

An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to the commencement of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assist. Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Executive Operator, Deputy Chief Executive Operator and the Board Attorney were present. No other matters were discussed by the Board.

MEETING MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT
Thursday June 9, 2022

Electronic Communication was available via Zoom – No Public Attended

Board Members via Zoom: S. Daniels, B. Grisolia and S. Levinson

Those members in person:

R. Lendi	Treasurer	Mark McLaughlin	Chief Executive Operator
P. Walker	Secretary	J. Prieto,	Deputy Chief Executive Operator
P. Gavrilos	Assist. Secretary/Treasurer		

R. Lendi led the meeting as S. Daniels appeared virtually for accessibility purposes.

- The Treasurer acting as President Officer called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by P. Walker, and motion carried to accept and place on file the previous minutes as submitted to the board

ROLL CALL VOTE (Minutes)

YES: Daniels, Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

- A motion was made by R. Lendi seconded by B. Grisolia to approve Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger (Claims List) and Refund Voucher list from June 9, 2022

ROLL CALL VOTE (Claims List & Refund Voucher)

YES: Daniels, Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

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- A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve the miscellaneous reports as submitted.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Miscellaneous Reports)

YES: Daniels, Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- Miscellaneous Reports submitted:

Board Meeting Claims – Operating Fund \$118,165.04

Board Meeting Claims – Capital Improvement \$20,208.14

Board Meeting Claims – Depreciation \$26,581.41

3 Year Pumpage Comparison for May and June

Filtration Plant Overtime Report – 29 Hours of Overtime 5/22/22-5/29/22

- A motion was made by S. Daniels, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve: Resolution No. 22-09 “A Resolution Reducing the Rates and Charges for Water Services Furnished to City of Hammond Customers to Reflect the Repeal of the Utility Tax”.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Resolution No. 22-09)

YES: Daniels, Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- Heather Garay and Jeremy Brown as representatives of Leopardo Energy appeared before the Board. Mr. Brown produced their information to the Board regarding their findings. Ms. Garay stated that she and Mr. Brown have met with Mark and Jaime on a few occasions to discuss what would be helpful for the Board get a better understanding of how Leopardo’s service can help the Water Department.

Mr. Brown explained that based on their observations the HVAC system throughout the Filtration Plant has passed its useful life. Most of that system is original to the plant. He stated the electrical is in new shape as the Water Department recently redid most of that.

Also, the roofing is in good shape as it has been redone within the past 10 years, same as with most of the windows with a few exceptions which are also original to the building as well as the doors.

The process equipment shows that just about every piece of equipment is beyond its serviceable life. There have been upgrades here and there but a lot of them are original to the facility. Some of them can be reconditioned and repaired but some of them are likely going to need some full replacements soon.

Ms. Garay explained that what she can basically tell the Board is that they don't know when these systems are going to fail but it is on borrowed time. She further stated she could also inform the Board that it is costly to replace things on emergency basis. Savings can be found with them and a guarantee with that the equipment will run and function. Ms. Garay feels that their company can save the Water Department approximately \$282,000 a year.

Mr. Lendi explained to the Board that there are a lot of things that need to be done and we have two ways we can fund these improvements. One we could use the cash we have now or float a bond. The only bonds we can float are bonds that are guaranteed by our future revenues. That is the only borrowings we can leverage. This is different, this allows us to go out for bond work not based on any future revenues, not based on any current cash. But based on our current savings. If we funded ourselves with our bonds and something happened, like us breaking down where we cannot provide water to a wholesale customer it would be on us. He stated his understanding is that if these guys certified the savings they are going to use to finance these bonds, that savings doesn't materialize. They're guaranteeing it. They are like the underwriters of the bonds if something happens. Mr. Brown and Ms. Garay confirmed his explanation. Mr. Lendi informed the Board that he feels that after Leopardos last presentation and along with this information there isn't a benefit to doing this ourselves.

A motion was made by S. Daniels, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to advertise to take RFQs for and Energy Savings Program returnable August 25, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (RFQ for Energy Savings Program)

YES: Daniels, Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker

NO: NONE

ABSENT:

Motion carried

- No New or Unfinished business.
- The Filtration Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

*Filtration Superintendent's Report
June 9, 2022*

We have begun testing with IDEM on site for Cyanobacteria and Toxins at our Intake Well. These tests are mandated by the EPA and are also being conducted at the other surface plants which include East Chicago, Gary and Michigan City.

We have discussed our decision to go with Static Mixers instead of Rapid Mixers in our Plant#2 Flocculation and Sedimentation Basins project with AECOM Engineering.

No other projects at this time.

*Charles P. Pietrucha
Filtration Plant Superintendent*

- The Treasurer asked if anyone had anything further.
- A motion was made by P. Gavrilos, seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Adjourn)

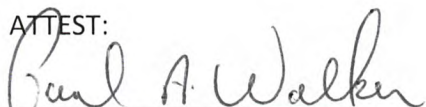
YES: Daniels, Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker

NO: NONE

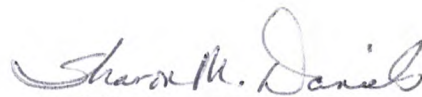
ABSENT:

Motion carried

ATTEST:



SECRETARY



PRESIDENT