



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JUNE 5, 2023**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 5, 2023
TIME: 11:00AM
LOCATION: Hybrid, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT

Nick Snow, Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

Charles G. Peller, Jr., Executive Director

I. Call to Order: 11:20AM 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 June 5, 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 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 May 15, 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 May 15, 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: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: April 24, 2023 through May 7, 2023, in the amount of \$ 266,045.45.

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: April 24, 2023 through May 7, 2023 was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve Task Order No. 55 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and CDM Smith, Inc., for Services In Support Development of Gary Sanitary District's Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan, in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000.

Chairman Vicari asked Matt Bednarski (CDM Smith) to provide an overview for Task Order No. 55.

Overview: Per Matt Bednarski, Task Order No. 55 is for services in support of development of GSD's Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan - - with services consisting of: *Preparation for, attendance at, and facilitation of virtual calls with GSD, IDEM, USEPA and other regulatory agencies as necessary; Response to the IDEM/EPA comment letter dated 05/10/2023, including: Research and analysis of the Recommended Plan presented to the regulatory agencies (August 8 2019) and Research and analysis of the Financial Capability Analysis submitted to the regulatory agencies (February 3 2023).*

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 Task Order No. 55 for



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support services for GSD's Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Ratify and Approve Services Rendered by American Precision Services, for the Emergency Rebuild and Installation of the Center RAS Pump in the East RAS Building, in an amount not-to-exceed \$43,835.00.

Overview: Plant Superintendent Rhonda Anderson stated emergency rebuild and installation were needed on the equipment at the East RAS Building and the West RAS Building. Agenda Items 2.3 – 2.5 are services needed.

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 Ratify and Approve Services Rendered by American Precision Services for the Emergency Rebuild and Installation of the Center RAS Pump in the East RAS Building was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

2.4 A Motion to Approve a Sole-Source Purchase from LAI, Ltd., for Check Valves for the Center RAS Pump and the South RAS Pump in the West RAS Building, in an amount not-to-exceed \$38,100.00.

Overview: Plant Superintendent Rhonda Anderson stated emergency rebuild and installation were needed on the equipment at the East RAS Building and the West RAS Building. Agenda Items 2.3 – 2.5 are services needed.

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 a Sole-Source Purchase from LAI, Ltd., for Check Valves for the Center RAS Pump and the South RAS Pump in the West RAS Building was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

2.5 A Motion to Ratify and Approve Services Rendered by Pro Pump Inc., for the Emergency Rebuilding and Installation of the South RAS Pump in the West RAS Building, in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,994.00.

Overview: Plant Superintendent Rhonda Anderson stated emergency rebuild and installation were needed on the equipment at the East RAS Building and the West RAS Building. Agenda Items 2.3 – 2.5 are services needed.

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 Ratify and Approve Services Rendered by Pro Pump, Inc., for the Emergency Rebuilding and Installation of the South RAS Pump in the West RAS Building was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.



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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1463 through 1754, in the amount of \$2,450,452.52

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 Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 1463 – 1764 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Superintendent Updates

Rhonda Anderson, Plant Superintendent, provided the Board with an update:

Major Projects

- Aeration Project
- Grit Project
- HMI Project

Operations

- The April effluent data, MRO, and CSO DMR were uploaded into the EPA Central Data exchange ahead of the May 28th due date.
- Samples for WET analysis were collected the week of May 7th.
- We have received and created a response to a letter from IDEM summarizing the April 24, 2023 inspection.

Maintenance

- Final clarifier #21
- Intermediate channels
- Vegetation in secondary clarifiers
- Fire hydrant on west end of plant
- East RAS Pump in Modified RAS Building
- Polymer storage in Dewatering Building

Safety

- Over 100 GSD employees completed 1st Aid, CPR, AED, and Bloodborne Pathogen Training.
- Next on the Safety Training agenda is fire Extinguisher Training

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

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

PROJECT: Aeration System Improvements Project

Current Work: Replacement of 4 flow meters that have recently failed and are under warranty.



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Planned Work: Install new flow meters once they arrive.

PROJECT: GRIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Completion of Punch List Items.

Planned Work: Inventory of spare parts and delivery of As-Built Drawings and O&M Manuals.

PROJECT: 27TH and Chase Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project

Current Work: Project Walk Through.

Planned Work: Development of Punch List Items.

PROJECT: 27TH and Chase Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project

Current Work: Measurements of bottom channels for installation of bar screens.

Planned Work: Submittal Process with Owner and Engineer. Clean bottom channels for measurements.

PROJECT: Lake Street Pump Station Forcemain Relocation

Current Work: A Pre-Construction Meeting was held on April 27, 2023 to discuss scheduling and coordination of this project with other projects soon to begin on Lake Street. Residents will be notified next week.

Planned Work: Submittals will be provided to the Engineering for review and approval.

PROJECT: Lake Street Drainage Improvements and Road Reconstruction

Current Work: Installation of storm water chambers has begun near 3rd Ave going towards Birch Ave.

Planned Work: Installation of storm water chambers, and road way reconstruction.

4.3 Community Engagement Updates

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

- SYEP Summer Employment program to start on June 12

There are 18 Interns to be housed at GSD

4.4 Human Resources Updates

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

- Open Positions:

As of May 30, 2023, GSD has 15 vacant positions

- Mile A Day Winner to be announced at next Board Meeting

4.5 American Structurepoint, Inc.

John Tucker, American Structurepoint, Inc., (ASI) provided the Board with updates:

- 27th & Chase

Walk thru with ACOE and Contractor currently underway

- Lake Street Force Main



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Work will be done between 3rd Avenue & Birch Street - - cost is \$355,000.

4.6 CDM Smith, Inc.

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

- SRF/IFA approved the applications for funding for 27th & Chase Street and 15th & Clay Street Pumping Stations

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Stephen Johnson, 8201 Lakewood, Gary IN

Mr. Johnson stated he is still awaiting a response from GSD on if/when his \$2,500 Damage Claim will be approved.

Attorney Snow will follow-up with Mr. Johnson after further discussion with Attorney Harris on this matter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

06/21/2023

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