



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JULY 15, 2024**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, July 15, 2024  
**TIME:** 12:00PM, cst  
**LOCATION:** GSD, Boardroom

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ola V. Morris, Vice President  
 Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary/Treasurer  
 Darnail Lyles, Member  
 William Cook, Member

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

William L. Allen, President

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney - *Harris Law Firm*  
 Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Exec. Director  
 Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

**OTHERS ABSENT**

Today's Meeting was chaired by Maurice Mabon in the absence of William Allen.

**I. Call to Order: 12:15PM** by Chairman Mabon

Chairman Mabon began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the July 15, 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 to follow compliance with Indiana Statutes, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Chairman Mabon 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 July 1, 2024, with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed without dissent.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2. NEW BUSINESS****2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 3, 2024 through June 16, 2024, in the amount of \$256,551.11.**

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

Chairman Mabon 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: June 3, 2024 through June 16, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD24-04, Authorizing the Acquisition of Trash Trucks from Best Equipment Co., for the In-House Collection and Disposal of the City's Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Services.**

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

Ragen Hatcher stated this acquisition consists of eight (8) CDL garbage trucks, one (1) Non-CDL garbage truck and one (1) Peterson truck (grapple truck); which is Phase 1 of bringing trash collection and disposal inhouse. The 1<sup>st</sup> payment for this acquisition is set for July 2025. Each truck comes with its own preventive maintenance schedule and warranty (provided by Best Equipment).

Attorney Harris stated this acquisition was procured pursuant to the authority within GSD via I.C.5-22-13-7 which allows for the use of a Quantity Purchase Agreement (QPA).

Chairman Mabon 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 Authorize the Acquisition of Trash Trucks from Best Equipment Co., for the In-House Collection and Disposal of the City's Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Services was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2.3 A Motion to Award a Bid to Meyer Glaros Group to serve as Insurance Consultant/Broker for the Gary Sanitary District for Employee Benefits and Resources.**

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



Chairman Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Morris gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award a Bid to Meyer Glaros Group to serve as Insurance Consultant/Broker for the Gary Sanitary District for Employee Benefits and Resources. was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (o)-No

**2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Commonwealth Engineering, Inc., to provide Engineering Services for the Development of the Gary Sanitary District's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) and Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) with No Modeling, in an amount not-to-exceed \$173,136.00.**

Overview: Interim Executive Director Scott-Henry recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.4.

Chairman Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Commonwealth Engineering, Inc., for Engineering Services for the Development of the Gary Sanitary District's Combined Sewer Overflow and Long-Term Control Plan (w/no Modeling) was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (o)-No

**2.5 A Motion to Approve and Ratify the Purchase of the Annual Microsoft Volume Licensing (for computers and servers) from Insight Public Sector, in an amount not-to-exceed \$86,785.23.**

Overview: Interim Executive Director Scott-Henry recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.5.

Chairman Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify the Purchase of the Annual Microsoft Volume Licensing from Insight Public Sector was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (o)-No

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 1795 through 1842, in the amount of \$1,447,518.01**

Overview: Interim Director Scott-Henry recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Chairman Mabon 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 1795 - 1842 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (o)-No



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#### 4. INFORMATION UPDATES

##### 4.1 Plant Activities – Kola Awosika, Interim Director of Plant Operations / Director of Engineering provided an overview:

- Hypochlorite chemical pricing was reduced \$0.08 per gallon for the next two (2) years;
- Primary Tank #10 is now in services – repaired in-house by Maintenance Department;
- Primary Tank #9 is out of services and is scheduled for repair;
- Intermediate Tank #16 has been cleaned and repaired;
- Operations Department is making improvements to processing solids/sludge

##### 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: Both Bar Screens are installed. Electrical wiring, level sensors and control panels are being installed. Manufacturer was onsite on July 8<sup>th</sup> for initial inspection and filed reconnaissance for the July 15<sup>th</sup> startup.

Planned Work: Continuing electrical and control panel installation. Startup of Bar Screen with manufacturer on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Hardscape work between 3rd Ave and Birch Ave is being completed. Hardscape and road paving between Cypress and Hemlock has started.

Planned Work: Closure of 3rd Avenue for resurfacing the week of July 15, 2024. Construction to begin north of Hemlock Street after August 18, 2024.

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

Current Work: Installation of the force main is continuing. Installation of the two (2) 45 degree elbows have been installed and project has now turned north down Chase Street. Contractor is installing 3 sticks of pipe per day.

Planned Work: Construction will continue north towards 23rd Avenue with open cut construction along Chase Street.

PROJECT: GRIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Spare Grit Pump Motors have been provided to GSD per negotiations between the ACOE and the Contractor.

Planned Work: Litigation is underway regarding liquidated damages.

##### 4.3 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

#### 5. DISCUSSION



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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 12:54PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

08/05/2024

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**William L. Allen, President**

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*Maurice G. Mabon*

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**Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary**

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