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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 23, 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
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY
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.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the June 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** to approve the June 9, 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 is going to start out with the Safety department and Matt. He is on vacation this week but did leave his notes. The safety department successfully had training with the Hammond Fire Department the last couple weeks. He wants to thank Jose Porras for leading the tours. All three shifts were covered from three separate fire stations and approximately 45 firemen attended. It looks like we are also going to be having an inspection and visit from the Lake County HAZMAT team and that should happen sometime late summer or early fall. They have not been here in a while either. The men's coats were delivered throughout the Sanitary District. The Sewer department uniforms were mostly delivered except there are a few stragglers that still have to be taken care of.

Speaking of Sewer Maintenance, he will move on to his report from Jack. They have cleaned 3.0 miles in June. One of the big, major reasons for the low total for miles cleaned is because they are cleaning Columbia Avenue from 165th Street to Summer Street. Footage will be down for the month of June. They are also using two vactor trucks on Columbia Avenue. Lastly, the Sewer department has been cleaning out two buildings along Calumet Avenue. They are about 90% complete with that. 3,119 feet of Columbia Avenue sewers have been cleaned, and the vactor trucks have pulled out 98.08 tons of solids. Sewer main has been restored to 90% capacity from 165th to Lyons Street.

The accounting department, both Rachel and Kaleigh, have reported that the 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 also be able to enter employees directly into Tyler as they are hired. This 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. IT performed the data pull and Rachel has reviewed the file for accuracy. She has made some adjustments and forwarded the list to Jeff to identify any obsolete items. Once Jeff has reviewed the list, IT will compare this list to the one in MP2. She has reached out to Tyler to schedule the configuration. Letters have gone out to the active vendors from 2025 through present for updated information and have begun to receive responses. Accounts receivable review has been completed. Corrections have been made and review points have been put in place.

Jeff reports from operations that an average of 7.5" of rain fell since the last board meeting. 2.4" has since Sunday. The CSO basin is being utilized. HSD personnel has been handling the rain events very well. The plant is running normally with flow averaging 69 MGD (million gallons/day). There has been no action on the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal or the Biosolids Marketing and Distribution Permit renewal. The IDEM air pollution permit is under review and that continues. Additional questions have been received from the permit reviewer. Jeff will be answering those. Work continues on the Municipal Streamlined Mercury Variance application. Jeff has submitted the May MRO/DMR to EPA and IDEM.

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Dan reports from Maintenance that they are hauling biosolids to Wealing Brothers. They are starting demo at Southside station on the sanitary rakes. Finishing up brick and tuckpointing also at Southside that needed to be done. Changing the bearing on the #10 clarifier. Installing new vacuum pumps and piping in Headworks. Cleaning the plant and stations.

Bob and IT reports that everything is running well. Bob has been doing a lot of upgrading and working with AT&T. He is still working with them on setting up replacement lines for the outlying stations and they are researching a number of options. He continues to work on SCADA migration and upgrades. Tyler Technologies Time & Attendance is in the testing phase. He is going through his final testing phase and next week he will be installing the other time clocks so that people can scan their finger and punch in/out.

Lastly, the Board does not have a personnel report in front of them, but he will report what Sharon has given him. She is out working the front desk right now. A few employees have been trading shifts to cover Adriana who is on vacation. Personnel reports that the AP (accounts payable) clerk position we thought was going to be filled, but the lady we were looking to hire has turned the job down. She decided she did not want and did not come back for her second interview. We had a second applicant come in and he has done his first round of interviews but needs to come back at the end of the week to complete some proficiency testing we are going to put him through. There is also a laborer position that we hope will be filled. Just waiting to get an appointment with the folks at City Hall to finalize that.

That concludes the District Manager's report.

Vice-President Dye asked Jeff how many basement backups we got this time around.

Jeff answered two.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report for this meeting.

CONSULTANT UPDATES

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that they are working with Donohue and Max to estimate a schedule to prepare a new FCA (financial capability assessment) for the Long-Term Control Plan. Right now, they are just preparing a schedule and if that gets approved, they will get something started.

Donohue

Natalie Cook stated that they are working on setting up a project plan for the CMDF project and then they will be reaching out to Milan and Jeff shortly to schedule a kickoff meeting once that is all ready to go.

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The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 06-23-26.

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 06-23-26.

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 Hawkins **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 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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