

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY February 18, 2025**

The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland convened in a study session immediately before the Regular Public Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 with Commissioner Garcia presiding, in the first floor meeting room of the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in order to discuss the final agenda of the regular meeting.

Silent Roll Call: Commissioners Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. John Bach and Greg Cieslak were absent. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc., Robert Tweedle, Attorney and George Georgeff, Councilman.

Derek Snyder is waiting for letter from Insituform for this years lining projects.

Mark Knesek stated nothing to report from Public Works.

Robert Tweedle stated his items were on the agenda.

Study Session ended at 6:35.

At 6:35 the Regular Meeting of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland convened with Commissioner Garcia presiding, in the meeting room of the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Regular Public meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Roll Call: Commissioners Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. John Bach and Greg Cieslak were absent. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc., Robert Tweedle, Attorney and George Georgeff, Councilman.

The minutes from the January 21, 2025, public meeting are approved.

Special Order: None

Communications: None

General Order and Unfinished Business:

1. **Commissioner DeGuilio-Fox motioned to approve Resolution 2025-04 Jones seconded. Upon a roll-call, there were three (3) affirmatives and no (0) negatives. The motion passes.**

**Sanitary District of Highland
Board of Sanitary Commissioners
Resolution No. 2025-04**

A Resolution Accepting the Bid of Republic Services of Indiana LP, for the Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables and Authorizing the Sanitary District President to Execute the Agreement and All Documents Necessary to Implement the Contract, All Pursuant to IC 36-9-30 ET Seq.

Whereas, The Sanitary District of Highland had prepared specifications, pursuant to IC 36-9-30-5, for the purpose of contracting for services for the Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables; and

Whereas, the Public Works Director had prepared bid specifications for Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables services, and the work was bid in accordance with HMC Section 3.15 et seq.; and

Whereas, the following bids were received January 31, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., with the bid tabulation being as follows:

Republic Services of Indiana	Trash	Recycle	Total	Cust.	Monthly Total	Annual Total	40 CY Rolloff	30 CY Rolloff
April 2025 to March 2026	\$22.90	\$3.00	\$25.90	8,121	\$210,333.90	\$2,524,006.80	\$440.00	\$400.00
April 2026 to March 2027	\$24.05	\$3.15	\$27.20	8,121	\$220,891.20	\$2,650,694.40	\$460.00	\$420.00
April 2027 to March 2028	\$25.25	\$3.31	\$28.56	8,121	\$231,935.76	\$2,783,229.12	\$481.00	\$441.00
April 2028 to March 2029	\$26.76	\$3.51	\$30.27	8,121	\$245,822.67	\$2,949,872.04	\$507.00	\$467.00
April 2029 to March 2030	\$28.64	\$3.75	\$32.39	8,121	\$263,039.19	\$3,156,470.28	\$540.00	\$500.00
April 2030 to March 2031	\$30.64	\$4.01	\$34.65	8,121	\$281,392.65	\$3,376,711.80	\$575.00	\$535.00

Homewood Disposal NR
Total Disposal NR

Whereas, the Public Works Director has reviewed the bids and determined that the bid of Republic Services, Incorporated, for the various class of services to be provided, to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid, and

Whereas, there are sufficient and available appropriations balances on hand to support the payments under the agreement, pursuant to IC 5-22-17-3(e); and

Whereas, The Sanitary District of Highland now desires to accept the bid and award the services contract to Republic Services of Indiana LP as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. That the Base Bid for the Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables is hereby accepted as the lowest responsive and responsible bid;

Section 2. That the President of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Republic Services of Indiana LP, and all documents necessary to implement the contract for services, following passage of an Ordinance by the Highland Town Council approving and establishing utility rates sufficient to support the services provided pursuant to the contract.

Duly Adopted, Resolved and Ordered by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of Highland, Lake County, Indiana this 18th day of February 2025. Having passed by vote of three (3) for and none (0) opposed.

**The Sanitary District of Highland
By Its Board of Commissioners:**

Richard Garcia, President

Attest:

David Jones, Secretary

New Business:

Introduce:

**SANITARY DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND, ALL PURSUANT TO IC 36-9-25 ET SEQ.

Sanitary Board is ordering a public hearing on March 4th.

Reports: None

Comments from the Commissioners: None

Business from the floor: Resident Terry Steagall was present to discuss the delay with the Hammond wastewater treatment project and the Hammond Consent Decree as it affects Highland being able to move forward with our project. He stated he has gone to meetings in Hammond to voice his opinion and will continue to do so. Mr. Tweedle and Mr. Garcia informed Mr. Steagall that Highland is aware of the situation and has taken steps to be able to move forward as far as we can under the circumstances at this time. Mr. Steagall thanked the commission for their time.

Claims:

3308	SAN DIST BD & INT	240,943.60
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6201	SEWAGE OPERATING	384,911.79
6204	SEWAGE IMPOV	197,584.21
6206	SEWAGE CASH RESERVE	119,260.50
6601	SANITARY OPERATION	192,507.78
	Total	1,269,801.88

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the docket. Commissioner DeGuilio-Fox seconded. Upon a roll call, there were three (3) affirmatives and no (0) negatives. The motion passes.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be a study session to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 4, 2025.. The next regularly scheduled Public Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18, 2025, immediately following a study session at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no other business to come before the Board of Sanitation Commissioners, Commissioner DeGuilio-Fox moved to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Denise Beck, Recording Secretary