



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 18, 2022

Note: No Executive Session was held prior to the start of the April 18, 2022 GSD Board Meeting.



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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18, 2022

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, April 18, 2022
TIME: 11:00AM
LOCATION: Hybrid

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel F. Vicari, President *In-person*
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President *In-person*
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member *In-person*
Darnail Lyles, Member *Remote*

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ola V. Morris

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director *In-person*
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager *In-person*
Tony Walker, Attorney *In-person*

OTHERS ABSENT

ZOOM

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

Meeting ID: 667 768 1093

I. Call to Order: 11:09AM by Chairman Vicari

Chairman Vicari began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then certified that prior to the start of the April 18, 2022 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held. Chairman Vicari asked if any Board Member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he then proceeded with the meeting.



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1. MINUTES

As per the Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes of the April 4, 2022 Meeting, Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes of the April 4, 2022 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Mabon. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed without dissent.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: February 14, 2022 through February 27, 2022, in the amount of \$231,761.29.

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

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: February 14, 2022 through February 27, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve and Ratify a Notice of Award to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 3749 Jefferson Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$72,100.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has lost its structural integrity and collapsed, thereby causing a cave-in, infiltration and impediment of sewage flow. The cave-in is also a pedestrian and vehicular hazard. The Collections staff has set-up by-pass pumping to service the sewer to avoid a sanitary sewer overflow.

Quotes were solicited from 17 contractors; with three (3) contractor responses. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Question: Commissioner Lyles asked why is GSD, on a continuous basis, continuing to use a vendor such as Alex Metz Sewers when they are non-compliant to regulations set by GSD/City of Gary (i.e.: hiring Gary residents).



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Response: Todd McCain, Community Engagement Director, stated he has met with Alex Metz Sewers to discuss said non-compliance. Alex Metz Sewers' response is that he has attempted to employ Gary residents, unfortunately he has been unable to hire qualified Gary residents and/or Minorities for the jobs.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify a Notice of Award to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 3749 Jefferson Street was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / One (1)-No (Lyles)

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1106 thru 1247, in the amount of \$1,090,072.96

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

Question: Commissioner Lyles inquired about Claim No. 1162 (NIPSCO). He asked if this amount referenced for the NIPSCO claim is a typical amount.

Response: Rhonda Anderson responded by stating the current NIPSCO (which covers service for the entire plant) amount referenced as Claim No. 1162 is a typical amount for the current season. She further stated the amount is sizably less than what the billing reflected prior to GSD installing its new blowers.

Chairman Vicari 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 1106 thru 1247 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, provided an overview of Plant Activities:

- **Meetings**
 - NWIOA will be held Thursday, April 28, 2022 – Michigan City Sanitary District
- **Reports**
 - **Annual CSO Public Notification Report**
- **Projects**
 - **Aeration Project**
 - **Grit Project**
 - **Guard House**
- **Operations**



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- **Maintenance**
- **Safety Training**

4.2 **Construction Activity Updates**

Eric Tonk, Engineer, provided an overview of current Construction Activities:

- **Aeration System Improvements Project**
 - Punch List items are currently being completed
 - Repair of flow meters in Bio-Reactors 1 and 2. Vibration Report for Blower No. 4
- **Grit Improvements Project**
 - Installation of Glass Lined Pipe and Drain Line for Grit System
 - Install flushing line, pipe and wire classifier, pipe and wire grit pump No. 1, pipe and wire exhaust fans. SCADA Connection and testing.
- **Oak Avenue Storm Sewer**
 - Final Inspection | Project close out
- **27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project**
 - Tree removal is complete. Project ground breaking w/ACOE is April 9th.
 - Location of utilities inside of the pump station property. Providing submittals to ACEO for review.

4.3 **CDM Smith, Inc.**

Mandeera Wagle, CDM Smith Project Manager, provided an overview of current projects:

- Meetings are in the works for with EPA and DOJ for:
 - Ralston Street Lagoon
 - Task Order 29 – LTCP will be meeting with DOJ
 - Task Order 43 – Asset Management Plan
 - Task Order 44 – HMI Replacement
 - Task Order 46/47 - Pump Station KickOffs

4.4 **Community Engagement Activities**

Todd McCain provided an overview of current activities:

- Plans to visit Gary-based High Schools in an effort to seek students to participate in the City of Gary's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).
- Per the SYEP, the City plans to employ approximately 300 students with a rate of pay ranging from \$14-\$15 per hour.
- Several SYEP students will be placed at Gary Sanitary District.

5. DISCUSSION

Question: Commissioner Mabon asked if the billing cycles for sewer billing and trash has changed.



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Response: Finance Manager Jerome Foster stated there have been changes implemented with the Indiana American Water Company. There are meetings to be had on how IAWCO's billing system updates can be integrated into GSD's billing.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There was no one present/virtually requesting to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36PM.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

05/02/2022

Daniel F. Vicari

Daniel F. Vicari, President

Maurice G. Mabon

Ola V. Morris, Secretary

OLA MORRIS, ABSENT

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