

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024
www.hammondsd.com

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 4:00 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

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Hawkins, Rubio

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
Jack Smith, Hammond Sewer Department
Robert Szczudlo, HSD
Sharon Szany, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: N/A

Others Present via Zoom: Natalie Cook, Donohue

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos commented that with two Commissioners present via Zoom, they will take roll call votes on everything.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the August 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** to approve the August 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024
www.hammondsd.com

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager, Rachel Montes, said that she had nothing to highlight, but would answer any questions.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report from the Sewer Department that there was an emergency sewer slip line at 142nd and Calumet that was done today (earlier this morning) and was completed by 12:30 this afternoon. He thanked Jack for reaching out to that company in Michigan for that. He appreciates the help. The total miles cleaned were 11.8 so far for the month of August and the total for the year is 91.24 miles. In regards to the 5200 Block of Stateline, it is starting to have some major issues. Jack has gone out to get quotes for the repair. They have received one so far, but he is hoping to get two more because the first quote they got is really high.

In Maintenance, the Kennedy Avenue force main is in full swing. The pipe that was purchased three years ago was hauled out to the site. They did a trial run on the bypass piping today and that went extremely well. They will be putting in the line stops on Tuesday and using the bypass continuously. As soon as they start using the bypass on a full-time basis, they are going to clean the line and do some TVing so they know what they are going to be dealing with. That is moving along. Fingers crossed that it is going to be done by the end of September.

Vice-President Dye asked after they do the TVing and clean it, they put the line on. He asked if that is how that works.

Milan answered yes. Sort of. They have two pits right now and they are going to have to make a third one because it pulls- 2600 feet is too long. They just want it a little easier to pull, so they are going to dig one more pit. The tertiary screw covers are being installed to go over the screws back there. In Dewatering, there are some bearings and presses that are going to be fixed and repaired/replaced.

Bob in IT reported to him that the SCADA system switchover so it can work with our private network. Austgen Electric is helping with that licensing as well.

Sharon will report on personnel when they get to her on the agenda.

Operations, per Jeff, Milan explained that the plant is running well. They are at low flow which is good. They are going to do some hauling of biosolids which is a good thing as well.

Rachel in Finance reports that she has the sewer budget pretty much in place. They will get some final figures after negotiations go through with the sewer union contract, but the sewer budget is ready to go. They go to the City Council in October. She also reported to him that things are a

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024
www.hammondsd.com

little slow with Tyler right now. They are waiting to hear back after Bob sent over a bunch of information, so they will reach out to them next week. The State Board of Accounts audit is being finalized. There are a few, small questions, but Rachel feels confident that will be done shortly which is a good thing.

Matt in Safety let him know that there is going to be some forklift training. There is an off-site company that is going to come in and do the training here with the equipment we have, so the people here who use it will become certified.

Milan stated that it is his District Manager report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was a personnel report passed out at meeting.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered the Bank Reconciliation Document dated July 31, 2024.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Document dated July 31, 2024.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 08-27-24.

Dye **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 08-27-24.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. 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.

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024
www.hammondsd.com

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 Hawkins **seconded** for adjournment.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle