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HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2025  
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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, Hawkins, Miller

Commissioners Present via Zoom: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Rubio

District Personnel Present: Milan Kruszynski, District Manager  
Joseph Allegretti, Attorney  
Jeffrey Massey, HSD  
Sharon Szany, HSD  
Dan Zander  
Jack Smith, Hammond Sewer Department  
Kaleigh Boyle, HSD  
Jessie Amezcua, HSD

District Personnel Present via Zoom: N/A

Others Present: Natalie Cook, Donohue

Others Present via Zoom: N/A

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dimopoulos stated that they were going to be adding a new item into the agenda which is going to be roll call, so he will just say everyone's name and they can say present or not.

President Dimopoulos stated that the next order of business on the agenda is the Election of Officers.

Vice-President Dye asked Attorney Allegretti if they had to do wastewater first.

Attorney Allegretti said that the statute provides that the Board of Sanitary Commissioners serves as the Stormwater Board of Directors, so these will carry over to the Stormwater Board.

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Vice-President Dye responded that he knows in the past they were done separately, so he wanted to make sure.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to nominate Sam Dimopoulos as President of the Board for the year 2025.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 4-0.

Miller **moved** and Dimopoulos **seconded** to nominate Michael Dye as Vice-President of the Board for the year 2025.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 4-0.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to nominate Rachel Montes as Board Secretary for the year 2025.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 4-0.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to nominate Kaleigh Boyle as Assistant Board Secretary for the year 2025.

No other nominations. Nominations closed.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller  
Nays: None  
Motion **carried** 4-0.

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President Dimopoulos stated the next order of business is the consideration of the December 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dye **moved** and Miller **seconded** to approve the December 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager, Milan Kruszynski, stated that in regard to plant operations, Jeff Massey said that the plant is running well. There are no issues. It is cold outside. Bugs do not mind the cold. In maintenance, there is going to be some work being done over at the Southeast Hessville station. The motor needs to be rebuilt and they are going to be doing some pump out next week and address some other issues out there and clean out the sump. Over on Sohl Avenue, Nipsco has asked for a one-day outage as long as the weather cooperates. That can happen and they will be monitoring that as well. Dan reported that the biosolids hauling are taking place as long as it remains cold. It might have to be suspended for Thursday and Friday if it warms up. They are also keeping the basin clean. He knows he talked about the new rakes they need at both the Southside and Sohl Avenue stations. They are having a little bit of a delay from the engineers getting those bid specs back to us. They were hoping they would be out at the end of last year, but now they are hoping to get at least one of those bid specs out at the next meeting. Again, they are going to ask for Board approval to set bid dates. He is hoping at the second meeting in January to get at least one of those out. Just so the Board knows, it takes anywhere from 50-60 weeks to get these things built and to us. We are actually going to do the install with in-house folks.

Vice-President Dye asked what country this is coming out of.

Milan answered they are made in the United States.

Vice-President Dye commented it is just a very long manufacture time.

Milan agreed and said that is just it. With a lot of our bigger equipment, that's it. We are lucky with that. So, we need this to move along. We need the engineers to get us the bid specs. We do not like that kind of delay.

Moving on, Milan stated that IT reported (and Bob is not here today) that they are working on the SCADA system over at Indy Blvd. It had not been recording the data, so they are going to be addressing that. In Personnel, they have the report on the desk. Also included with that, there is a notice that there is going to be a pickleball tournament for City employees which includes the District, Water Department and the Port Authority. Our employees are invited to that. In Finance, even though Rachel is not here today, there was a meeting today and we are going to be

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wrapping up Tyler once again. This will definitely have a conversion in 2025. There will be no excuses. We need to get this done and taken care of, so we can all be on the same page. Matt from Safety reported that boot vouchers are going to be going out tomorrow and his safety report went to the City. We had three OSHA reportable incidents and two loss-time incidents. In Sewer, Jack reported that in 2024 it was a good year for the sewer cleaning with a total of 133.21 miles of sewers cleaned. This year, they will have completed all the sewer cleaning over the 4-year period that was required with the regulators. The Sewer Department will also implement weir board cleaning. There is also a 12-inch sewer main repair that will begin on Thursday. There is an AT&T pole that is down on top of our sewer because of a water main leak over on Vice and Stateline.

Vice-President Dye asked if it fell down on the surface.

Milan responded it did not fall down. It came straight down.

Jack explained they had AT&T out yesterday along with Nipsco and they moved the pole out of the way, so they can make their repair. With the cold weather, they have to wait to do the hydro excavating because the trucks are freezing. They have a guy on standby that is going out at 8 o'clock at night the next three days and checking to make sure the main is down and flowing upstream and downstream.

Milan said that concludes the District Manager's report.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

There was a personnel report passed out to the Board today.

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Sewer Maintenance**

No questions or comments.

**Safety**

No questions or comments.

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**CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**MJHY**

Mike Hickey was not at meeting today.

**Donohue**

Natalie Cook from Donohue stated that there is a status report from her in the packet. There are three things on there that she wanted to talk about. First, they have been working on the Memorial Park development and reviewing what was submitted there. There are some questions with the assumed overland flow rates, so they are not entirely comfortable with what they submitted yet. Two things about the CMDF project. One is they finished the draft preliminary engineering report. It was submitted in December and she brought a hard copy for Jeff. If anyone else would like a PDF to review for some light bedtime reading- it is about 262 pages, so have fun. The Geotech was out there the end of December. They finished all of the lab work last week and they were planning to get them the report this week, so they should have more of an understanding of what building on that site would take soon.

**The Board considered the Claims Approval Docket 01-14-25.**

Miller **moved** and Hawkins **seconded** for the approval of the Claims Approval Docket 01-14-25.

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

Motion **carried** 4-0.

**President Dimopoulos called for Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**President Dimopoulos called for New Business**

There was no new businesss 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.

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**President Dimopoulos called for a motion to adjourn the meeting**

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

Ayes: Dimopoulos, Dye, Hawkins, Miller

Nays: None

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

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Sam Dimopoulos, President

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Michael Dye, Vice-President

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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

Board Minutes Prepared By: Kaleigh Boyle