



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **APRIL 1, 2024**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, April 1, 2024
TIME: 12:00PM, cst
LOCATION: GSD, 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: 12:33PM by Chairman Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the April 1, 2024 Board Meeting, there was an 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

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024, with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed without dissent.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: February 26, 2024 through March 10, 2024, in the amount of \$256,719.53.

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: February 26, 2024 through March 10, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract between Gary Sanitary District and Comer Capital Group, LLC for Financial Advisory Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00.

Overview: Executive Director Anderson stated

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract between Gary Sanitary District and Comer Capital Group, LLC for Financial Advisory Services was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve a Grant Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Indiana Department of Environmental Management for the Purpose of GSD being awarded a Beach Monitoring Grant in the amount of \$30,450.00 for conducting E. coli Sampling and Analysis for Year 2024.

Overview: Executive Director Anderson stated the Agreement is for the specific purpose of implementing Indiana's 2024 Monitoring and Notification Program for Beaches in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties adjacent to Lake Michigan Coastal Recreational Waters. GSD shall collect, transport, analyze and report the results of E. coli bacteria sampling conducted at the beach.

GSD's Lab Manager Bob Theodorou stated samples will be collected from:



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- Lake Street Beach: Two specific sampling locations (Lake Street Station 1 and Lake Street Station 2) – 5 days per week beginning May 23, 2024 through September 4, 2024.
- Marquette Park Beach: Four specific locations (Marquette Park 1, Marquette Park 2, Marquette Park 3 and Marquette Park 4) – 5 days per week beginning May 23, 2024 through September 4, 2024.
- Wells Street Beach: One specific sampling location (Wells Street) – 5 days per week beginning May 23, 2024 through September 4, 2024.

Comment: Commissioner Lyles asked that one (1) correction be made to Page 16 of the Agreement: **CORRECTION INFORMATION FOR GSD AT NOTICES TO GRANTEE**

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Grant Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Indiana Department of Environmental Management for the Purchase of GSD being awarded a Beach Grant (for \$30,450) for Year 2024 E. coli Sampling and Analysis was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSD Claims Numbers: 998 through 1044, in the amount of \$161,140.84**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 998 – 1044 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 **Plant Superintendent Updates**

Rhonda Anderson, Executive Director, provided the Board with an update:

- Requests for Proposal for Industrial Electricians has been posted/advertised on April 1 and will be re-posted/advertised on April 15
- Request for Proposals for an Insurance Broker will be posted/advertised on April 2 and will be re-posted/advertised on April 15
- CSO Monitoring was uploaded to the EPA's website (for the Month of February)
- CORE Conference Training:
 - o On March 21st, several GSD employees will participate in the 2024 Core Conference (IWEA) at Fort Harrison State Park Inn Garrison Conference Center in Indianapolis. Forum topics will provide discussions on the core aspects of wastewater treatment



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(research, new technologies, operational and/or maintenance case studies, residual management, resource recovery, laboratory and safety. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be received (approved by IDEM)

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

Eric Tonk, GSD Resident Engineer, provided Construction Activity Updates:

PROJECT: 27TH & CHASE PUMP STATION BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Current Work: Electrical work continuing with demolition and digging of trench for electrical bank; and installation of concrete pad for new equipment.

Planned Work: The passivation process of the stainless-steel components is causing a 2-week delay. The bar screens will be shipped the week of April 8th. If this improves, the manufacturer will provide notice.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Road Closure between Birch and Hemlock. StormTech basins have been installed north of Hancock/Cyprus Street. Storm sewers are being installed south of Hemlock Ave towards the StormTech basins north of Hemlock Ave.

Planned Work: Underground work to continue

PROJECT: 27TH & CHASE STREET PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT, PHASE II

Current Work: Site has been prepared for winter usage.

Planned Work: Work to resume in Spring 2024.

PROJECT: GRIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Certificate of Substantial Completion has been approved by the ACOE.

Planned Work: Litigation is underway regarding liquidated damages. An agreement between the ACOE and the Contractor should be settled soon.

4.3 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

- 27th & Chase Street Force Main Replacement Project:
 - o Still awaiting products for the job to start

4.4 CDM Smith, Inc.

Matthew Bednarski, CDM Smith's Client Service Leader, provided the Board with updates:

- Worked with staff on the submittals of SRF Applications (due by April 1st)
 - o The SRF monies may total up to approx. \$14 Million
- Working with GSD Staff on the Long Term Control Plan Submittal (due April 25th)

5. DISCUSSION

Commissioner Mabon asked about the Inland Manor Project.



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Attorney Harris stated there is one (1) acquisition awaiting final court action (several properties with 1 owner).

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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Maurice G. Mabon

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