

MINUTES  
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JULY 9, 2024  
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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, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: N/A

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager  
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager  
Rachel Montes, Business Manager  
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney  
Jeffrey Massey, HSD  
Dan Zander, HSD  
Jack Smith, Hammond Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD  
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Mike Hickey, MJHY, LLC

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the June 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that in regards to plant operations, the plant and staff are prepared and waiting for the remnants of the hurricane which has started- getting some rain now. Otherwise, the plant is operating normally. The basin has been cleaned and prepared for the

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water to flow in. They are continuing to move biosolids to the farms. This wet weather is going to stop them from doing that, but they have been very successful in the last couple of weeks to move a lot of the biosolids to the farms. They were able to accept that, so they made space for more solids to begin to dry out. On the financial end, they are back on track to revamp with Tyler and the schedule. They are working with the good data. Bob, Jessie, Kaleigh and Rachel are leading that charge for us. The Board has the personnel report in front of them. They will see that there is a job opening for a laborer in the maintenance department. Safety, they had the reinspection of the extinguishers done plantwide today and Matt reports that the safety vests are available for employees and guests as they come and walk through the plant. Sewer department's total miles cleaned for the month of June was 9.68 miles and total for the year is 65.06 miles. For the month of July, they have cleaned 4.6 miles and that is in five days. There is a sewer main cave-in in the 4600 block of Ash that will be completed tomorrow with weather permitting. For Festival of the Lakes, they will have three vacuors on standby in case it rains. Saturday and Sunday, they will assist with pumping the barrels of grease for the vendors out there. The Kennedy Avenue project from 164<sup>th</sup> to 169<sup>th</sup> Street, there were approximately 13 skids of brick left over from the project. The engineering department gave these to the Sanitary District's sewer department which will give us over \$7,000 in cost savings. They are working well with other City departments. IT is working with the sewer maintenance software to get that all worked out to combine and get into the Tyler software system. One more item from maintenance, the Robertsdale pump station exterior rehab has been completed. Right now, they are at Dowling Park doing some tuckpointing and pressure washing that station as well.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

President Dimopoulos commented that they do have a personnel report that was given to them today.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Personnel Report dated July 9, 2024.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Sewer Maintenance**

No questions or comments.

**Safety**

No questions or comments.

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**CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**MJHY, LLC**

Mike Hickey stated that he is continuing to work with HSD staff on the capital improvement project list so they can update the FCA, so they are continuing to finetune that.

**DONOHUE**

Natalie Cook stated that the Board does have a report from her. To add to that, they are along with what Mike Hickey mentioned the capital improvement plan also factors into the asset management plan as well, so that is kind of doing a little double duty there. They received a proposal for Geotech work at the Indianapolis Boulevard site, so they are working with the District to get that scheduled.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 07-09-24.**

Miller **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 07-09-24.

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**

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 Rubio **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

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Monica Rubio, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rachel Montes, Secretary  
Kaleigh Boyle, Assistant Secretary

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle