



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON **FEBRUARY 21, 2024** AT 10:00AM

1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:
 - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation or written notice of threatened litigation

2. The following persons attended the Executive Session:

PRESENT

William L. Allen, President
 Ola V. Morris, Vice President
 Darnail Lyles, Member
 William Cook, Member

ABSENT

Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary/Treasurer

OTHER INVITED ATTENDEES

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – Harris Law Firm
 Rhonda Anderson, Executive Director
 Jerome Foster, Finance Manager
 Brenda Scott-Henry, MS4 Coordinator
 Deidre Monroe, Attorney

OTHER ABSENT

3. The following matters were discussed and information received by the Board during its advertised Executive Session, and NO OFFICIAL ACTION was taken.
 - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation or written notice of threatened litigation

GARY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Monday, February 21, 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 21, 2024 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 Statutes, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Chairman Allen asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

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1. MINUTES

Director Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 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 15, 2024 through January 28, 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 Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: January 15, 2024 through January 28, 2024 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 Gary Material Supply, LLC., for the U.S.2o Complete Street Enhancement Project (GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01), in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,212,193.11.**

Executive Director Anderson asked for John Tucker (American Structurepoint) to provide an overview of GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2.

Overview: John Tucker stated four (4) bids were received for GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01. American Structurepoint completed a review of the submitted bids and recommends Award of Bid to Gary Material Supply, LLC (being the lowest responsible bidder).

Bids Received: Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$3,856,751.49
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$3,547,256.44
Milestone Contractors North	\$3,347,771.95
Gary Material Supply, LLC	\$3,212,193.11

Correspondence was received (via email) from Gary Material Supply, LLC to honor the bid pricing as it was November 2023 when bids were accepted.

The Project Funding is from the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) with an approaching submittal date.

Question: Director Mabon asked how many bids were received for the GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01.



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Response: John Tucker stated four (4) bids were received; with Gary Material Supply, LLC being the lowest responsible bidder.

Question: Director Lyles asked if the bid amount includes funding needed to acquire acquisitions for the project.

Response: John Tucker confirmed that funding for acquisitions is included, along with construction and inspection (Engineering).

Question: Attorney Harris requested that the Board be provided information on the source of the funding for parcel acquisitions and how GSWMD will be access for the acquisitions.

Specifically: Need information/cost for the acquisition of four (4) parcels needed for this project. Info needed prior to the next Board Meeting.

Question: Director Lyles asked for the Project's coordinates.

Response: John Tucker stated the project will start just West of Clay Street (vicinity of where the State completed the U.S. 20 re-alignment); moving East to Elkhart Street.

Question: Executive Director Anderson asked for IFA's contribution to the total costs.

Response: John Tucker will confirm with Chris Murphy to answer Executive Director's question.

Question: Attorney Harris asked for American Structurepoint to provide the Board with a Project Budget reflective of over-all costs.

Question: Director Mabon asked if GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01 will be completed by year-out.

Response: John Tucker confirmed completion is set for year-out 2024.

Comments: Attorney Harris will meet with Ragen Hatcher (GSD Director of Strategic Projects and Internal Controls) for discussions to implement any language changes to the existing contract for Local/Minority Hiring practices.



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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 an Award of Bid to Gary Material Supply, LLC., for the U.S.20 Complete Street Enhancement Project (GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01) was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSWMD Claims Numbers: 17 through 20, in the amount of \$2,129.85

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 Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Numbers 17 – 20 was seconded by Director Cook 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:

- IDEM's Annual Report
- Contractors Training, Dean & Barbara White Center-Merrillville, Friday, March 8th
- Aileen Driscoll, Project Manager for Metric Environmental provided an overview regarding the new MS4 General Permit:
 - o Completed Water Characterization Report
 - o Completed Storm Water Quality Management Plan
 - o Working on Annual Reports
 - o Working to bring Ordinance into compliance (timeline - April 2024)

4.2 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

- Lake Street Project
 - o Work as resumed. Concrete being removed from Cypress to Hemlock Streets.
 - o Kick-off Meeting was held. Scheduled received (Phase 1 completions scheduled for 05/2024).

4.3 Robinson Engineering

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

- Bridge Project
 - o Lake County will continue working on bridge #243 (on Lake Street). Awaiting a schedule for resuming work



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- 6th Place Project
 - o Modifying Storm Water Design to meet 100-year discharge plan. Working with Engineering to modify.

5. DISCUSSION

Director Mabon asked if action can be taken when customers discharge grease into drains when GSD | GSWMD has to suction the drain for discharge removal (referencing Chinese Restaurant at vicinity of 53rd Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana). Customer has been sited (\$2,500 fine) by the Town of Merrillville.

Attorney Harris stated as this customer is within the Town of Merrillville, any citation/fines will be given by the Town of Merrillville.

Executive Director Anderson mentioned our Industrial Pretreatment Department (IPP) would be the investigating party for this type of matter.

Attorney Harris stated this situation may be something that needs to be considered in the future when we conduct the True-Up Process with our Customer/Contract Communities.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no attendees present requesting to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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