



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR  
GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD ON **FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

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There was no Executive Session held prior to the start of the February 5, 2024 GSWMD Board Meeting.



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2024

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, February 5, 2024  
**TIME:** 11:30am, cst  
**LOCATION:** GSWMD, Boardroom

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

William L. Allen, President  
Ola V. Morris, Vice President  
Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary/Treasurer  
Darnail Lyles, Member  
William Cook, 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: 12:00PM** by Chairman Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the February 5, 2024 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held.

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**1. MINUTES**

Director Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2024, with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Cook 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: January 1, 2024 through January 14, 2024, in the amount of \$5,239.77.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.1. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: January 1, 2024 through January 14, 2024 was seconded by Director Cook and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve a Master Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services for Year 2024.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Master Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Professional Engineering Services was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve a Master Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Robinson Engineering, Ltd., for Professional Engineering Services for Year 2024.**

Overview: Executive Director Anderson recommended approval of GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3 as said Agreement is a renewal.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Master Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Robinson Engineering, Ltd., for Professional Engineering Services for Year 2024 was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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



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**2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gary Material Supply for the U.S. 20 Complete Street Enhancement Project (GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01) for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,212,193.11.**

Overview: Chairman Allen DEFERRED Agenda Item 2.4

Attorney Harris stated the prices submitted in Gary Material Supply's Nov 2023 bid (for referenced Project SW23-01) are continuing to hold solid.

Chris Murphy stated the Bid Document specifies that the bidders are required to hold their prices for 60-days after the bids are submitted/read; in this case, that date was November 16, 2023. Therefore, the 60-day requirement has expired. ASI has reached out to the contract regarding this matter; and to date, ASI has received no response from Bidder Gary Material Supply on whether they are willing to hold pricing.

Chairman Allen asked ASI to request – in writing – if they (Gary Material Supply) are willing to continue to hold pricing as submitted in November 2023.

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSWMD Claims Numbers: 11 through 16, in the amount of \$22,394.55**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 3.1. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Numbers 11 – 16 was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved.

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

**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

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

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

- MS4 Coordination Team Meeting will be February 12, 2024 – 1pm, Conference Room
- Technical Assistance received for Green Infrastructure Maintenance
- April will be Earth Month for MS4/Green Urbanism
- Attorney Deidre Monroe provided an update for Stormwater Ordinance 79-31

**4.2 American Structurepoint, Inc.**

Chris Murphy, American Structurepoint, Inc., (ASI) provided the Board with updates:

- Lake Street Project
  - Meeting w/NIPSCO and IAWCO for advance notices of the project details prior to when the project resumes, tentative mid-March (weather permitting). Project is approximately 35% complete; with an intent for 100% completion in Year 2024.





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**4.3 Robinson Engineering**

Ron Smith, Senior Engineer for Robinson Engineering, provided the Board with updates:

- Working to modify the drainage design for 6<sup>th</sup> Place Project
- City of Gary conducting a roadway resurfacing project (Community Crossing Matching Grant)

**5. DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items.

**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 12:25PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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**William L. Allen, President**

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**Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary**

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