



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **APRIL 3, 2023**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 20, 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director
Nick Snow, Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 11:30AM 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 April 3, 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 Indiana Statutes, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Chairman Vicari asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

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1. MINUTES

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the March 20, 2023, 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 March 20, 2023 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: February 27, 2023 through March 12, 2023, in the amount of \$263,344.00.

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 Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: February 27, 2023 through March 12, 2023 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD23-07, Approving Signature Authorization for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program for the 27th & Chase Street Pumping Station Systems Upgrade Project.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the Gary Sanitary District has plans for a wastewater infrastructure improvement project to meet State and Federal regulations and the Participant intends to proceed with the construction of such project. Resolution No. SD23-07, authorizes the Gary Sanitary District's Executive Director (Charles G. Peller, Jr.) to be authorized to make application for a State Revolving Fund Loan ("SRF Loan") and provide the SRF Loan Program such information such as data and documents pertaining to the loan process as may be required, and otherwise act as the authorized representative.

Chairman Vicari stated the previously approved Resolution (at the March 20 2023 Board Meeting pertained to the Bar Screen Project. Resolution SD23-07 pertains the added work of the HVAC Project.



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Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Resolution No. SD23-07, Approving Signatory Authorization for the State Revolving Fund Loan Program was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD23-08, Approving the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for Submission to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program for the 27th & Chase Street Pumping Station Systems Upgrade Project.

Overview: Per Executive Director Peller, the Gary Sanitary District has caused a Preliminary Engineering Report ("PER"), dated March 2023, to be prepared by the consulting firm of CDM Smith. Said Preliminary Engineering Report will be presented to the public at a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 (held at GSD, 3600 W. 3rd Ave.) for public comment; and the Gary Sanitary District Board of Commissioners finds that there was not sufficient evidence presented in objection to the recommended project in the Preliminary Engineering Report.

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 Resolution No.: SD23-08, Approving the Preliminary Engineering Report for Submission to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Grimmer Construction, Inc. for the Lake Street Force Main Relocation Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$355,951.00.

Overview: Per Executive Director Peller, the Lake Street Force Main Relocation project includes the relocation of the existing 6-inch diameter ductile iron sanitary sewer force main along Lake Street from approximately Forrest Avenue to Juniper Avenue by installation of a new 8-inch diameter HPDE force main via the horizontal directional drilling method, and the removal of existing force main from the Lake Street Bridge over the Grand Calumet River.

The project was advertised on March 13, 2023 and March 20, 2023; with bids being received and opened on March 27, 2023. Two (2) bids were received: 1...Grimmer Construction Inc., and 2...LGS Plumbing Inc.

The lowest bid was received from Grimmer Construction Inc., at \$355,951.00. Based upon the bid evaluations conducted by staff, it is recommended the project be awarded to Grimmer Construction Inc.

Note: Project to be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Jim Czarnik of American Structurepoint, Inc., stated there is no potential damage to the bridge during the Force Main Relocation Project.



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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 an Award of Bid to Grimmer Construction Inc., was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

2.5 A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for Sanitary Sewer Pipe Repair at the vicinity of 1564 Harrison Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$24,900.00.

Overview: Per Executive Director Peller, Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., is currently working on a sewer repair awarded in December, 2022 at the location of 1564 Harrison Street. As the construction is ongoing, approximately 44 linear feet of 12" sanitary sewer – from Manhole No. 103, going north to the vicinity of 1564 Harrison Street – was discovered to be in need of repair.

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 and Ratify an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for a Sanitary Sewer Pipe Repair at the vicinity of 1564 Harrison Street was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 650 through 876, in the amount of \$2,770,390.12

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster 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 650 – 876 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

The February 2023 MRO, CSO DMR were uploaded and effluent data entered into the EPA Central Data Exchange by the March 28, 2023 due date.

MAJOR PROJECTS

Aeration Project

Grit Project

HMI Project

OPERATIONS

Disinfection Season began April 1, 2023

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance staff serviced feed equipment in preparation for disinfection season.

GSD Maintenance Staff went above and beyond in cleaning contact chambers and gravity thickener tanks.

SAFETY

The first of 5 First Aid, AED, CPR, and Blood Borne Pathogen training will begin on April 5th.

Other classes will be held on April 6/April 12/April 13/April 19.

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

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

- **Project: Grit Improvements Project**

Current Work:

East Grit Pump volute has crack/hole in it and is not operational. Contractor removed and provided for Smith & Loveless inspection. A spare volute will be installed shortly. A new volute has been ordered to replace the damaged volute.

Planned Work:

Completion of Punch List items, delivery of spare parts and O&M manuals.

- **Project: Aeration Systems Improvement Project**

Current Work:

Blower No. 4 motor has been removed by Howden and is being tested by. Results will be shared.



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Planned Work:

Repairs to Blower No. 4 motor and re-installation. Develop interim plan to operate the blowers to provide enough air during a heavy rain event.

- **Project: 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project**

Current Work:

Current work: Installation of bypass valves and pumps.

Planned Work:

Connecting Pump Station to newly installed force main.

- **Project: 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project**

Current Work:

Notice to Proceed has been issued.

Planned Work:

Submittal Process with Owner and Engineer.

4.3 **Community Engagement Updates**

Todd McCain, Community Engagement Director, provided the Board with updates:

- Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., Project: vicinity of 1500 Harrison Street is not in compliance with respect to hiring practices on current sewer rehabilitation project (1500 Block of Harrison Street, Alley); only has 50% Gary residents working.

4.4 **Human Resources Updates**

Kara Burns, Human Resource Manager, provided the Board with updates:

- Open Positions:
As of March 31, 2023, GSD has 16 vacant positions

4.5 **American Structurepoint, Inc.**

Jim Czarnik, American Structurepoint, Inc., (ASI) provided the Board with updates:

- Piping is currently being ordered for the Lake Street Project.

4.6 **CDM Smith, Inc.**

Matthew Bednarski, CDM Smith's Client Service Leader, provided the Board with updates:

- Bar Screen contractor would like permission to measure prior to the start of the project
- The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is being submitted by the SRF deadline

5. **DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items.



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6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Ms. Lia Dawson submitted a request to speak, however when Ms. Dawson's name was called, she declined to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

04/17/2023

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Daniel F. Vicari

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