miller, Rubio
Nays: Hawkins
Motion **carried** 3-1. Roll call votes taken.

There was no other new business.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public in attendance in person or online.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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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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