

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY May 2, 2023**

The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland convened in a study session immediately before the Regular Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 with Commissioner Garcia presiding, in the second 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, Greg Cieslak, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc. and Robert Tweedle, Attorney.

Derek Snyder gave an update on current projects and the SSO.

Brian Desharnis from Commonwealth was present to answer questions from the commissioners regarding the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Remedial Project Phase 1-Divisions B & C.

Study Session ended at 7:00.

At 7:00 the Public Hearing of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland convened with Commissioner Garcia presiding, in the upstairs meeting room of the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Public Hearing was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

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

Special Order:

Public Hearing on a Resolution 2023-07 by the Sanitary District Board of Commissioners the Town of Highland Indiana approved at its meeting of June 24, 2021.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. Robert Tweedle, Board Attorney, confirmed proof of publication. Commissioner Garcia called three times for any comments, in favor of or in opposition to the Resolution from the public. There were no comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02.

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve Resolution 2023-07 Cieslak seconded. Upon a roll-call, there were four (4) affirmatives and no (0) negatives. The motion passes.

**HIGHLAND SANITARY DISTRICT
TOWN OF HIGHLAND, INDIANA
RESOLUTION 2023-07**

**STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN (SRF) PROGRAM – PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT (PER) ACCEPTANCE
RESOLUTION**

Whereas, The Sanitary District of Highland is governed by its Board of Sanitary Commissioners, pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-9-25 et seq.; and

Whereas, IC 36-9-25-9 specifically provides that the Board of Sanitary Commissioners shall manage and control all works of the district and may purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, operate, repair and maintain all sewage works; and

Whereas, The Board of Sanitary Commissioners in performing its duties, may adopt resolutions, rules and by-laws that are necessary to carry out the provisions of IC 36-9-25 including repealing or amending them consistent with the Sanitary District Law; and

Whereas, The Highland Sanitary District of the Town of Highland, Indiana has caused a PER, dated June 2020, to be prepared by the consulting firm of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc.; and

Whereas, Said PER has been presented to the public at a public hearing held on May 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM for public comment; and

Whereas, The Highland Sanitary District Board of Sanitary Commissioners finds that there was either no objection to the recommended project in the PER or there was not sufficient evidence presented in any objection to the recommended project in the PER.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The PER dated June 2020 be approved and adopted by the Highland Sanitary District Board of Sanitary Commissioners; and
2. Said PER shall be submitted to the SRF Loan Program for review and approval.

Duly Adopted, Resolved and Ordered by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 2 day of May 2023. Having been passed by a vote of four (4) for and no (0) opposed.

THE SANITARY DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND
BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Richard Garcia, President

Attest:

David Jones, Secretary of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners

Adjournment: There being no other business to come before the Board of Sanitation Commissioners, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

The Board of Sanitary Commissioners of the Sanitary District of Highland reconvened in study session immediately after the Public Hearing.

Present at the study session on silent roll call were Commissioners Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Greg Cieslak, Dave Jones and Richard Garcia. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director, Derek Snyder of NIES Engineering, Inc., and Robert Tweedle, Attorney.

Brian continued to answer questions from the commissioners regarding the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Remedial Project Phase 1-Divisions B & C. A long discussion took place.

Robert Tweedle gave an update regarding the final completed revised Sewage Collection/Treatment Agreement between Highland and HSD after completion of the Cost of Service Study and subsequent extensive negotiations.

Mark Knesek and Derek Snyder informed the commissioners of issues with equipment that need to be considered for replacement in the current year.

Adjournment: There being no other business to come before the Board of Sanitation Commissioners, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Denise Beck, Recording Secretary