



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR  
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 2, 2021

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**NOTE: NO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE AUGUST 2, 2021 GSD BOARD MEETING.**



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2021

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**DATE:** Monday, August 2, 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:** 11:10AM 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 August 2, 2021 Board Meeting, there was an NO EXECUTIVE SESSION held. Commissioner Mabon asked if any Board Member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he then proceeded with the meeting.

**1. MINUTES**

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the July 19, 2021, Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the July 19, 2021 Meetings, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Jackson 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: June 7, 2021 t h r o u g h June 20, 2021, in the amount of \$241,465.12.**

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



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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: June 7, 2021 through June 20, 2021 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve an Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and U.S. Department of the Army for Design and Construction Assistance for the Section 219 Gary Sanitary District Force Main Replacement Project.**

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the initial increment of work consists of replacing 1,900 feet of new 48-inch diameter force main. The initial increment of work is projected to be \$4.7 Million. The Non-Federal Sponsor's share of construction costs for the initial increment of work is projected to be \$1.1 Million.

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 Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and U.S. Department of the Army for Design and Construction Assistance for the Section 219 Gary Sanitary District Force Main Replacement Project was seconded by Commissioner Peller and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1977 Delaware Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$210,000.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the existing main sewer has lost its structural integrity and collapsed, thereby causing a cave-in, sand/water infiltration and stoppage of sewage flow. The sewage is currently being pumped out of the sewer. The cave-in is a pedestrian and vehicular hazard. Quotes were solicited from 17 contractors; with three (3) responses. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

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 an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1977 Delaware Street was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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



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**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2400 thru 2542, in the amount of \$1,239,529.96**

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 Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 2400 thru 2542 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved. The vote: Four (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

**4.1 Construction Activity Updates**

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

- **Project: 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sewer Project**  
Project is on schedule – Continuation with installation of sewers west of Grant Street. The Project will reach Grant Street within one (1) week which will require partial closure of Grant Street.
- **Project: Grit Improvements Project**  
Continue with the submittal approval process and installation of electrical conduit.
- **Project: South Aeration Roofing Gallery**  
The new motor for Blower No. 4 is being manufactured and should be installed in August 2021.
- **Project: 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pumping Station (Calhoun)**  
Delivery of As-Built Drawings and O&M Manuals.

**5. DISCUSSION**

Executive Director Vicari asked Summer Intern Employee Beyonce Buckingham to step to the speaking podium where Ms. Buckingham sang an original song made about the water treatment processes within GSD.

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There was one (1) Request to Speak: Eddie Victorian of XF Real Estate Holdings & Acquisitions (Main Office: 5534 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, IN and Satellite Office: 708 Vermont St., Gary, IN). Mr. Victorian stated he plans to rehab homes and development new homes (approx.. 40-50 units) in the Emerson area and is requesting:

- GSD re-establishing taps to sewer lines for easy flow
- GSD securing solid sewer lines within the Emerson area community (starting at the 700 Block of Vermont St.)
- GSD to encourage investments by helping resolve and establish standards



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7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

08/16/2021

Maurice G. Mabon

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