



MINUTES OF THE **GARY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **OCTOBER 2, 2023**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Monday, October 2, 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

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney Harris Law Firm
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:12PM by Chairman Vicari

Chairman Vicari began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the October 2, 2023 Board Meeting, there was 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 September 18, 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 September 18, 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: Three (3)-Ayes / Two (2)-Abstention (Morris | Mabon)

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 **A Motion to Approve the Hiring of Rhonda Anderson as Executive Director for the Gary Storm Water Management District.**

Overview: Attorney Harris recommended approval of an AMENDED MOTION to Approve and Ratify the Hiring of Rhonda Anderson as Executive Director of the Gary Sanitary District.

Chairman Vicari call for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the AMENDED MOTION of Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve the AMENDED MOTION. The motion to Approve the AMENDED MOTION to Approve and Ratify the Hiring of Rhonda Anderson as Executive Director of the Gary Storm Water Management District was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

2.2 **A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: August 28, 2023 through September 10, 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 2.2.

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 GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: August 28, 2023 through September 10, 2023 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSWMD Claims Numbers: 163 through 176, in the amount of \$55,619.26**

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



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Chairman Vicari made a motion to amend the Claims List by removing Claim No. 169 (Barnes & Thornburg – amount: \$11,101.50) and resubmitting said Claim on the next GSD Claims List.

Question: Director Mabon asked what services are provided to GSD and/or GSWMD by Barnes & Thornburg.

Response: Chairman Vicari stated Barnes & Thornburg provides legal services to GSD with respect to the Consent Decree and Long-Term Control Plans.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 3.1. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve THE AMENDED CLAIMS LIST/TOTAL reflecting the removal of Barnes & Thornburg's Claim No. 169. The motion for approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Numbers 163 – 176 – EXCLUDING CLAIM NO. 169 (Barnes & Thornburg) 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:

- October 3: NISWAG Meeting

Upcoming Trainings:

- Spill Kit Training (10/10 and 10/12) – Firefighter Training Center, 2505 W. 35th Ave.
- Air Quality Permitting, Vegetation Management (10/11) – GSD, Boardroom
- OSHA 10 Training (10/19, 10/20, 10/23, 10/25 and 10/30) GSD, Boardroom

4.2 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

- Lake Street Drainage Project: Grimmer Construction now working at Cypress Street, road crew to start work on Wednesday.

4.3 Robinson Engineering

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

- 6th Avenue Storm Water Improvement Project:
Scheduled a meeting w/GSWMD Engineer to discuss drainage design
- Lake County Lake Street Bridge #243:
NIPSCO to relocate gas line on 10/06 - still looking at a November completion date.

Question: Director Lyles asked for the size of the gas main.



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Question: Chairman Vicari asked if the Gary Common Council approved funding appropriation.

Response: Ron Smith stated approximately \$1.5 Million was approved by the Council.

5. DISCUSSION

- Chairman Vicari mentioned there was a joint meeting held with Mayor Jerome Prince and Mayor-Elect Eddie Melton to discuss Roadway Projects.
- Bryan Cossey provided updates concerning mats within GSD/GSWMD:
 - Aramark picked up/removed its mats from 504 Broadway
 - Per Attorney Harris, there is a contract balance of approximately \$8,500 on the Cintas agreement
 - Mr. Cossey stated GSD/GSWMD has paid Cintas approximately \$10,000 per year in premium charges (i.e., uniform re-sizing, etc.)

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 12:35PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

10/16/2023

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Minutes Approved by Vote of:

Three (3)-Ayes

Two (2)-Abstention (Morris/Mabon)