



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **JULY 18, 2022** AT 9:00AM

1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:

- Collective Bargaining
- Implementation of security systems
- Discuss job performance evaluation or individual employees, excluding salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during the budget process

2. The following persons were in attendance at the Executive Session:

PRESENT

Daniel F. Vicari, President
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President
Ola V. Morris, Secretary
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member
Darnail Lyles, Member
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

ABSENT

Tony Walker, Attorney

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
- Implementation of security systems
- Discuss job performance evaluation or individual employees, excluding salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during the budget process

**GARY SANITARY DISTRICT
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MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, July 18, 2022
TIME: 11:00AM
LOCATION: In-Person, Boardroom

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
Darnail Lyles, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

Tony Walker, Attorney

I. Call to Order: 11:23AM 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 July 18, 2022 Board Meeting, there was an Executive Session held and there was nothing discussed in Executive Session that was not indicated on the Posted Notice of the Executive Session; and being in compliance with the Indiana Statues, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of the June 22, 2022 Meeting, Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of the June 22, 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: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: April 25, 2022 through May 8, 2022, in the amount of \$222,346.82.

Overview: Executive Director Charles 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: April 25, 2022 through May 8, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract between Third Millennium Associates, Inc., and Gary Sanitary District for Sanitation Billing Production.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the Professional Services Contract will be for the purpose of Third Millennium Associates providing sanitation billing production.

Chairman Vicari stated more information is needed prior to the Board making a decision on Agenda Item 2.2, therefore Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to DEFERRING approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to defer. The motion to DEFER approval of the Professional Services Contract between Third Millennium Associates, Inc. and Gary Sanitary District for Sanitation Billing Production was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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



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2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to PVS Chemical, Inc., for the Procurement and Delivery of Sodium Bisulfite for the Unit Price of \$1.95 per Gallon – an annual price estimation of \$226,200.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated sealed bids were received for the procurement and delivery of sodium bisulfite (to be used in the dechlorination step of the wastewater treatment process) and opened publicly on July 6, 2022. Two (2) bids were received: PVS Chemical, Inc. at \$1.95/gallon; and Alexander Chemical at \$2.062/gallon. PVS Chemical was the lowest bidder and has been GSD's sodium bisulfite supplier since 2019.

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent stated PVS Chemical's pricing of \$1.95/gallon is a 75% increase in price compared to Year 2019 (was \$1.11/gallon in 2019), however, the product is required for dechlorination.

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 an Award of Bid to PVS Chemical, Inc., for the Procurement and Delivery of Sodium Bisulfite 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 Wilson Industrial Sales for the Procurement and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite for the Unit Price of \$2.11 per Gallon – an annual price estimation of \$696,300.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated sealed bids were received for the procurement and delivery of sodium hypochlorite (to be used in the disinfection step of the wastewater treatment process) and opened publicly on July 6, 2022. Three (3) bids were received: Wilson Industrial Sales at \$2.11/gallon, and Alexander Chemical at \$2.149/gallon; and Rowell Chemicals at \$2.50/gallon. Wilson Industrial Sales was the lowest bidder and has been GSD's sodium bisulfite supplier since 2018.

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent stated Wilson Industrial Sales pricing of \$2.11/gallon is a 143% increase in price compared to Year 2021 (was \$0.87/gallon in 2021), however, the product is required for disinfection.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Wilson Industrial Sales for the Procurement and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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



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2.5 A Motion to Approve Rescinding a Notice of Award (issued May 16, 2022) to Gariup Construction for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated GSD's Board of Commissioners approved a Notice of Award to Gariup Construction for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road at the May 16, 2022 Board Meeting for an amount not-to-exceed \$53,560. Since that time, Gariup Construction has found the sewer was deeper than the specified depth referenced in the contract, therefore repair is not achievable at the approved contract amount. Gariup Construction is in agreement to terminating the approved Notice of Award.

Executive Director Peller recommended approval of rescinding the Notice of Award to Gariup Construction.

Chairman Vicari 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 Rescinding a Notice of Award to Gariup Construction for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.6 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road, in an amount not-to-exceed \$79,900.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the sewer repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road was re-bid by the Engineering Department (see Agenda Item 2.5). Specifications and solicited sealed bids from 17 contractors; with three (3) contractors responding.

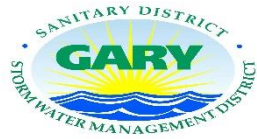
Commissioner Mabon asked if the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road was deemed an emergency.

Commissioner Lyles asked if Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. was within compliance with the 66-2/3% ratio with respect to hiring local residents and minorities for the jobs awarded. Todd McCain stated he had met w/Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. regarding their hiring practices. He stated Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. stated they were unable to find qualified local and/or minorities for employment.

As the Sanitary Sewer Repair was not deemed an emergency, Commissioner Lyles recommended the job not be awarded to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. until they comply with the mandated hiring practices.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to DEFERRING GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to defer. The motion to Approve deferral an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5729 Melton Road was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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



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2.7 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2225 Madison Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$81,100.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has developed cracks, lost its structural integrity and has collapsed causing a large sink hole. The collapsed sewer is causing impedance of sewer flow and repair is necessary to prevent sanitary sewer overflow. The Engineering Department solicited sealed bids from ten (10) contractors; receiving two (2) responses. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Commissioner Lyles asked if Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. was within compliance with the 66-2/3% ratio with respect to hiring local residents and minorities for the jobs awarded. Todd McCain stated he had met w/Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. regarding their hiring practices. He stated Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. stated they were unable to find qualified local and/or minorities for employment. Commissioner Lyles recommended the job not be awarded to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. until they comply with the mandated hiring practices.

Executive Director Peller recommended deferral of awarding the bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to DEFERRING approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.7. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve deferral. The motion to approve deferral of an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2225 Madison Street was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-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 739 Carolina Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$104,100.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing main sewer has lost structural integrity, causing a cave-in, water and sand infiltration. Eleven contractors were solicited for bids; with three contractor responses. Gary-based Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

As the sanitary sewer repair is not deemed an emergency, Executive Director Peller recommended deferral of awarding the bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. until they can comply with mandated hiring practices.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to DEFERRING approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve deferral. The motion to approve deferral of an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 739 Carolina Street was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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



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3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1852 thru 1948, in the amount of \$620,024.62

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 Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 1852 thru 1948 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved. The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

3.2 GSD Claims Numbers: 1949 through 1990, in the amount of \$685,601.67

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 3.2. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 1949 thru 1990 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved. The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

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

- Semi-Annual Superintendent's Report to the Mayor
- **NPDES Permit** – Our old NPDES permit expired on June 30, 2022 and we received the renewed permit, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, on the same day.
- **Major Projects**
 - Aeration Project – Still waiting on a flow meter replacement for aerator 2 pass 1 and bearings for the all of the blowers
 - Grit Project - The north detritus tank was isolated, drained and cleaned by GSD staff. Demolition of the old east grit system and installation of the new east grit pump and grit washer are in progress.
- **Operations**
 - The May Discharge Monitoring Reports were submitted to the EPA Central Data Exchange by the June 28th due date.
 - The June NWIOA meeting was held at the Valparaiso WWTP where we heard a talk on Nutrient Removal, toured their plant, and earned CEUs. GSD will host the July meeting on July 28th and Arun Mande from CDM and I will present a paper on the Aeration Improvement Project. The presentation was also accepted for the IWEA Annual Conference to be held in Fort Wayne in August. So far six GSD employees have registered for the conference.
 - Plant tours were conducted for the Bowman Summer Program.



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- **Maintenance**
 - The center mudwell pump that pumps filter backwash water to the aerators was repaired by GSD maintenance staff.
 - Intermediate Tank #1 has been cleaned and repairs were made by GSD staff, and it is back in service.
 - All of the summer interns participated in window cleaning day.
- **Safety**
 - All of our summer interns participated in safety orientation.
 - Safe Use of Step Ladders

4.2 **Construction Activity Updates**

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

- **Aeration System Improvements Project**
 - Howden has replaced the motors for Blower #1.
 - Repair of flow meters in Bio-reactors #1 and #2.
 - Vibration report for Blower #4.
- **Grit Improvements Project**
 - Completion of pipe installation for the East Grit System. Completion of electrical wiring for the East Grit System and Dumpster Panel. Infill of beam pockets in new roof.
- **27th & 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.
- **Relocation of 54-Inch sewer for NICTD Double Track**
 - Installation of 54-Inch near 7th Avenue and South Shore Railroad Tracks. Connecting existing sewer to new sewers.
- **Relocation of 36-Inch sewer for NICTD Double Track**
 - Testing of Sanitary Sewers and Manholes
 - Installation of Storm Sewers

4.3 **Community Engagement Activities**

Todd McCain provided an overview of current activities:

- Introduced Intern Employees Beyonce Buckingham and Ashanti Castleberry. Beyonce performed the GSD Department Rap (attached). The GSD Department Rap will later be featured on GSD's Website.

4.4 **American Structurepoint, LLC**

No report given.



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4.5 CDM Smith, Inc.

Matt Bednarski of CDM Smith, Inc., provided an overview of current projects.

5. DISCUSSION

Chairman Vicari mentioned the Gary Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony taking place on Friday, July 29, 2022. GSD's Plant Superintendent Rhonda Anderson will be a featured Honoree.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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