



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR  
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON **MARCH 5, 2020** AT 10:00AM – 3600 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Gary, IN

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1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:
  - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation, or written notice of threatened litigation.

2. The following persons were in attendance at the Executive Session:

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**PRESENT**

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Tramel Raggs, President  
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice-President  
Ola V. Morris, Secretary  
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member  
Angela E. Jones, Member  
Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director  
Vern E. White, Director of Administration  
W. Tony Walker, Attorney

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**ABSENT**

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3. The following matters were discussed and information received by the Board during its advertised Executive Session, and NO OFFICIAL ACTION was taken.
  - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation, or written notice of threatened litigation.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Ola V. Morris, Secretary**

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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 5, 2020

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 5, 2020  
**TIME:** 11:00AM  
**LOCATION:** GSD, Board Room

**TYPE:** Regular Meeting  
**NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:** YES  
**QUORUM:** YES

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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**ABSENT MEMBERS**

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director  
Vern E. White, Director of Administration  
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**OTHERS ABSENT**

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**Call to Order:** 11:23 AM by Commissioner Raggs

Commissioner Raggs began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call. He then certified that prior to the March 5, 2020 Board Meeting, there was an Executive Session held and there was nothing discussed in the Executive Session that was not indicated on the Posted Notice of the Executive Session; and being in compliance with the Indiana Statues, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Commissioner Raggs asked if any Board Member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he then proceeded with the meeting.

**1. MINUTES**

As per the Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Board Meeting, Commissioner Raggs called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes. A motion to accept the Minutes of the Executive Session Items and the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2020 with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed without dissent.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / One (1)-Abstention (Jones-absent from the 02/19/2020 Meeting)

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2a. A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: January 20, 2020 through February 2, 2020, in the amount of \$249,253.42.**

Overview: Director of Administration Vern White asked for the Board's approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2a.



Commissioner Raggs called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2a. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval of the GSD's Payroll Earnings (January 20, 2020 thru February 2, 2020) was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2b. A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No. SD20-08, Authorizing Opening a New Centier Bank Account and Closing Out GSD Chase Grand Calumet Fund (431).**

Overview: Director of Administration Vern White stated the Board's approval is being requested to close out GSD's final Chase Account in the amount of \$336,006.40; and opening a new bank account with Centier Bank – by doing so also allows for a reduction in bank fees. Centier Bank offers a market rate of 0.10%.

Director of Administration Vern White recommended approval of Agenda Item 2b.

Commissioner Raggs called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2b. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No. SD20-08, Authorizing Opening a New Centier Bank Account and Closing Out GSD Chase Grand Calumet Fund (431) was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

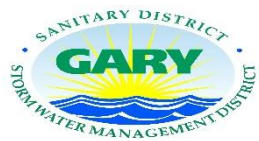
**2c. A Motion to Approve and Ratify GSD Resolution No. SD20-09, Authorizing Closing Out and Transferring GSD TrustIndiana Sewer Construction Fund (433) to GSD Hoosier Sewer Construction Fund (433).**

Overview: Director of Administration Vern White stated the Board's approval and ratification is being requested to transfer GSD's TrustIndiana Sewer Construction Fund (433) to GSD's Hoosier Fund (433) in the amount of \$17,871.02 in an effort to obtain a better interest rate and consolidate funds. The current interest rate with TrustIndiana is 1.66% and the rate with Hoosier Fund is 1.80%.

Director of Administration Vern White recommended approval of Agenda Item 2c.

Commissioner Raggs called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2c. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The Motion to Approve and Ratify GSD Resolution No. SD20-09, Authorizing Closing Out and Transferring GSD TrustIndiana Sewer Construction Fund (433) to GSD Hoosier Sewer Construction Fund (433) was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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**2d. A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc. for the Removal and Replacement of Pump Nos. 2 and 3 Check Valves at the 15th Avenue & Clay Street Pumping Station, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$49,000.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the current valves are inoperable and the pumps cannot operate without the valves, making replacement necessary. Quotes were solicited from nine (9) contractors, with three (3) responses; with LGS Plumbing, Inc. being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of Agenda Item 2d.

Commissioner Raggs called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2d. Commissioner Jones gave the motion to approve. The Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc. for the Removal and Replacement of Pump Nos. 2 and 3 Check Valves at the 15th Avenue & Clay Street Pumping Station was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2e. A Motion to Approve Change Order No. 2 to Thieneman Construction, Inc. for the GSD Aeration System Improvements Project (GSD Project No. SD18-07).**

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated Change Order No. 2 is a CREDIT of \$15,350.00 to waive the field and shop testing of the flexible membrane disk diffusers (shock testing is not required).

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of Agenda Item 2e.

Commissioner Raggs called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2e. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The Motion to Approve Change Order No. 2 to Thieneman Construction, Inc. for the GSD Aeration System Improvements Project (GSD Project No. SD18-07) was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**3. CLAIMS**

**3a. GSD Claims Numbers: 657 thru 843, in the amount of \$1,395,046.79**

Overview: Director of Administration Vern White recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Commissioner Raggs called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3a. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 657 thru 843 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



#### 4. INFORMATION UPDATES

##### 4a. Plant Superintendent

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, provided the Board with plant updates:

Overview:

- **The SARA Tier II**

- The Emergency Planning and Community Right To Know (SARA Tier II) Annual Report was submitted by the March 1, 2020 due date.

- **The Consent Decree Progress Report**

- The Consent Decree Progress Report was submitted to DOJ, USEPA, and IDEM by the March 1, 2020 due date.

- **Maintenance**

- The north RAS pump in the Modified building was rebuilt and is back in service.
- The mechanical drive on bar screen #3 was replaced and it's back in service.
- The grit classifier conveyor was repaired and it's back in service.

- **Operator Vacancies**

- Still looking to fill operator vacancies. Certified operators or degreed candidates are preferred.

##### 4b. Construction Activities

Eric Tonk provided the Board with an update on GSD Construction Activities:

- Clark Road Project:

- There is one (1) Punch List Item left to complete: NIPSCO to lower gas valve

- Lake Street Road Construction:

- Winterization is being done on Lake Street

- Aeration System Improvements:

- Demolition of Blower Nos. 4 & 5 and associated piping has been completed. Planning for the installation of new piping to the Chlorine Contact Tanks

- Atechenson Street Drainage Improvements:

- Materials were delivered to jobsite, however, the Contractor (Alex Metz Sewers) was pulled away for an emergency sewer repair

- Horace Mann Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project:

- Mobilization and Sewer Replacement between Roosevelt and McKinley Streets – between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues

#### 5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

#### 6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There was no one present requesting to speak.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38AM



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

04/22/2020

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