



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JUNE 3, 2024**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, June 3, 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.  
 Kola Awosika, Interim Director/Plant Ops.  
 Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

**OTHERS ABSENT**

**I. Call to Order: 12:31PM** 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 June 3, 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 Proposals:**

Chairman Allen made a final call for the Acceptance of Proposals for *Insurance Brokers and Consultants*. 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 INSURANCE BROKERS & CONSULTANTS**

1. Haywood & Fleming Associates, 3229 Broadway, Suite 111, Gary, IN 46409
2. Meyers Glaros, 8605 Broadway, Suite A, Merrillville, IN 46410

Attorney Harris recommended the Proposals be referred to staff for review and recommendation.

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**1. MINUTES**

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 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 22, 2024 through May 5, 2024, in the amount of \$277,011.82.**

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 22, 2024 through May 5, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.  
The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.2 A Motion to Approve the Sole-Source Purchase of a Flygt Submersible Mixer from Xylem Water Solutions, for an amount not-to-exceed \$28,651.00.**

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 the Sole-Source Purchase of a Flygt Submersible Mixer from Xylem Water Solutions was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.  
The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1481 through 1557, in the amount of \$973,000.35**

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 Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 1481 – 1557 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.  
The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No



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**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

- 4.1 Plant Activities** – Kola Awosika, Interim Director of Plant Operations / Director of Engineering, provided the Board with updates of Plant Activity:
- Continuing to optimize the plant and bringing more equipment back online, including areas sited in IDEM’s Inspection Report.
- Per Brenda, with June being Safety Month, there are a few trainings to be rolled out at GSD by holding trainings, extended by the City of Gary.
1. Chainsaw Training
  2. OSHA-10 Certification Training

**4.2 Construction Activity Updates**

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

PROJECT: 27<sup>TH</sup> & CHASE PUMP STATION BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Current Work: Electrical Panel installation and connecting to installed West Bar Screen.

Planned Work: Cleaning of East Pit to prepare for removal and installation of East Screen. East Bar Screen installation will begin later this week.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue once pedestrian bridge is completed for the National Lakeshore.

PROJECT: 27<sup>TH</sup> & CHASE STREET PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT, PHASE II

Current Work: Site preparation for construction season. Closing of intersection.

Planned Work: Mobilization begins Jun 03 2024.

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.

**5. DISCUSSION**

Interim Director of Administration Brenda Scott-Henry mentioned Grand Opening of the 504 Broadway Customer Service/Payment Center was held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Office is now open for Customer Payments Only.

The GSD Newsletter has been printed and is now in circulation within the Sanitary Sewer Billing statement. The Newsletter is circulated/printed for approximately 22,000 mailers.



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**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

06/17/2024

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**William L. Allen, President**

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**Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary**

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