



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **NOVEMBER 15, 2021** AT 10:00AM – Virtual Meeting

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:

PRESENT

Maurice G. Mabon, President
Charles G. Peller, Jr., Vice President
Ola V. Morris, Secretary
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member
Tony Walker, Attorney
Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

ABSENT

Darnail Lyles, Member

OTHER INVITED ATTENDEES

3. The following matters were discussed and information received by the Board during its advertised Executive Session, and NO OFFICIAL ACTION was taken.
 - Collective Bargaining
 - The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract, or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties
 - Discuss job performance evaluation or individual employees, excluding salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during the budget process

**GARY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, November 15, 2021
TIME: 11:00AM
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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Ola V. Morris, Secretary
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

Darnail Lyles, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6677681093>

Meeting ID: 667 768 1093

Call to Order: 11:03AM by Commissioner Mabon

Commissioner Mabon began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then certified that prior to the start of the November 15, 2021 Board Meeting, there was an 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 November 1, 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 November 1, 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: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: September 27, 2021 through October 10, 2021, in the amount of \$222,840.38.

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: September 27, 2021 through October 10, 2021 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.2 A Motion to Approve the Certificate of Final Completion and the Release of Retainage to E.C. Babilla, Inc., for the New Administration Roof Replacement Project (GSD Project No. SD19-01).

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the new roof for the Administration Building has been reviewed to certify completion and satisfaction by our Engineering Department.

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 the Certificate of Final Completion and the Release of Retainage to E.C. Babilla, Inc., for the New Administration Roof Replacement Project (GSD Project No. SD19-01) was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.3 A Motion to Approve the Certificate of Final Completion and the Release of Retainage to E.C. Babilla, Inc., for the South Aeration Gallery Roof Replacement Project (GSD Project No. SD20-01).

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the new roof for the South Aeration Gallery Building has been reviewed to certify completion and satisfaction by our Engineering Department.

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 Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Certificate of Final Completion and the Release of Retainage to E.C. Babilla, Inc., for the South Aeration Gallery Roof Replacement Project (GSD Project No. 20-01) was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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2.4 A Motion to Approve Task Order No. 43 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Construction Engineering Services for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Project.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated Task Order No. 43 will serve as Construction Engineering Services for American Structurepoint, Inc., to be full-time engineering support for 27th & Chase Street's Force Main Project.

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 Task Order No. 43 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Construction Engineering Services for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Project was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.5 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Kennedy Industries for the repair of the South RAS Pump (in Modified Building), in an amount not-to-exceed \$26,895.00.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the South Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pump is in need of rebuilding. Quotes were solicited from four (4) contractors; with Kennedy Industries being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.5.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Kennedy Industries for the repair of the South RAS Pump was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.6 A Motion to Approve the Purchase of Two (2) Gravity Pump Grinders from JWC Environmental, in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,638.00.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the purchase of new Gravity Pump Grinders are needed to grind larger items. A quote was solicited from JWC Environmental as they are a sole-source providing for the grinder pumps.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.6.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Purchase of



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Two (2) Gravity Pump Grinders from JWC Environmental was seconded by Commissioner Peller and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.7 A Motion to Approve the Sole-Source Purchase of a Belt Filter Press No. 1 Sludge Pump Assembly from LAI, Ltd., in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,689.51.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the No. 1 Sludge Pump is in need of replacement. LAI, Ltd. is a sole-source provider of the Belt Filter Press Sludge Pump Assembly.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.7.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.7. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Sole-Source Purchase of a Belt Filter Press No. 1 Sludge Pump Assembly from LAI, Ltd. was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.8 A Motion to Approve the Purchase of an Air Compressor from Tri-State Compressed Air Systems, in an amount not-to-exceed \$41,131.00.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the 100 horsepower air compressor will be used in the process of moving sludge from digester to digester with less maintenance. The new compressor will take the place of two (2) air compressors.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.8.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Peller gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Purchase of an Air Compressor from Tri-State Compressed Air Systems was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 3612 thru 3760, in the amount of \$905,859.66

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 3612 thru 3760 was seconded by Commissioner Peller and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, provided the Board with updates of the Plant's activities:

- Leadership Development Institute Training
 - Personal Leadership Development
 - Developing as a Leader
 - Developing Your Team
- Major Projects
 - Aeration Improvement Project
 - Grit Project
- Operations
- Maintenance
 - GBT
 - Boiler Building Gas Leak
 - Crane Inspections
 - Meter Calibrations
- Safety Training
 - Neck Pain? Check Your Desk
 - Protect Yourself From Cold Stress

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

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

- **Project: Paving Project @ WWTP**
Project has been completed. Walk-through to be scheduled.
- **Project: Grit Improvements Project**
The new items for the project arrived. New roof being worked on.
- **Project: Roofing Project/Administration Building**
Project complete
- **Project: Aeration Systems Improvement Project**
Testing being done to work out small issues in the project
- **Project: 13th Avenue Sewer Replacement**
Project is closing out. Ribbon cutting was scheduled and postponed.
- **Project: Oak Avenue Project**
Project still being worked on.

5. DISCUSSION

There were not discussion items.



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6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

- a. Renee Patterson (Re: Sewer Billing Balance Dispute)

Ms. Patterson voiced her issue as being a billing discrepancies in the outstanding balances owed for sewer billing(s) for several properties she owned (recently sold) in the City of Gary. Commissioner Mabon asked Attorney Walker and Executive Director Vicari to investigate Ms. Patterson's concerns.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

12/06/2021

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