

**CITY OF HOBART  
SANITARY DISTRICT/STORM WATER BOARD MEETING  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE:**

Mr. Fulton called the meeting of the Hobart Sanitary District to order at 5:00 P.M. Members in attendance: Mr. Bob Fulton, Mr. Joe Broadaway, Mr. Alex Metz, Mr. Gutierrez, and Mr. Jim Mandon (via Zoom). Also in attendance were Mr. Tim Kingsland, Councilman Mark Kopil, Attorney Jim Meyer, Ms. Jillian Burton, and Ms. Lorie Leonard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board was presented with the minutes from the January 26, 2026, meeting. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez. Mr. Mandon remits his vote due to technical difficulties with Zoom. All aye, motion carried. (4/0)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Board was presented with the meeting agenda. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

**CITY ENGINEER REPORT:**

Mr. Metz provided an update on the Wisconsin Street Bridge Project. He had anticipated presenting additional information at the meeting; however, certain documents were incomplete. He expects the item to appear on the next agenda with a revised cost estimate for bidding.

**LIFT STATION REPORT:**

No report.

**SANITARY DISTRICT:**

No report.

**STORM WATER DISTRICT:**

Mr. Charles Thompson of Abonmarche addressed the Board about the Wastewater Treatment Plant demolition project. He reported that his staff contacted the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding permitting requirements. The DNR confirmed that a permit is not required, provided the site grading remains consistent with pre-demolition conditions. Lake County Health was also contacted and indicated that no permits are necessary. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was not contacted, as the project is not located within a waterway or floodplain; it is within the DNR's jurisdiction. Americo has completed the asbestos study at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the City anticipates receiving the report soon, with asbestos mitigation expected.

Mr. Kingsland requested approval of Task Order #9 and Task Order #10. Task Order #9 provides the preparation of plans and specifications for demolition of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Task Order #10 provides construction oversight services for demolition. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve Task Order #9 in an amount not to exceed \$18,500, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez. All aye, motion carried. (5-0)

The Board indicated it would wait to approve Task Order #10 to receive and review the asbestos report, which may alter the demolition cost. Mr. Gutierrez made a motion to table Task Order #10 for demolition construction oversight, seconded by Mr. Broadaway. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

Mr. Kingsland presented the Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement for 6197 Colorado Street, the second site of the data center project. The agreement addresses erosion control procedures associated with mass earth grading activities. Upon issuance of the stormwater permit, a third party will conduct weekly self-inspection reports to be reviewed by the MS4 Coordinator, and the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be updated. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve the Long-Term Maintenance and Operation Agreement for 6197 Colorado Street, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

Mr. Kingsland reported that request for proposals to maintain HSD managed sites were sent to three firms. Davey's Tree Expert Company submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$42,680.00 for maintenance of the current HSD-managed sites. Davey's has served as a contractor for the past two years. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve Davey's as the contractor for the 2026 HSD Managed Sites, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

Mr. Kingsland reported that the Robinson Engineering contract has been reviewed and approved by Attorney Meyers, Mr. Bob Csanyi (Robinson Engineering) was present to address any questions from the Board. He expressed eagerness to begin working on the project. Mr. Broadaway made a motion to approve the Robinson Engineering Assessment Contract for HSD Lift Stations 15 and 18, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

Mr. Kingsland reported that the Duck Creek Phase 3 application was initially approved to move forward with a full proposal for the Lake Michigan Coastal Program. However, NOAA denied the required conservation easement for the project area, which is necessary for completion, and the grant application was subsequently withdrawn. Mr. Kingsland plans to pursue alternative grant opportunities next year to fund Phase 3.

#### **LEGAL DEPARTMENT:**

Attorney Meyers is working with Mr. Metz regarding the sewer line matter at 14 N. Illinois Street and has also begun work on a sewer connection and use agreement with AWS.

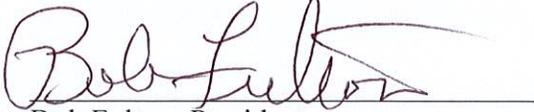
#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

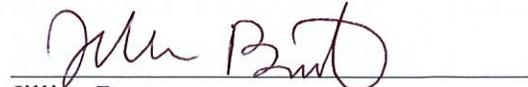
Mr. Broadaway requested an update on the County Line Road storm culverts project. Mr. Metz updated that the project was bid late last year; however, the bids received were significantly higher than anticipated. The plan is to rebid the project in conjunction with the 38th Place project in hopes of reducing overall costs. 38th Place will be ready to go out for bid next month.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further comments or discussion, Mr. Broadaway motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez. All aye, motion carried. (5/0)

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

  
Bob Fulton, President

  
Jillian Burton