



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR  
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 7, 2021

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**NOTE: NO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE JULY 7, 2021 GSD BOARD MEETING.**

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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 7, 2021

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021  
**TIME:** 11:00AM  
**LOCATION:** GSD, Board Room

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

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Maurice G. Mabon, President  
Charles G. Peller, Jr., Vice President  
Ola V. Morris, Secretary  
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member  
Darnail Lyles, Member

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**ABSENT MEMBERS**

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager  
Tony Walker, Attorney

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**OTHERS ABSENT**

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**Call to Order:** 11:02AM by Commissioner Mabon

Commissioner Mabon began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then certified that prior to the start of the July 7, 2021 Board Meeting, there was NO EXECUTIVE SESSION held. Commissioner Mabon asked if any Board Member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he then proceeded with the meeting.

**Bid Opening:** Commissioner Mabon made a final call for the receipt of bids for The Purchase of the chemical Sodium Hypochlorite (chemical used for the disinfection process). With there being no responses, Commissioner Mabon requested a close to the receipt of additional bids.

Executive Director Vicari opened the sealed bids and gave report:

- Bid #1: Rowell Chemical Corporation, Hinsdale, IL  
Price: \$1.30 per gallon; 320,000 gallons for a Total Price of \$416,000.00
- Bid #2: Wilson Industrial Sales, Rensselaer, IN  
Price: \$0.87 per gallon; 320,000 gallons for a Total Price of \$278,400.00
- Bid #3: Alexander Chemical Corporation, Kingsbury, IN  
Price: \$0885 per gallon; 320,000 gallons for a Total Price of \$283,200.00

Executive Director Vicari recommended the received bids to be referred to GSD Staff for review and recommendation.



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**1. MINUTES**

As per the Regular Meeting Minutes of the June 21, 2021, Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of the June 21, 2021 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Peller and passed without dissent.

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

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 10, 2021 t h r o u g h May 23, 2021, in the amount of \$234,459.53.**

Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2.1.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 10, 2021 through May 23, 2021 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Company, Inc., for the GSD Administration Renovation Project (GSD Project No. SD21-02), in an amount not-to-exceed \$932,500.00 (Price covers: Base Bid Amount, plus Owner Selected Alternates No. 1 and No. 3).**

*Overview:* Executive Director Vicari stated American Structurepoint was the firm that completed the bid documents for said project. GSD publicly advertised for bids. GSD received four (4) bids for the GSD Administration Renovation Project; with three (3) of the four (4) bids being from Gary-based companies (*Bids from Gary-Based:* Gariup Construction, Powers & Sons and Pangere Corporation – fourth bid from Hasse Construction).

Note: Bids for the Non-Selected Owner Alternate No. 2 (related to Doors and Hardware) will be re-bid at a later date.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Company, Inc., for the GSD Administration Renovation Project was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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



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**2.3 A Motion to Approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion Submittal of Thieneman Construction, Inc., for the GSD Aeration System Improvements Project, GSD Project No. SD18-07.**

*Overview:* Executive Director Vicari stated staff recommends granting Substantial Completion Submittal (for warranty purposes). The Final Completion Submittal will be issued once all punch-list items have been completed and verified.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.3.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion Submittal of Thieneman Construction Co., for GSD Project No. SD18-07 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

**2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 808 East 35<sup>th</sup> Place, in an amount not-to-exceed \$34,100.00.**

*Overview:* Executive Director Vicari stated 77 feet of sewer needs to be replaced at said location. Four (4) bids were received; with Gary-Based Alex Metz Sewers being the lowest with face bid amount.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.4.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 808 East 35<sup>th</sup> Place was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

**2.5 A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Company, Inc., for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 418 Arthur Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$39,700.00.**

*Overview:* Executive Director Vicari stated the cave-in at said location was very serious. Bypass pumping was necessary prior to a contractor being selected and mobilized to avoid basement backups. Quotes were solicited from 17 contractors; with Gary-based Gariup Construction being the low bidder. Other bids received were from: Alex Metz Sewers, Gary, \$48,400; LGS Plumbing, Crown Point, \$50,00; and Calumet Plumbing, Calumet City, IL \$93,865.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.5.



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Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction Company, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 418 Arthur Street was seconded by Commissioner Peller and passed/approved.

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

### 3. CLAIMS

#### 3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2078 thru 2246, in the amount of \$1,051,033.05

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 2078 thru 2246 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

### 4. INFORMATION UPDATES

#### 4.1 Plant Superintendent

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, provided the Board with Plant/Maintenance Updates:

- **Major Projects**
  - Aeration Improvement Project
  - Grit Project
- **Operations**
  - Rain Events
  - Operator Certification
- **Maintenance**
  - Tank maintenance
- **Safety**
  - Safety Training

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4.2 **Construction Activity Updates**

Eric Tonk, Engineer, provided the Board with Construction Activity Updates:

- **Project: 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sewer Project**  
Project is progressing – Installation of new sewer is now east of Garfield Street and will continue to move to the east towards Grant Street.
- **Project: New Administration Roof Replacement**  
Punchlist items completed
- **Project: South Aeration Roofing Gallery**  
Punchlist items completed
- **Project: 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pumping Station (Calhoun)**  
Walk through was conducted and Punchlist was created Punchlist was shared with Contractor.

5. **DISCUSSION**

There were not 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 11:57AM.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

07/19/2021

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