



MINUTES OF THE **GARY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday, September 6, 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 G. 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: 12:24PM by Chairman Vicari

Chairman Vicari began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the September 6, 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 August 21, 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 August 21, 2023 Meeting, with any/all noted corrections; was given by Director Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Mabon 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: July 31, 2023 through August 13, 2023, in the amount of \$ 7,484.54.

Overview: Executive Director Peller 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 Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 31, 2023 through August 13, 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 Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Storm Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1750 Adams Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$28,900.00.

Overview: Executive Director Peller stated the existing storm sewer has lost its structural integrity and collapsed, thereby causing a cave-in and infiltration of groundwater. The cave-in is a pedestrian and vehicular hazard.

The work comprises of removing and replacing existing 8-inch diameter pipe with 8-inch diameter PVC SDR35± 14-linear feet starting from Manhole No. 521 going west towards the existing catch basin.

Quotes were solicited from 11 contractors, with three (3) responses; with Gary-based Alex Metz Sewer's being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Question: Director Lyles requested (from Todd McCain) a Year 2023 reporting – through August 23, 2023 that will reflect Alex Metz Sewers rate of compliance with respect to the policy of employing 2/3 of the work force utilized by contractor to be qualified Gary residents.



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Question: Director Mabon asked if there were sewer challenges within this block (1750 Adams Street).

Response: GSD Resident Engineer Eric Tonk stated there are some sewer issues happening in the referenced area. This job is 11 feet deep with connection in the alleyway.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 2.2. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewers, Inc., for the Storm Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1750 Adams Street was seconded by Director Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Two (2)-No (Vicari/Lyles)

3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSWMD Claims Numbers: 149 through 154, in the amount of \$461,562.12**

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

Chairman Vicari called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 3.1. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Numbers 149 – 154 was seconded by Director Jackson 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:

- September 8: Climate Leadership Summit at Indiana University-Northwest, Savannah Hall Summit is 9am-5pm
Brenda Scott Henry on Panel at 3pm
Mayor Jerome Prince on Panel at 4pm
- September 11: MS4 Team Meeting
.Finalize WQCK Report
.Review Draft of SWQMP
- Sept 13-Sept 15: INAFSM Conference, Florence, Indiana
- September 15: City-Wide CleanUp
- October 3: NISWAG Meeting

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4.2 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

- Lake Street Drainage Project: Grimmer Construction is scheduled to be back on-site on September 11th (3rd & Birch Street)
The 2nd crew will start work for roadway restoration. The goal is to have the street open for traffic at 3rd & Hemlock Street).
- Bigger Street
Area needs to be televised

4.3 Robinson Engineering

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

- 6th Avenue Storm Water Improvement Project:
Currently revising Storm Water design
- Lake County Lake Street Bridge #243:
Project is still in utility relocations phase
- Roadway Resurfacing Project
A meeting to be held to provide mapping of area

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 12:48PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

09/18/2023

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Note:

Ola Morris was absent from the 9/18/23 Meeting.