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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 9, 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, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Dye, Hawkins

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
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY

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 there are two Commissioners attending virtually.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the May 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the May 26, 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 give the following reports from staff. First, he is going to start with the accounting department- Rachel and Kaleigh. Audit readiness continues. Weekly meetings are held with the City and other departments. Schedules to the financial statements are waiting for trial balance entries from RSM to be completed. HR will complete Tyler's Employee Onboarding module the week of June 29th. HR will be able to enter employees as they are hired, which will expedite the process for new hire information to be accessible to the accounting department. The accounting and IT departments have two modules left to configure in Tyler- Fixed Assets and Project Accounting. Tyler does not offer fixed assets conversion. IT will be performing a data pull from the legacy system to see if it is a workable file. Rachel is also looking to have the fixed assets list reviewed for obsolete items that should be removed. The accounts payable vendors that were configured into Tyler have now been reviewed. Letters will go out to the active vendors from 2025-present for updated information. Accounts Receivable is in review. Corrections should be made by the end of this week.

Next, he will report from Sewer and Jack. 6.12 miles cleaned for May. So far in June, 1.11 miles have been cleaned. There were 1026 locates for the month of May. They are doing the cleaning of Columbia Avenue from 165th to Summer Street. Footage will be down for the month of June due to two vactor trucks working on Columbia Avenue and also cleaning out two buildings at 5009 Calumet – they are 90% done so far cleaning buildings out. 2,876 feet of sewer main has been cleaned on Columbia Avenue so far. Vactor trucks have pulled out 60.60 tons of solids. Sewer main is restored to 90% capacity from 165th to Highland Street.

Matt reports from the Safety department that the training with the Hammond Fire Department started today. They took a tour through the plant which lasted about an hour. There are two more sessions. One tomorrow and one on Thursday. Then, their tour will be done. Someone said they haven't been through the plant in about ten years, so this is good for everybody. Also, Matt is still waiting on the delivery of the coats for the men.

Jeff reports from Operations that an average of 1.3" of rain fell since yesterday afternoon. The CSO basin was utilized and is now currently being drained. HSD personnel handled the rain event very well – no basement backups. The plant is running normally with flow averaging 61 million gallons/day. The basin was cleaned last week and now it is going to have to be cleaned again because it has been used. No action on the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal. No action on the Biosolids Marketing and Distribution Permit renewal. IDEM air pollution permit review continues. Jeff had to answer some questions from the permit reviewer and those have been submitted. Work continues on the Municipal Streamlined Mercury Variance Application. He is working on a May MRO/DMR for EPA and IDEM.

Dan in Maintenance reports that they are hauling biosolids to both the landfill and Wealing Brothers. They are cleaning and hauling out the basin debris to the landfill. Changing the bearings on Final tank #10. Starting rake demo on the sanitary side at Southside and finishing the

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brick veneer tuckpointing there. They installed a second backwash pump at Tertiary. Gearing up for rebuilding heat exchangers on the digesters. They have been spraying, mowing and maintaining the plant, stations and the basin.

IT reports that Bob is on vacation next week. AT&T is still working on setting up replacement lines for the outlying stations. They are continuing to work on SCADA migration and upgrades. Tyler Technologies Time & Attendance – most of the fingerprints from employees have been scanned and they will be testing the in/out punches in the next few weeks. The wireless access points and firewall hardware upgrades are complete.

That is the District Manager's report.

There were no questions or comments for the District Manager.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report for this meeting, but Milan said that he will give them a brief update. Sharon is not here. She said that interviews are going to start tomorrow and are scheduled for the full-time maintenance laborer position. Interviews will take place through next Tuesday. Also, starting next week and lasting about a week, there will be interviews scheduled for the full-charge accounts payable position that is open downstairs. Like he said before, that will take another week. Hopefully before we have the next board meeting, we have at least one or maybe two new employees ready to be introduced.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Department

No questions or comments.

Safety Department

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that referring to his status report which they should have, the main thing they did in May was prepare the final CD status report and distributed it to the agencies. That is all he got.

Donohue

Natalie Cook is not in attendance.

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RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 9-2026: RE: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Donohue & Associates, Inc.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 9-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Miller, Rubio

Nays: Hawkins

Motion **carried** 4-1. Roll call votes taken.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that he would like to explain his no vote very briefly please. The CMDF facility that this engineering agreement references and the work that is going to be done. It is a facility that will handle Highland and Griffith customer communities' flows and some Hammond flows. There are no Munster flows that go to this facility. There have been no agreements or discussions with Munster about funding this in any methodology. His 'no' vote, he would like to hope that a discussion is initiated.

President Dimopoulos thanked the Commissioner for his comments and said that he has some comments for him now. So, we are the Hammond Sanitary District which is Munster and Hammond together. This isn't the Hammond Sanitary District and there's a Munster Sanitary District. This is for the entire district which Munster is part of it. Munster isn't sitting alone in this. We are all together in this; right. We are one big happy family if he can remember what was explained to him before. He appreciates his no vote, but he does not appreciate his comments because he is making it sound like Munster is separate from Hammond and it is not. Munster and Hammond are together in this. That is his comment. Thank you and they are moving on.

Commissioner Hawkins said in response this facility is in effect a new treatment plant and if anybody has concerns or questions about who pays for a new treatment plant, he thinks it would be discussed. Face to face and why not. So, that is where he is coming from and that is what he is saying.

President Dimopoulos thanked him again for his comments.

Attorney Allegretti stated that in his observation the CMDF is part of the long-term CSO control plan and it is an obligation under the consent decree which was voted on by the Munster representative at the time. This is not a new development. Only the objection and the grievance is new.

President Dimopoulos asked if Commissioner Hawkins heard that.

Commissioner Hawkins responded no. He could barely hear Joe.

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President Dimopoulos asked if Attorney Allegretti would repeat himself one more time. Please.

Attorney Allegretti repeated, and asked Jeff to correct him if he is wrong, the construction of the CMDF is an obligation under the long-term CSO control plan and it is an obligation under the consent decree which has been in existence for some time and he thinks was voted on by Commissioner Hawkins at the time and he voted to authorize the execution of it. What is new here is the Munster grievance which is part of the ongoing litigation we have with them. The obligation and the concept of the CMDF, there is nothing new about it. The only new development is Commissioner Hawkins' current grievance and objection to it.

Commissioner Hawkins said he would like to respond. While he understands what Attorney Allegretti is saying, that does not negate or change what he stated either. They all know they have a consent decree, and they all know it has to be adhered to at some point. He is glad to see they are finally taking action to look at this CMDF facility and get into design. He knows their friends in Highland are awfully anxious about this. That is all he needs to say.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 06-09-26.

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 06-09-26.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

Commissioner Hawkins said he has something. He will briefly state this. He would like to circle back to HSD Resolution No. 8-2026 that was presented and passed at the last meeting. One of the items he was concerned with because he did not know enough about it and he hadn't had a chance to read the document completely. Since, he has read the document completely and has done some investigation and he would like briefly to state the following. The property along Calumet Avenue that is known as 5001, 5009 Calumet Avenue and 850 150th Street, he believes, there was an RFP by the Hammond Redevelopment department back in November. He mentioned this property and development of the property which we know now has been agreed to and approved which is great for Hammond. In this document it is dated 11/14 and 11/21 from the Redevelopment department in Hammond, they set a price, a minimum price of \$681,187.50. He has no idea how they set the price, but the price was set. Going further, in the minutes of the City of Hammond Redevelopment agenda 4/7/26, they noted the following about this property. They approved having the property surveyed. They approved a development agreement between the City and the buyers that have developed. And they approved an agreement and he is going to say this exactly as it is written. The approval of agreement to purchase real estate for 5009 Calumet Avenue. Next, the Hammond City Council on 3/20/26 and he believes 4/28/26 in

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resolution number 26R-09 agreed to the development agreement. He will say in his own terminology that they put their stamp on it and the sale of the parcel, the three parcels, the seven acres of property along Calumet Avenue and it noted that the Redevelopment Commission would have a sale at the price of \$681,188.50. Going further, he would like to ask, as a commissioner on the board, documentation for the acquisition of the property, the seven acres. The three addresses that he mentioned previously. He will note, by footprint, the RFP. Part of this property appears to be railroad property that was purchased by the Hammond Sanitary District a few years back. So, he would like to request copies of whatever deeds or any other legal documents that show how the land was acquired, et cetera. If that is not clear, he would be more than glad to further discuss it. Lastly, he guesses he has an issue as a commissioner on the Board of the Hammond Sanitary District if value was going to be received for this property, why not by the Hammond Sanitary District. And there were actions going on this property for a long period of time, since late last fall. He has made every meeting of the Hammond Sanitary District since then and he never heard anything about this until their last meeting two weeks ago where it was sort of thrust on them last minute. It was not on the agenda. There are no additions to agenda. He believes it was voted on in new business. The five commissioners did not sign this Resolution. The President of the District had a space for him to sign off on this document. Those are his concerns and he presents them. That is, it.

Attorney Allegretti stated that he would ask the Commissioner if that is a motion to reconsider the Resolution adopted by –

Commissioner Hawkins said that he can barely hear Mr. Allegretti and his volume is all the way up.

Attorney Allegretti responded that is his problem since he is participating remotely. He will speak up. His comment to the President was if that is a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 8-2026, he supposes you should make it. If that is a comment, it was more appropriate under reports from commissioners. If it is a motion to reconsider, it is not appropriate under Robert's Rules of Order.

Commissioner Hawkins said he would like to make a motion. This motion will be that he would like to request, for the Board, all the acquisition documents for the three properties noted at 5001 Calumet Avenue Hammond, IN; 5009 Calumet Avenue in Hammond; and he believes it is 850 150th Street in Hammond. Again, all the acquisition documents, deeds, recordings, etc. for those properties and any information as such up to date. There was no second on motion. Motion failed.

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.

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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, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. Roll call votes taken. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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