

MEETING MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT
Thursday, April 23, 2026

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
P. Walker	Secretary	
V. Lopez	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	

S. Levinson appeared via Zoom

Those not present: R. Lendi

- The Board President called the meeting to order.
- The Board President asked if there were any conflicts of interest. There were no conflicts of interest.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by V. Lopez and motion carried to approve and place on file the Minutes as submitted to the Board.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger (Claims List), Refund Vouchers and Payroll Vouchers as submitted to the Board.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve the miscellaneous reports as submitted.

Board Meeting Claims – Operating Fund \$189,968.82

Board Meeting Claims – Capital Improvement \$0.00

Board Meeting Claims – Depreciation \$47,303.72

3 Year Pumpage Comparison for April

Filtration Plant Overtime Report – 16 Hours of Overtime for weeks ending 4/5/26 and 4/12/26

- The CEO/Deputy CEO submitted his report as follows:

We conducted our Spring Chemical Reverse Auction last week. Lauren Meek from eBridge came up to host the auction. We were able to win the chlorine bid \$0.24/lb less than last year. Unfortunately, the Hydrofluosilicic Acid came in at \$0.25/1 lb. higher than last year. We still had a savings from 2022 pricing when we did the conventional bidding process.

We met with US EPA and representatives of the Alliance of Rural Water to discuss a mentor/mentee program that will help one of our plant employees get their WT5. This is a federal program that is now open to large systems in order to promote passing the WT5 exam.

We had a meeting with Clark Dietz to discuss the upcoming Chemical Room Upgrading.

We had a meeting with Arcadis, Lochmueller Group and American Structurepoint to discuss high level costs of the Plant Expansion project. They compared reviving the old East Chicago plant and building new facilities on a piece of land that is owned by Horseshoe Casino which was their old employee parking lot, but is now vacant. This piece of land is adjacent to the Amtrak train station.

We will be conducting a pre-bid meeting next week for phase 2 of the Lead Service Line Replacement project. This is the project that awarded us \$10mm, half of which is a 0% loan over 20 years.

- A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve Resolution 2026-3 A Resolution of the Hammond Water Works Department confirming a Declaratory Resolution determining to acquire, construct and install certain additions and improvements to the waterworks system of the City and other matters related thereto

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- A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to approve Resolution 2026-4 Bond Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hammond Water Works Department, authorizing the issuance and sale of revenue bonds of the waterworks district of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to provide funds for water treatment plant improvements, distribution system improvements and various other waterworks improvements, together with incidental expenses, including costs of issuance of the bonds.
- The chemical reverse auction was held and the Deputy Chief Executive Operator requested the Board approve the award of bids. A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to award the chemical bids as follows:

Alexander Chemical	Hydrofluosilicic Acid	\$0.50/lb.
Airgas Specialty Products	Anhydrous Ammonia	\$1.06/lb.
JCI Jones Chemicals	Liquid Chlorine	\$0.69/lb.

- The Deputy Chief Executive Operator informed the Board that he has been looking for cleaning services for the new building and had received proposals for four different companies and The Cleaning Lady of Northwest Indiana, Inc. came back as the lowest proposal. A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to award the cleaning service contract for the office subject to the Attorney's review, to The Cleaning Lady of Northwest Indiana Inc. for the amount of \$180/week with a frequency of two times a week.
- New or Unfinished business.

The Deputy CEO reminded the Board that the next Board Meeting will be on May 12, 2026 and not on the 14th.

The Distribution Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

Distribution monthly work summary 2/25/2025 thru 4/22/2026

(228) Service line issues resolved

(25) Corp issues resolved

(7) Fire Hydrant repaired

(7) Fire Hydrants replaced

(49) Valves exercised

(1) Valve box's installed

(3) Valves installed

(106) Meters exchanged

(3) Broken Mains repaired

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*(2) Valve markers installed
(5) 1" hot taps
(1) 6" hot taps
(31) Painted Fire Hydrants*

*Leak truck crews assisted contractors with a 36" water valve install at Columbia Ave.
& Summer St.*


Leak truck crews replaced 200ft of water main at 124th & New York.

*Sincerely,
Bruce Long
Distribution Superintendent*

- The Board President asked if anyone had anything further. Nothing further.
- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded P. Walker and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.


PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


SECRETARY