

MINUTES
HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024
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The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana held a regular meeting at 4:06 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 4:06 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, Miller

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Rubio

Commissioners Absent: Hawkins

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager
Joseph Allegretti, HSD Attorney
Matthew Muta, Deputy District Manager
Sharon Szany, HSD
Jeffrey Massey, HSD
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

Others Present: Michael Hickey, MJHY
Natalie Cook, Donohue
Lori Latham, Wessler Engineering

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos said that they do have one board member, Commissioner Rubio, present via Teams today, so they will be taking roll call votes on all items.

President Dimopoulos stated that the first order of business is the consideration of the October 29, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the October 29, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that he would like to report that the plant is running quite nicely- they recovered from the rain and are looking forward to the next rain which is coming tomorrow night. As they talked about a little bit ago, Kennedy Avenue force main work has been completed. Michigan Street is wide open. Kennedy Avenue is open on our part. Three days after opening it, the County came along and shut down the bridge just south of the pump station, so they can do some shoring up and some repairs that they needed done. We still have minimal restoration work that still needs to be performed in and around the pump station as well as on Michigan Street near Buckeye.

Milan said that maintenance reports that as you can see the front stairs and ramp are being repaired/fixed and replaced. Also, there is some work being done on primary tank #7- an alignment and a return activated sludge (RAS) pump #4 is being replaced. Gas control compressors are being worked on. The basin is being cleaned after the rain and they are doing some hauling of biosolids to the farms.

Milan explained that Jack is on vacation, so there is no report. Rachel is not here today, so there is no report in finance. Sharon in personnel has nothing to report. Bob from IT is on personal time, but there is an update from Jessie. He said the server update is done and the accounting software was down this morning but is back up and running. Matt reported when he is going to be out on FMLA and paternity leave. Sharon and Jeff are going to jointly take on the role of safety while he is out. In a few minutes, we will hear from Mike Hickey.

Milan stated that he would also like to send our condolences to Jessie Amezcua and his family. His sister, Ashley, also works here in the lab. Their mother passed away over the weekend, so our condolences go to Jessie, his dad, sister and family. Our thoughts and prayers from the board, staff and our attorney.

PERSONNEL REPORT

There was no personnel report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Sewer Maintenance

No questions or comments.

Safety

No questions or comments.

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CONSULTANT REPORTS

MJHY

Mike Hickey said that last week, they worked with HSD, Donohue and Max Kelln to submit the consent decree quarterly status report. That was sent out on time and was emailed and mailed on November 8th.

Donohue

Natalie Cook from Donohue stated that in addition to the quarterly consent decree status report that Mike mentioned, they also had a meeting on October 23rd with Jeff and Milan to review the draft preliminary engineering report for the CMDF project and the draft asset management plan. They are looking to get those completed this calendar year.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board considered Resolution No. 22-2024: RE: A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Hammond Sanitary District Determining Certain Equipment of the District to be Surplus and Providing for its Disposal and/or Sale.

Miller **moved** and Dye **seconded** for the approval of Resolution No. 22-2024.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Miller, Rubio
Nays: None
Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken.

The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 11-12-24.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 11-12-24.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Miller, 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.

President Dimopoulos called for Reports from Commissioners

There were no reports from Commissioners.

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President Dimopoulos called for Public Expression

There was no public expression.

President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Miller, Rubio

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0. Roll call votes taken. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 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