



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JULY 17, 2023**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Monday, July 17, 2023
TIME: 11:30AM
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
Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney Harris Law Firm
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:20PM 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 July 17, 2023 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held

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1. MINUTES

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of the July 5, 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 June 21, 2023 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Director Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Jackson and passed without dissent.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 5, 2023 through June 18, 2023, in the amount of \$ 7,484.54.

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

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 2.1. Director Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 5, 2023 through June 18, 2023 was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved. The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2.2 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Standard Equipment for the Sourcewell Purchase of a 2024 Freightliner 2100i Vactor/Sewer Cleaner, in an amount not-to-exceed \$581,890.00 (pricing reflects a \$15,000.00 trade-in of a 2007 VacCon Vactor).

Overview: Per Executive Director Peller explained that Gary Storm Water Management District qualifies to use Sourcewell for quotes as we are a governmental agency.

Sourcewell's analysts streamlines the procurement process by developing RFPs for national, competitive solicitations that meet or exceed location requirements.

Question: Commissioner Jackson asked if the \$15,000 trade-in offer the best offer available to GSWMD for the equipment.

Response: LaMingo Tomlin, Sewer/Collections Manager stated the 2007 VacCon Vactor has sat dormant for over three (3) years as there is a great deal of repairs necessary to make said vactor operational – i.e.: cracked chassis, which alone would cost \$90,000 to repair.



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Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 2.2. Director Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Standard Equipment for the Sourcewell Purchase of a 2024 Freightliner 2100i Vactor/Sewer Cleaner was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSWMD Claims Numbers: 117 through 128, in the amount of \$824,789.38**

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

Question: Director Mabon inquired about Claim No.: 118 for E.C. Babilla

Response: Attorney Harris stated the payment to E.C. Babilla relates to the Green Roof (Project) Litigation. There was a water leak within City Hall and the project's payable balance (including retainage) was held back until litigation was closed.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 3.1. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Numbers 117 – 128 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 **MS4 Coordinator**

Brenda Scott Henry, MS4 Coordinator, provided an overview:

- Indiana University Bloomington Graduate Student Isioma Nwayor presented the Board with a presentation regarding Climate Change, Environmental Change, and Spatial Statistics as the City of Gary is developing a climate resilience plan to help our community adapt to climate change impacts that are underway and expected to increase over time. There will be a link emailed to all Board Member to complete a questionnaire concerning the community and climate.

Comment: Related to climate and the environment, Chairman Vicari gave recognition to the Plant Superintendent on how well the plant grounds look. Asked that pictures be taken of the prairie and forwarded to the MS4 Director.

4.2 **American Structurepoint, Inc.**

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

- Lake Street Project
Work on the Lake Street Project is still ongoing.



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4.3 Robinson Engineering

Ron Smith, Robinson Engineering, provided the Board with updates:

6th Place Storm Water Project:

- Meeting scheduled to review drainage issues

Bridge Project:

- 100% funded by Lake County
Currently working on the issue of utility relocation
Still expecting a completion to be done by November 2023

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There was no one present to request to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

08/07/2023

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