



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024

There was no Executive Session held prior to the start of the January 9, 2024 GSWMD Board Meeting.



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JANUARY 9, 2024**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 2024
TIME: 6:30PM, cst
LOCATION: Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President
Ola V. Morris, Secretary
Darnail Lyles, Member
William Allen, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney - *Harris Law Firm*
Rhonda Anderson, Executive Director
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

- I. **Call to Order: 6:32PM** by Chairman Mabon
Chairman Mabon began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the January 9, 2024 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held
- II. **Election of Officers:**
 - a. Attorney Harris stated the January 9, 2024 Board Meeting is the first Board Meeting of the year, therefore, it is our Organizational Meeting and all Officers of the Board are required to be elected at this session. The floor was opened for nominations.
 - b. Commissioner Lyles nominated a Slate of Officers:
William Allen for Board President | **Ola Morris** for Vice President | **Maurice Mabon** for Secretary/Treasurer

Attorney Harris called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to approving the Slate of Officers as nominated/motioned by Commissioner Lyles. The motion to Approve the Slate of Officers was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The approved 2024 Officer Election is complete. The meeting is turned over to Board President William Allen.

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



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1. MINUTES

Director Morris gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023, with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Mabon and passed without dissent.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 6, 2023 through November 19, 2023, in the amount of \$9,097.00.

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

Chairman Allen 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 and Ratify GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: November 6, 2023 through November 19, 2023 was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

NOTE: GSWMD Agenda Item 2.1 description is incorrect as referenced. The correct Earnings Period is: November 20, 2023 through December 3, 2023. The amount approved \$9,097.00 is correct as referenced.

2.2 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Attorney Deidre Monroe for Professional Legal Services for Year 2024, in an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000.00; subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Overview: Executive Director Anderson recommended approval of Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Allen 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 a Professional Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Attorney Deidre Monroe for Professional Legal Services for Year 2024 was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Harris Law Firm, PC., for Professional Legal Services for Year 2024, in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000.00; subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Overview: Executive Director Anderson recommended approval of Agenda Item 2.3.



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Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 2.3. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Professional Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Harris Law Firm, PC, was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSWMD Claims Numbers: 1 through 6, in the amount of \$1,797.88**

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

Chairman Allen 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 1 – 6 was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 **MS4 Coordinator | Green Urbanism | Environmental Affairs Updates:**

Brenda Scott Henry, MS4 Coordinator, provided the Board with an update:

- Will have updates for the Board on MCM Measures 1 – 6

4.2 **American Structurepoint, Inc.**

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

- 27th & Chase Street Project
Project has been winterized.

4.3 **Robinson Engineering**

Ron Smith provided the Board with updates:

- Bridge Project
Project has been winterized. Will resume in the Spring.

5. DISCUSSION

Attorney Harris stated the Yearly Renewal Contracts have not been brought before the Board as of yet as there is currently an Administration transition, all parties are currently reviewing the contracts and said contracts may come before the Board during the next meeting.

Director Mabon suggested that on occasion in 2024, the Board Meeting be held at 6PM as there is more attendees present during the later hour.



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6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There was no one present requesting to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

01/22/2024

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William L. Allen

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