



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **MAY 20, 2024**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, May 20, 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

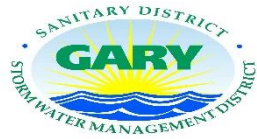
Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Director/Adm.
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager
Mayor Eddie Melton

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:18PM 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 May 20, 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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II. Acceptance of Qualification Submittals:

Chairman Allen made a final call for the Acceptance of Proposals for *The Long-Term Control Plan*. With no additional proposals being received, Chairman Allen turned the meeting over to Attorney Harris to publicly open and announced all proposals received before the closing.

PROPOSALS FOR LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN

1. Burns McDonnell, 200 West Adams Street, Suite 2700, Chicago, Illinois
2. Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc., 8488 Georgia Street, Suite C., Merrillville, Indiana
3. Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., 19 North Court Street, Crown Point, Indiana
4. Limno Tech, 501 Avis Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan
5. Lochmueller Group, 112 West Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 500, South Bend, Indiana
6. Shrewsbury & Associates, 504 Broadway, Suite 202, Gary, Indiana

Chairman Allen called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to accepting the proposals for the Long-Term Control Plan. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to accept the proposals. The motion to Accept the Proposals for the Long-Term Control Plan was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

III. Rescindment of Requests for Proposals (Industrial Electrical Contractors)

Overview: Interim Director of Administration Brenda Scott-Henry recommended approval of Rescindment of Proposals for Industrial Electric Contractors.

Attorney Harris stated the Rescindment is necessary as GSD would like to broaden the scope of services and requirements to give more Contractors an equal opportunity to apply/qualify with any/all submissions to be returned to respective contractors. Once the RFP has been revised, it will be reissued at a late date.

Chairman Allen called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to Rescinding the Request for Proposals for Industrial Electrical Contractors. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve rescindment. The motion to Approve Rescindment of Requests for Proposals for Industrial Electrical Contractors was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

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1. MINUTES

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 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: April 8, 2024 through April 21, 2024, in the amount of \$255,321.06.

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: April 8, 2024 through April 21, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve an Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and The Town of Ogden Dunes for Beach Water Quality Testing (for off-shore waters of Ogden Dunes) Year 2024.

Overview: Interim Director Scott-Henry recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

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 an Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and the Town of Ogden Dunes for Beach Water Quality Testing for Year 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Refax, Inc., for Fabrication of Trough Sections for the Primary Settling Tanks, in an amount not-to-exceed \$202,845.00.

Overview: Interim Director Scott-Henry recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.3.

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 an Award of Bid to Refax, Inc., for Fabrication of Trough Sections for the Primary Settling Tanks was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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



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3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1372 through 1480, in the amount of \$674,075.93

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 1372 – 1480 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Activities – Kola Awosika, Interim Director of Plant Operations / Director of Engineering

-IDEM Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report has been received and will be emailed to the Board Members for review.

Six (6) violations were sited for the timeframe of April 30 – May 1, 2024

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: Removal of West Screen and installation of West Screen.

Planned Work: Cleaning of East Pit to prepare for removal and installation of East Screen.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Hardscape work between 3rd Ave and Birch Ave is being completed.

Planned Work: Underground work to continue north of Hemlock once the bridge work is completed. Installation of Sidewalk and Bike Path north of 3rd Avenue once pedestrian bridge is completed for the National Lakeshore.

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

Current Work: Site has been prepared for winter usage.

Planned Work: Fiberglass piping shall be delivered approximately by May 20th... work will begin shortly thereafter.

PROJECT: GRIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Certificate of Submittal Completion has been approved by the ACOE. Purchase spare Grit Pump Motor from Contractor as part of negotiations.

Planned Work: Litigation is underway regarding liquidated damages.



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4.3 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

- 27th & Chase Street Force Main Replacement Project:
 - o Next progress meeting is upcoming to discuss future timelines

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

1. Bob Day of Day's Asphalt

Expressed concern of not being able to complete a paving job that he had been awarded. Chairman Allen asked Mr. Day to have discussions with Legal and Engineering after the Board Meeting for resolution on this matter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

06/03/2024

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