



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **MAY 1, 2023**

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, May 1, 2023  
**TIME:** 11:00AM  
**LOCATION:** In-Person, Boardroom

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

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Daniel F. Vicari, President

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

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**OTHERS ABSENT**

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**I. Call to Order: 11:18AM** by Chairman Mabon

Chairman Mabon began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the May 1, 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 Statues, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Chairman Mabon 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 April 17, 2023, Chairman Mabon 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 April 17, 2023 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. 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: March 27, 2023 through April 9, 2023, in the amount of \$ 270,536.55.**

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

Chairman Mabon 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: March 27, 2023 through April 9, 2023 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve a Sole-Source Purchase from JWC Environmental for the Purchase of Gravity Thickener Tanks' Main Grinder, in an amount not-to-exceed \$41,275.77**

Overview: Plant Superintendent Rhonda Anderson stated this sole-source purchase is for a spare grinder as we recently used the last grinder in stock at GSD. JWC Environmental is the sole manufacturer of this product and the exclusive source for parts and services for said equipment.

Executive Director Peller recommended approved of GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Mabon 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 a sole-source purchase from JWC Environmental for the Purchase of a Gravity Thickener Tank Main Grinder was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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



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### 3. CLAIMS

#### 3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1072 through 1302, in the amount of \$1,221,392.77

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

Chairman Mabon 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 1072 – 1302 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:

##### Major Projects

- Aeration Project
- Grit Project
- HMI Project

##### Operations

- There was an unannounced IDEM inspection on Monday, April 24, 2023
- As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, summer effluent limits are in effect...will be in effect until November 30, 2023

##### Maintenance

- Construction continues on the backflow preventer on the water main entering the plant
- The belt filter press re-build continues
- GSD Maintenance Staff continues the annual ritual of cleaning tanks
- Belt Press #4

##### Safety

- First Aid, CPR, AED
- Forklift Training

#### 4.2 Construction Activity Updates

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

- **Project: Grit Improvements Project**

Current Work:

East Grit System is back on-line after the last overflow event. Grit Testing Agency will be back on site to ensure grit is being properly washed.

Planned Work:

Smith & Loveless are to provide new pump and motors by the end of June 2023 to replace the ones that were submerged during the flooding. Continue with Punch List Items. Inventory of spare parts and delivery of As-Built Drawings and O&M Manuals.



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- **Project: 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project**  
Current Work:  
Connecting new force main to the lift station.  
Planned Work:  
Connecting Pump Station to newly installed force main including the remainder of the FRP pipe from the Wye connection to recently installed pipe south of the highway.
  
- **Project: 27<sup>th</sup> & 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 400 Block of Johnson Street (Alley) is not in compliance with respect to hiring practices on the current Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Repair.  
Number of Employees of job: 4  
Labor: 50% Gary Workers - - 50% Non-Gary Workers
- Summer Employment program to start on June 12

**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.**

Chris Murphy, American Structurepoint, Inc., (ASI) provided the Board with updates:

- Working on a new 219 Funded Project: New sewer service at Gary/Chicago Airport (new air cargo area)
- Force Main Replacement (Grimmer Construction)
- Bike Path will run all the way to Lake Street Beach

**4.6 CDM Smith, Inc.**

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

- Had a quarterly meeting with EPA concerning the Long-Term Control Plan
- Public Hearing to be held after today's Board Meeting – Re: Additional funding for Clay Street and 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street projects.



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**5. DISCUSSION**

Chairman Mabon suggested the Sanitary District is in need of an Internal Auditor.

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08AM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

05/15/2023

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**Daniel F. Vicari, President**

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*Ola V. Morris*

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**Ola V. Morris, Secretary**

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