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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JULY 23, 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 4:02 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 Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Miller

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  
Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he was going to start out with operations. He is happy to report that staff did a good job preparing for all of the rain that we have had the last ten days. Last week was very stressful. They took care of the sewer lines in anticipation of the

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expected rains. The basin went to capacity, but did not do any discharging to the river. It allowed for that to be brought back into the plant and treated very slowly. They did have a few issues at the outlying pump stations. They had loss of electricity which required backup generators to be deployed and used. At some stations, the generators worked. Other stations they did not. There was a total of six stations that were down because of Nipsco electricity. They also had a number of stations where staff had to stay and maintain the generators for 36 hours, so there was some overtime and overtime pay. They are going to be discussing that a little further as they move through the rest of summer and into fall to how they are going to try and address that throughout the entire Sanitary District. It is very important. The administrative building also suffered some wind damage. A big branch blew off one of the trees on the shoreline of the river and flew into the lab and broke two windows, so those have plastic and wood covering it now and will be repaired within the next three weeks. Moving onto safety, the AEDs were purchased, delivered and installed throughout the entire plant area. There are a number of them here within the administrative offices and then the rest of them throughout the plant including the pumping stations at Kennedy Avenue and Robertsdale. They are looking to do some training for those in the next few weeks. Moving on to Kennedy Avenue force main update, he, Jeff and Dan went out this morning and inspected the repairs and construction at the site and things are moving very slowly. Hopefully, they will be able to give a better update on that two weeks from now. He does not think Sharon has much to report on with personnel. She will do that once the board gets to that on agenda. IT has been uploading data and reports to coincide and deliver to Tyler. He has also been doing some demoing for the new SCADA servers and also doing security upgrades at the outlying stations. Sewer department would like to report that in the 200 block of Ogden, the sewer main repair is in progress. Also, in the 7400 block of California a drain structure repair had to be done and concrete was poured by J&J Newell Concrete. In the 200 block of Webb, approximately 45 feet of sidewalk and curb was repaired by J&J Newell. Milestone will take care of the blacktop and then the bill will be split between the Water and Sewer departments. 4600 block of Ash had a sewer main cave-in that was repaired on July 9<sup>th</sup>. On Moss and Reverend Burns Drive, there was a sewer main cave-in. Due to the location of repair, they are going to get three bids to make this repair. Finally, Jack's group cleaned a total of 10.5 miles of sewer as of 7/22/24. Over in maintenance, they continue to clean the basin after the storm. They have gone through the plant and did a cleanup of all of the debris that was scattered around the facility and they are now going to be doing the cleaning at the outlying stations. They are also going to be doing some work with check valves and knife valves. Finance, Rachel reports that the auditors have questions and they were answered, so she is caught up and looking forward to getting back working with Tyler and going through the rest of the audit. That is the District Manager's report.

Vice-President Dye asked with the backup generator issue, did they fail because something broke, fuel issues or what.

Milan answered that they think they failed because there was a lack of maintenance on a number of them. One was a transfer switch and one was just fried.

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President Dimopoulos asked if there were any issues with the Microsoft crash the other day.

Bob replied that was all with the cloud and we do not use that.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was no personnel report.

Sharon did report that there is a laborer position open in maintenance that they are trying to fill. She also said the employee who the Board approved his extension to FMLA should be back next week.

**FINANCIAL REPORT- May and June 2024**

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, commented that she has nothing to highlight, but would take any questions.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**The Board considered Resolution No. 14-2024: RE: A Resolution by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$634,514 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2024 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund (6201) to the Replacement Fund (6206).**

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 14-2024.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

**The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated June 30, 2024.**

Rubio **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated June 30, 2024.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

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**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 07-23-24.**

Dye **moved** and Rubio **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 07-23-24.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss. President Dimopoulos said that one thing they didn't do was talk to their consultants today and they are both here.

Mike Hickey said that in a couple weeks, the District's quarterly consent decree report is due, so he is working on that and will report to the Board once it is sent out.

Natalie Cook stated that she was here updating the District on the survey and geotech work that is getting done for the new CMDF project. They are also working on the asset management plan for both collection system and the facility assets and getting updated lists and some replacement planning for those lists too.

**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, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Michael Hawkins, Sr., Member

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Owana Miller, Member

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Monica Rubio, Member

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

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