



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JANUARY 18, 2023**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023
TIME: 11:00AM
LOCATION: In-Person, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director
Chandra Robinson, Payroll Manager

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- I. Call to Order: 11:27AM** 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 January 18, 2023 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.
- II. A Moment of Silence:**
Chairman Vicari requested a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Ronald Taylor, GSD's Collections Department Employee, who passed away on January 15, 2023.

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III. Election of Officers:

Chairman Vicari turned the meeting over to Attorney Harris for the Election of Officers.

Attorney Harris stated pursuant to Indiana Law, the process of Election of Officers must take place at the start of the year.

Attorney Harris called for a motion from the Board for nominations of Officers. Commissioner Mabon made a nomination that all Board Members continue to hold their current positions for the Gary Sanitary District Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

As the approved 2023 Officer Election has been completed, Attorney Harris turned the meeting over to the Board President, Daniel F. Vicari.

The 2023 Gary Sanitary District Board of Commissioners are:

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1. MINUTES

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the December 19, 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 December 19, 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: November 21, 2022 through December 4, 2022, in the amount of \$236,520.65.

Overview: Payroll Manager Chandra Robinson 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: November 21, 2022 through December 4, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 5, 2022 through December 18, 2022, in the amount of \$225,217.75.

Overview: Payroll Manager Chandra Robinson 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: December 5, 2022 through December 18, 2022 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Grimmer Construction for the Manhole Replacement and Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1801 East 19th Avenue, in an amount not-to-exceed \$66,000.00.

Overview: Per Executive Director Peller, a cave-in was observed near referenced location and found the manhole had been severely damaged and prevented flow. The project will replace the manhole and adjacent upstream and downstream sewer pipes. The work comprises of: the installation of new 4-foot diameter precast manhole replacing Manhole No. 924; removing/replace existing 24-inch



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diameter pipe with 21-inch diameter PVC SDR 35x ± 14 linear feet starting at the newly installed Manhole No. 924 going north toward Manhole No. 921; removing/replacing existing 24-inch diameter pipe with 24-inch diameter PVC SDR 34x ± 14 linear feet starting at the newly installed Manhole No. 924 going south towards Manhole No. 925.

Quotes were solicited from 12 contractors; with four (4) responses:

Grimmer Construction, Highland, IN:	\$66,000.00
LGS Plumbing, Inc., Crown Point, IN:	\$67,500.00*
Alex Metz Sewers, Gary, IN:	\$78,900.00
Gariup Construction Co., Gary, IN:	\$97,600.00

*Commissioner Mabon made reference to the quotes submitted by Grimmer Construction and LGS Plumbing were approximately \$1,500 different in price; with LGS Plumbing noting their start date would be pending as they await manholes to be made.

With Grimmer Construction being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, it was recommended that the repair be granted.

John Dudlicek of Grimmer Construction was present. Mr. Dudlicek stated Grimmer Construction would start on the repair immediately, however Grimmer would have to await manholes (being made) as well.

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 Grimmer Construction for the Manhole Replacement and Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1801 East 19th Avenue was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSD Claims Numbers: 1 thru 94, in the amount of \$1,082,687.89**

Overview: Payroll Manager Chandra Robinson recommended approval and ratification of 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 1 thru 94 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

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4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

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

- **Reports**

Semi-Annual Superintendent's Report to Mayor was submitted by the 1/15/23 due date.
Schedule of Compliance, 6-Month Progress Report was submitted by the 1/14/23 due date.

- **Operations and Maintenance Vacancies**

Operations and Maintenance vacancies are all filled.

- **Operations**

- 2022 Highlights

- NPDES Permit was renewed and in effect until 2027
- Aeration Project has resulted in savings exceeding \$1M
- Grit Project – both the east and west grit pumps and washers are in service
- HMI Project – in discussions regarding what we'd like to see in new graphics

- **Maintenance**

- Digester heat exchangers were cleaned by GSD maintenance staff
- Tunnels were cleaned by GSD maintenance staff
- Primary Clarifier #9 is back in service after repairs made

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

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

- Aeration System Improvements Project, *Thieneman Construction*
 - Replacement of bearings with specialty grease is on-going
 - Replacement of bearings and testing vibrations of pumps
- Grit Improvements Project, *First Street Contractors*
 - Both Grit Systems are running, including the pumps and washers. Grit systems will run for a two (2) week test period before being handed over to the Gary Sanitary District. Electrical bugs are being worked out to keep the East System in automatic mode.
 - Pre-Final walk through is scheduled this week with Punch List being created at this time.
- 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project, *Grimmer Construction*
 - Current work: Installation of new force main between northside of I-80/94 towards 25th Ave. Connection to existing force main near 25th Ave will be completed within 2 weeks. Planning on the connection of the new force main to the existing outlet piping at the Pump Station.
 - Planned work: Continue with installation of new force main. Planning and discussions for by-pass pumping in order to connect the new force main to the existing force main just outside the pump station. By-pass pumping plan must be approved by both the GSD and ACOE.



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- 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project, *F.H. Paschen*
 - Current work: Contractor must submit Certificate of Insurance, Performance Bond and Schedule.
 - Planned work: Submittal Process w/Owner and Engineer.

Director of Engineering Kola Awosika was present at today's Board Meeting.

With respect to Eric Tonk's written report, Commissioner Lyles mentioned:

- Alex Metz Sewers is noted as the Contractor for 7 of the 8 Awarded Cave-In Projects
- The report references Cave-In jobs, dating back to January 2022 are still referenced as not completed

Commissioner Lyles then asked the question (to Kola Awosika) why we would continue to award jobs Alex Metz Sewers if they haven't completed work already assigned.

Kola Awosika responded by stating that his department operates with a practice to inquire with the Contractor for a tentative turnaround on completing a project. He further stated if the Contractor is overwhelmed with an existing job and a new job is an ASAP situation, the Engineering Department would look to then awarding a job to the next lowest bidder.

4.3 **Community Engagement Activities**

Todd McCain provided an overview of current activities:

- Will be a guest on 88.7 Radio show on 1/20/23
- 6th Graders from Charter School of the Dunes are tentatively set for a tour at GSD on 2/03/23
- Alex Metz Sewers, Inc. is in compliance
- LGS Plumbing is not in compliance
- Currently working on the draft of the 1st Quarter 2023 Newsletter

4.4 **American Structurepoint, LLC**

Chris Murphy provided the Board with Project Updates:

- **27th & Chase Street Force Main Replacement**
Phase 2 ACOE has scheduled a 1/25/23 bid date.
Work should start in Summer 2023 after the completion of Phase 1
- **Force Main / Bridge, Lake Street**
Anticipating bid date for March 2023

Commissioner Lyles asked if the Bridge would be totally new. Chris Murphy stated the bridge would not be a new bridge. The bridge is being updated to maintain the current level of architectural integrity.



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4.5 CDM Smith, Inc.

No CDM Smith, Inc. representative present today

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no attendees requesting to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

2/06/2023

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