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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 3:59 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
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Jack Smith, Sewer Department
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD
Ashley Gordish, 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 stated the first order of business is the consideration of the August 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the August 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Milan Kruszynski stated that he is going to start his report with Sewer Maintenance. They cleaned 6.32 miles of sewers in August. They had a sewer collapse in the 6300 block of Calumet Avenue- basically at Calumet and Kenwood. Work began on the 10th of

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the month and is continuing. Jack informed him that this afternoon the new pipe connection has been made, so that means they will hopefully start closing up that hole tomorrow morning and go from there. In the 6700 block of Rhode Island, there is a sewer main cave-in. Work started today and was completed today. Good job to Sewer Maintenance for getting that done. There were 964 locates for the month of August. Out of those 964 locates, 98 were emergency. He could bet many of them were Nipsco poles that were snapped and had to be replaced. The locators were out doing a great job getting those all located. The muffin monster should be installed this week at the Hammond Sportsplex. Salyer Plumbing has been contracted by the Park department to take care of that work.

Safety department reports that they are going to have a meeting with Lochmueller Group tomorrow to discuss the new safety program. Milan verified with Matthew Muta that meeting is going to take place via Zoom. Currently there are no new safety incidents that have occurred.

Accounting and Finance lets us know that the audit continues. Ashley is here still training in the Accounts Payable position. He thanked Ashley for coming and Kaleigh for helping with the training.

Operations department reports that about 0.33 inches of rain fell since the last board meeting. The CSO basin was not used so it has been cleaned. The plant is operating well with flow averaging 33 MGD (million gallons/day). Repairs to Headworks (as they can see when they drove in) are continuing from the July 3rd rain event. We are working with the insurance company to process those claims. They are continuing to work with IDEM for the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal and the Biosolids Marketing and Distribution Permit renewal. The IDEM Air Pollution Permit has been finalized and is going to be published for a 30-day review. Work continues on the Municipal Streamlined Mercury Variance application. The July MRO/DMR and the July land application reports have been submitted. August land application report has been submitted, and work is continuing on the August MRO/DMR report for IDEM and EPA.

Maintenance reports that there has been loading of biosolids. It has been going to Wealing Brothers storage facility so that can be applied to the farmers' fields. They are working on the Headworks station's pumps and motors. Gearing up Southside station for a rake replacement. Working on Gas Control pressers. Working on Dewatering building wall replacement. Working on pumps and motors at Robertsedale, Walnut and Kennedy stations.

The IT department reports that the SCADA server and migration is still ongoing. Time clock installation is happening. They are installing new time clocks for the district. They are being mounted to the walls and other structures so they can be configured for deployment to be put into use. They have been moving all hard copper lines as we have talked about now for a couple years from all of the substations over to cradle point connectivity. That is going to help us save some money, replacing old and damaged network switches at Columbia Avenue (Headworks). New switches are being installed and licensed as well. They are also working on some gate

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repairs that need to be done both here to come in the north gate as well as across the street to the basin.

Personnel has a verbal report. The full-charge payroll position has been filled. Mason Rhodes will start this coming Monday. They will bring him to the next meeting so they can all meet him.

That is the District Manager's report.

There were no questions or comments.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

FINANCIAL REPORT MAY – JULY 2026

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Financial report for May – July 2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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. They are continuing to update the FCA and the LTCP.

Donohue

Natalie Cook stated that they have a status report from her as well. They are making progress on the CMDP project and coordinating with the equipment manufacturers and vendors to do that.

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RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 13-2026: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the City of Hammond Sanitary District, Lake County, Indiana for 2026 Long Term Control Plan & Consent Decree Professional Engineering Services.

Hawkins **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 13-2026.

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 14-2026: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District Determining Certain Equipment of the District to be Surplus.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 14-2026.

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

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

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

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

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 09-15-26.

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 09-15-26.

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

President Dimopoulos called for Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

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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

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 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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