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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2026
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

President Dimopoulos called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Board did not hold an executive session prior to meeting.

Commissioners Present: Dimopoulos, Dye, Miller

Commissioners Absent: N/A

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Hawkins, Rubio

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
Sharon Szany, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD
Mason Rhodes, HSD

Others Present: N/A

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

All motion will be voted on with roll call votes due to two Commissioners attending via Zoom.

President Dimopoulos stated the first order of business is the consideration of the September 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the September 15, 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, thanked the Board for coming in on a Friday morning. He was going to start off with a report from Sewer Maintenance. 6304 Calumet Avenue – the work has been completed on the force main that was running down the middle of the street. At 6715 Rhode Island, the sewer main cave-in was completed also within the last two weeks. Lastly, a new muffin monster was installed at the Sportsplex - it chews up and eats up anything that gets in – it is a big grinder. He said there is always a lot of stuff in that building.

Vice-President Dye asked if it is because of the concession stand, multiple bathrooms, etc.

Milan responded there is clothing sometimes. He said it is not unusual.

Milan stated he was next going to report from Operations. About 4-1/4" of rain fell since the last board meeting. The CSO basin was utilized and did discharge. The plant is operating well with flow averaging about 69 MGD (million gallons/day). As you can see, the repairs at the Headworks station are continuing from the July 3rd heavy rain event and we are working with insurance.

Vice-President Dye asked if there is an estimated completion date. He knows a lot of parts are custom, so he knows there are delays with getting parts and pumps.

Milan replied that it is going to take a while, but insurance has been good to work with so that is helping us a lot. Jeff submitted responses to IDEM for the Biosolids Land Application Permit renewal and the Biosolids Marketing and Distribution Permit renewal. He is also continuing work on the Municipal Streamlined Mercury Variance Application, the NPDES permit renewal which is due November 1st, and a couple other reports that need to get in.

Safety reports that Matt is introducing a new training technique involving the folks' smartphones. He will get the training out there and a test, so hopefully that will go well. Except for Matt's phone. He is currently doing this and is in the testing stage of it. He will also at the next board meeting give you a safety incident report that happened in September and give you an update on that.

IT reports that super 1 SCADA node has been successfully moved over to the new iFix server. The migration to the new SCADA environment has been completed. That is a big step for us. Printer maintenance has been completed all the way around the Sanitary District and Sewer department. A new plotter is being received to support district printing and plotting requirements.

Milan stated that the Board will have Sharon's report (Personnel) a little later in the meeting.

The Accounting department reports that the audit is near completion. Everyone did a very good job as they provided all the documentation and recordings to those that were doing the audit. HR

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will complete the Tyler Employee Onboarding module. It was not been completed because we had some log in issues. Tyler conversion is still in process. The accounting and IT departments have two modules left to configure in Tyler. Fixed Assets is scheduled for configuration next week. Kaleigh, Ashley, Jessie and Rachel will be part of this configuration. The Project Accounting module configuration will be set soon. We are very pleased to announce our new full-charge accounts payable clerk, Ashley Gordish, is doing very well. He would now like to introduce our new payroll clerk, Mason Rhodes. Mason has been with us a couple weeks now and is also doing extremely well. Right now, we are fully staffed downstairs.

That concludes the District Manager's report.

There were no questions or comments for Milan.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was a personnel report that was given to the Board today.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

CONSULTANT UPDATES

There were no consultants in attendance today to give updates.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 15-2026: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Amending Salaries and Wages Rates for the Hammond Sanitary District for the Year 2026.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 15-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 16-2026: RE: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Consulting Agreement with Specialty Controls, Inc.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 16-2026.

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Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered Resolution No. 17-2026: RE: A Resolution Authorizing the Grant of Easement to Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Inc.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 17-2026.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

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

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 10-02-26.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 10-02-26.

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

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 8:10 a.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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