



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR  
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 15, 2022

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Note: No Executive Session was held prior to the start of the August 15, 2022 GSD Board Meeting.



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REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **AUGUST 15, 2022**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

<b>DATE:</b> <u>Monday, August 15, 2022</u>	<b>TYPE:</b> <u>Regular Meeting</u>
<b>TIME:</b> <u>11:00AM</u>	<b>NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:</b> <u>YES</u>
<b>LOCATION:</b> <u>In-Person, Boardroom</u>	<b>QUORUM:</b> <u>YES</u>

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel F. Vicari, President  
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President  
Ola V. Morris, Secretary

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member  
Darnail Lyles, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director  
Tony Walker, Attorney  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

**OTHERS ABSENT**

**I. Call to Order: 11:12AM** by Chairman Vicari

Chairman Vicari began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the August 15, 2022 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held.

**BID OPENING: GSD HMI Replacement Project, GSD Project No.: SD22-01**

Chairman Vicari made a final call for the receipt of bids for GSD Project No. SD22-01, GSD HMI Replacement Project. With there being no responses, Chairman Vicari requested a close to the receipt of additional Bids.

Chairman Vicari opened the sealed bids and gave report:

- Bid #1: Wesco/EESCO, 3550 179<sup>th</sup> Street, Hammond, IN  
Bid Amount: \$1,032,484.84
- Bid #2: Wunderlich-Malec Services, Inc., 6101 Blue Circle Dr., Hopkins, MN  
Bid Amount: \$968,000.00

Chairman Vicari recommended the received bids to be referred to GSD staff for review and recommendation.

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**1. MINUTES**

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the August 1, 2022 Meeting, Chairman Vicari 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 August 1, 2022 Meeting, 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: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 9, 2022 through May 22, 2022, in the amount of \$209,241.39.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller 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 Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 9, 2022 through May 22, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 23, 2022 through June 5, 2022, in the amount of \$210,189.03.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

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 GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: May 23, 2022 through June 5, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 6, 2022 through June 19, 2022, in the amount of \$209,548.27.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2.3.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 6, 2022 through June 19, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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**2.4 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 20, 2022 through July 3, 2022, in the amount of \$309,887.23.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2.4.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 20, 2022 through July 3, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.5 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 4, 2022 through July 17, 2022, in the amount of \$220,488.48.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2.5.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 4, 2022 through July 17, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.6 A Motion to Approve Amendment No. 4 to Task Order No. 37 of the Master Services Agreement between CDM Smith, Inc., and Gary Sanitary District for the Grit Dewatering Improvements - Construction Services.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated additional engineering hours are needed from CDM Smith, Inc., to continue assisting GSD with the Grit Dewatering Project. Six (6) additional weeks at 32 hours per week for Resident Project Representative (RPR) hours. The Engineer will also add 60 additional hours for office services including submittal review, RFIs, O & M manual review and contractor coordination.

Matthew Bednarski of CDM Smith, Inc. stated the Contractor (First Street) continues to be delayed in completion of the Work and has not met the current substantial completion date of 02/04/2022.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Amendment No. 4 to Task Order No. 37 of the Master Services Agreement between CDM Smith, Inc., and Gary Sanitary District for the Grit Dewatering Improvements - Construction Services was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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**2.7 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2299 Jefferson Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$46,100.00.**

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 Collections Department staff serviced the sewer as needed to avoid sanitary sewer overflows.

Executive Director Peller further stated quotes were solicited from 12 Contractors; with three (3) responses:

1. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. bid amount was \$46,100.00
2. Crown Point-based LGS Plumbing, Inc. bid amount was \$51,100.00
3. Gary-based Gariup Construction, no bid

With Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. bid being the lowest responsive, responsible bid, Executive Director Peller recommended approval of award the bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.7. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2299 Jefferson Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.8 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1135 Maryland Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$117,100.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated immediate repair is necessary to prevent sanitary sewer overflows as the existing main sewer has lost its structural integrity and collapsed, thereby causing a cave-in, infiltration and impediment of sewage flow. The work will consist of removing and replacing existing 12-inch diameter pipe with 12-inc diameter PVC SDR35x ± 138 linear feet starting from Manhole No. 1232 going south all the way to Manhole No. 1233; and removing and replacing existing 12-in diameter pipe with 12-inch diameter PVC SDR 25x ± 130 linear feet starting from Manhole No. 1233 going south all the way to Manhole No. 1234.

Executive Director Peller further stated quotes were solicited from 12 Contractors; with two (2) responses:

1. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., bid amount was \$117,100.00
2. Gary-based Gariup Construction, no bid

With Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., bid being the lowest responsive, responsible bid, Executive Director Peller recommended approval of award of bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex



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Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1135 Maryland Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.9 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 400 Tompkins Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,800.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated immediate repair is necessary to prevent sanitary sewer overflows as the existing main sewer has lost its structural integrity and collapsed, thereby causing a cave-in, infiltration and impediment of sewage flow. The work will consist of removing and replacing existing 15-inch diameter pipe with 15-inch diameter PVC SDR 35x ± 40 linear feet starting at Manhole No. 2875 going south towards Manhole No. 2874.

Executive Director Peller further stated quotes were solicited from 12 Contractors; with three (3) responses:

1. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., bid amount was \$35,800.00
2. Crown Point-based LGS Plumbing, Inc., bid amount was \$42,140.00
3. Gary-based Gariup Construction, no bid

With Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., bid being the lowest responsive, responsible bid, Executive Director Peller recommended approval of award of bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.9. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 400 Tompkins Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.10 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Andritz for the Purchase and Installation of New Rollers for the Existing Belt Filters, in an amount not-to-exceed \$475,670.00.**

Overview: Plant Superintendent Rhonda Anderson stated that it was more cost effective to purchase and install new rollers for the existing belt filters.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.10. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Andritz for the Purchase and Installation of New Rollers for the Existing Belt Filters was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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### 3. CLAIMS

#### 3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2168 thru 2270, in the amount of \$173,498.31

Overview: Executive Director Peller recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 2168 thru 2270 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved. The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

### 4. INFORMATION UPDATES

#### 4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

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

- **Leadership Training**
- **Major Projects**
  - Aeration
  - Grit Project
- **Operations**
  - Solids Issue
- **Maintenance**
  - Secondary Clarifier #11 was drained, cleaned and inspected. After replacing cable, to was put back into service.
  - GSD and collection staff worked together to remove excess solids from intermediates.
  - Belt Press #2, top and bottom belts were replaced.
  - Bar screen long conveyor was replaced.
- **Safety**
  - Scaffolding Safety

#### 4.2 Construction Activity Updates

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

- Aeration System Improvements Project
  - Replacement of bearings once specialty grease arrives.
- Grit Improvements Project
  - Completion of pipe installation for the East Grit System. Completion of electrical wiring for the East Grit System and Dumpster Panel. Replacement of East and West Grit Pumps after volute failure.
- 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project
  - Submittal process with ACOE
  - Location of utilities inside of the pump station property. Proving submittals to ACOE for review. Delivery of pipe has been delayed to the end of October, an extension may be required.



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- Relocation of 54-Inch sewer for NICTD Double Track
  - Installation of 54-Inch near 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South Shore Railroad Tracks. Connecting existing sewer to new sewers.
- Relocation of 36-Inch sewer for NICTD Double Track
  - Installation of Oakum Grout to repair leaking joints.

**4.3 Community Engagement Activities**

Todd McCain provided an overview of current activities:

- Reported the 1<sup>st</sup> City of Gary Summer Youth Employment Program was successful
- GSD housed the most Summer Employees than other areas
- Gave kudos to Tanya Cousins with respect to the recording of the GSD Rap

**4.4 American Structurepoint, LLC**

Chris Murphy of American Structurepoint, provided the Board with updates on several projects:

- 27th Avenue & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project (75% Corps of Engineers Section 219 grant funded project)-
- Phase 1 Construction (Pump Station to 25th Avenue): Construction contractor remains waiting on delivery of new force main pipe to be installed under I-90/I-94 (Borman Expressway) highway by underground jack & bore construction. Contractor has been excavating and preparing the starting and ending pits for the new force main under the highway.
- Phase 2 Construction (25th Avenue to 23rd Avenue): Final construction plans and specifications for bidding have been submitted to Corps of Engineers for review and approval for bidding. The Corps of Engineers will bid this project before end of September. Phase 2 construction will start after completion of Phase 1 construction (approx. June 2023).
- Phase 3 construction (23rd Avenue to 19th Avenue): Congressman Mrvan's office has request \$4.5 million Section 219 grant funds for water and sewer improvements projects for Indiana 1st District for Federal FY 2023. Federal FY 2023 appropriations budget is expected to be approved by Congress this fall. Expectation is that part of \$4.5 million will be assigned to Gary for Phase 3 project construction.

**4.5 CDM Smith, Inc.**

See Agenda Item 2.6

**5. DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items.

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.





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**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

09/07/2022

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