

MEETING MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Electronic Communication was available via Zoom – No Public Attended

Those members in person:

S. Daniels	President	M, McLaughlin, Chief Executive Operator
B. Grisolia	Vice President	J. Prieto, Deputy Chief Executive Operator
R Lendi,	Treasurer	S. Levinson, Board Attorney

V. Lopez appeared via Zoom

Those not present: P. Walker

Also present:

Bruce Long, Distribution Superintendent
Chris, Moore , Nies Engineering

- The Board President called the meeting to order.
- The Board President asked if there were any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest.
- The Board Attorney stated we held an Executive Session with Jacob Smith and his representative, Tony Hauprich today based on the grievance that was filed on September 25th on or about. Assured Mr. Smith and Mr. Hauprich that no official action has been taken by the Board with the exception of what was already stated to him, which was placing him on administrative leave based on the probable cause affidavit, and then subsequently on the September 23rd hearing where it was determined that he was a dangerous person, as defined by statute, in order to revoke his gun license for the time being. He was told that when at time that official action is taken regarding his failure to report in any of his personal behavior , he would be notified of that and given an opportunity to be heard.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by R. Lendi and motion carried to approve and place on file the previous meeting's Minutes as submitted to the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Minutes)

YES: Grisolia, Lendi, Lopez, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: P. Walker

Motion carried

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- A motion was made by R. Lendi seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to approve Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger (Claims List), Refund Vouchers and Payroll Vouchers as submitted to the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE (AP Voucher, Refund Vouchers and PR Vouchers)

YES: Grisolia, Lendi, Lopez, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: P. Walker

Motion carried

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Reports)

YES: Grisolia, Lendi, Lopez, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: P. Walker

Motion carried

Board Meeting Claims – Operating Fund \$641,653.29

Board Meeting Claims – Capital Improvement \$0.00

Board Meeting Claims – Depreciation \$177,719.03

3 Year Pumpage Comparison for October

Filtration Plant Overtime Report – 8.5 Hours of Overtime 9/21/25 & 9/28/25

- The Deputy CEO submitted his report as follows:

CEO/Deputy CEO Report for Board Meeting 10/8/25

HWW participated in the 2024 audit exit conference on 9/26/25 and I am happy to say that we did not have any deficiencies. We would like to thank Debbie and La Shaunta for doing a great job and show them appreciation.

CEO/Deputy CEO Report Continued...

Mark and I met with Scott Miller to discuss what is going on within HWW and if there was anything that he could do to help in any matter. It was very productive and he understands the direction HWW wants to go in regarding future projects and possible expansion.

We had a call with Baron & Budd, who is the class action council representing many Water utilities over PFAS litigation against 3M, Dupont, TYCO, and BASF. We entered the class action lawsuit in the Spring of 2024. Discussions included possible payouts, water testing and filtration plant data.

This past Monday was the kickoff meeting between Arcadis, Lochmueller Group, and American Structurepointe, who will be working together on the Plant Expansion. We began with a Q&A on what HWW expects out of the study followed by a Plant tour.

- Bruce Long explained to the Board that we have a 36" water main valve replacement. Summer Street project down the street started two years ago this was supposed to be the Phase I of the project which happened to be around the time where we had issues where the contractor could not get the supplies. It was BABA build America whereas everything was supposed to be made in America that is built. They couldn't get the supplies as they were 26 weeks out, so they scrapped that part of the project. We purchased the valves outright ourselves and have had them on the side. We had to wait till the project was completed and the road projects completed. Now we get to go back and cut holes in the new road to install our valves.

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Chris Moore from Nies Engineering added that the good thing is we stopped short of the area that needs to be excavated so that particular area is not repaved yet where the valves need to be installed. For right now depending on when this scheduled. The plan is for the bids to be turned in On November 6, and then we can get that project going. What they are going to do this fall is put patches in with concrete and he will confirm with Dean to make sure that is okay. If we can get that approved we can go out for bid.

Bruce asked Mr. Moore the estimated cost of the project. Mr. Moore replied just over \$202,000.00. Mr. Long stated that includes the valves, but we bought 3 valves so that price will go down.

A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by B. Grisolia and motion carried to go out for bid on the 36" Valve project.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Permission to go out for Bid 36" Valve Project)

YES: Grisolia, Lendi, Lopez, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: P. Walker

Motion carried

- J. Prieto stated that this goes back to the 12" water main that has been down for 4 years now. It's on the north side of 80/94 from Woodmar Avenue to McCook Avenue. What this project is that we are looking to install a new 12" main that would be from Cabela's tunnel under 41 and connect into the woods just south of 80/94. Pretty much the area North of Alverno Labs. Shana and Megan from American Structurepointe have been going back and forth with what the contract will read just to make sure everyone is on the same page.

The Board Attorney asked if we are looking for an approval on the contract before us tonight.

Shana stated the agreement is good and they have already signed.

A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by R. Lendi and motion carried to approve the Engineering agreement with American Structurepointe, Inc. for professional services pertaining to the 12" main as discussed.

ROLL CALL VOTE (American Structurepointe, Inc. Agreement)

YES: Grisolia, Lendi, Lopez, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: P. Walker

Motion carried

- The Board President asked where we are at with the new building.

J. Prieto stated that he doesn't have an exact date for them but can guess middle of November. Glass walls should be in by first week of November. That will be covering the Foyer. All the desks are in and we are waiting for partitions and for the new conference room.

The Board President wants us to send something out to the public that we will be moving.

J. Prieto stated he will start getting something out on social media.

- The Board President expressed the Boards appreciation to all the employees that helped with the State Board of Accounts audit and they appreciate the continuing efforts on their part to get clean audits year after year.
- New and Unfinished Business

There was no other New or Unfinished Business.

- The Filtration Superintendent Submitted his report as follows:

*Filtration Superintendent Report
10/8/2025*

#1 Sedimentation basin cleaning was completed on September 24th. # 2 basin was completed on October 8th and #3 basin has a completion date of October 15th. This will conclude Fall basin cleaning for the year.

Metropolitan technicians repaired the communication issue with the Lansing valve vault.

Jeff Pala and I attended a seminar held by Metropolitan Industries regarding our current SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) platform MetroCloud. The platform will be upgraded to a new MetroLink platform next year. This will add superior communication and added functions

We will be attending the Alliance of Indiana Rural water conference in Fort Wayne October 21st – October 23rd. We will be entering our water sample for the State Title in Best Water Taste Test 2025. We won Regionals this past March.

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Filtration Superintendent Report Continues...

*Thank you,
Charles Pietrucha
Filtration Superintendent*

- The Board President asked if anyone had anything further.
- A motion was made by V. Lopez seconded B. Grisolia and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Adjourn)
YES: Grisolia, Lendi, Lopez, Walker, Daniels
NO: NONE
ABSENT: P. Walker
Motion carried

ATTEST:

Paul Walker

SECRETARY

Sharon M. Daniels

PRESIDENT