

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 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 4:03 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 4:03 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, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney
Rachel Montes, Business Manager
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Sharon Szany, 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 commented that Commissioner Miller is running a little late due to the train.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the June 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the June 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he is going to start out with the Sewer department. For the month of June, a total of 7.8 miles were cleaned. 1,011 locates were investigated and marked for the month of June. The heavy rain event from July 3rd to July 4th, we had a total of 56 basement backups that were confirmed. There have been a total of ten cave-ins that have come in since July 6th and there was one sewer main cave-in in the 1000 block of Huehn Street. That repair is going to start on July 20th.

Safety department reports that there have been three safety incidents since the last safety report. He asked the Board to please refer to their report that is in their packet for more information. New safety boot vouchers were awarded to the employees whose boots were ruined during the storms.

Accounting reports that 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. Audit requests have begun for accounts payable. Human Resources will complete Tyler's Employee On-Boarding. The module has not been completed due to login issues. Tyler and Bob are working on those issues. Time & Attendance has not been completed due to issues with configuration. We have requested to hold on going live on that until all the profiles, codes and rules can be reviewed. The Accounting/IT departments have two modules left to configure in Tyler- Fixed Assets and Project Accounting. Rachel is performing a final review of the 930 listed assets that she will be sending over to Tyler so they can do their configuration. Hopefully that will be done by the end of next week.

Operations reports that about 5" of rain fell since the last board meeting. 3 1/2" inches fell on the 3rd and 4th of July. The CSO basin was utilized and discharged during that storm. HSD lost power during that event and repairs to the Headworks station are continuing. HSD personnel did an outstanding job during the heavy rain event. They continue to work diligently to make repairs. The plant is operating well. Flow is averaging 48 MGD (million gallons/day). No action has been taken on the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal. No action on the Biosolids Marketing and Distribution Permit renewal. The IDEM air pollution permit is still under review. Jeff has answered their questions, so they will wait until the permit reviewer has gotten a chance to look at those and get back to us. Work continues on the Municipal Streamlined Mercury Variance Application. Jeff is working on the June MRO/DMR for EPA and IDEM. He has also submitted the June land application report to IDEM.

Lastly, IT reports that the SCADA is able to get some of the stations back online. They are still working on the repair and replacement of the remaining damaged equipment. Working with a SCADA programmer to move data so that we can move over to new servers. They are assessing the network equipment damage and planning relocation of infrastructure at Columbia Avenue.

That is the District Manager's report.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board was given a Personnel Report prior to meeting.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Department

No questions or comments.

Safety Department

No questions or comments.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey stated that the Board should have a copy of his status report. The main thing they worked on the last few weeks was the schedule to update the FCA.

Donohue

Natalie Cook stated that she did not have anything to add to her status report.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 10-2026: 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 2nd Quarter of 2026 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (6201) to the Replacement Fund (6206).

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 10-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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The Board considered Resolution No. 11-2026: RE: A Resolution Authorizing the Grant of Easement to Davies Imperial Coatings, Inc.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 11-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 07-14-26.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 07-14-26.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

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

President Dimopoulos commented that he has a report. As he mentioned in the executive session, he had the chance to go into the Obama Presidential Center. It was spectacular. He has been to a few different presidential libraries, and this one was definitely a homerun. So, if you get a chance, you should go. Tickets are \$30 to go into the entire facility, but it is free to go into the main areas and the outdoor areas. There is a ton to see, so it is an all-day affair. It is a pretty spectacular thing.

Commissioner Rubio asked if it was crowded.

President Dimopoulos answered yes. It was just jammed.

Commissioner Rubio asked if he went during the week or the weekend.

President Dimopoulos replied that they went on Sunday. They are open until 5 pm so if you do go, allow yourself at least three hours to see everything. It was great.

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Commissioner Rubio added how unique the building itself is. She explained that through the program that she runs with Old National Bank, they were able to finance a minority-owned business that did all the glass for the building.

President Dimopoulos said that inside was very neat. From the outside it looks like it is stained glass, but it is not stained glass. He thought that was pretty weird. It was beautiful. He has some pictures if anyone would like to see some after.

President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 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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