



MINUTES OF THE **GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **AUGUST 5, 2024**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, August 5, 2024  
**TIME:** 12:30pm, cst  
**LOCATION:** GSWMD, Boardroom

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

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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**ABSENT MEMBERS**

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nick Snow, Attorney - *Harris Law Firm*  
Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Director of Administration  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

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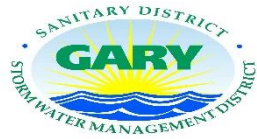
**OTHERS ABSENT**

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**I. Call to Order: 1:32PM** by Chairman Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the August 5, 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 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 July 15, 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: June 17, 2024 through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$7,190.25.**

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 Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 17, 2024 through June 30, 2024 was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 1, 2024 through July 14, 2024, in the amount of \$7,190.25.**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSWMD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 1, 2024 through July 15, 2024 was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve an Employee Benefits Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Hub International Midwest Limited dba Meyer Glaros Insurance Group.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Employee Benefits Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and Hub International Midwest Limited dba Meyer Glaros Insurance Group was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved.

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



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**2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing for the Storm Sewer Replacement at the vicinity of 2247 Wisconsin Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$62,270.00.**

Overview: Interim Director Brenda Scott-Henry recommended approval of GSWMD Agenda Item 2.4.

The Engineering Department requested quotes for the storm sewer replacement at the referenced location. The existing storm sewer has lost its structural integrity causing a cave-in at the driveway of 2247 Wisconsin Street and also at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> Place and Wisconsin Street; allowing infiltration of sand and groundwater. The surface cave-ins are a vehicle and pedestrian hazard.

Quotes were solicited from 12 contractors, with two (2) responses and only one (1) quote from LGS Plumbing. Gariup Construction's response was No Bid.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.4. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing for the Storm Sewer Replacement at the vicinity of 2247 Wisconsin Street was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

**2.5 A Motion to Approve Rescinding Task Order No. 52 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Storm Water Management District and American Structurepoint, Inc., (Approved by GSWMD 04/01/2024) for Engineering Services related to the U.S. 20 Complete Streets Enhancement Project (GSWMD Project No. SW23-01), in an amount not-to-exceed \$324,763.50.**

Overview: Interim Director Brenda Scott-Henry recommended approval of GSWMD Agenda Item 2.5.

In February, American Structurepoint recommended approval of Task Order No. 52 for Engineering Services/Construction Monitoring for the GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01 in the amount of \$324,763.50. An approval request was also recommended/requested that said Project be awarded to Gary Material Supply for an amount not to exceed \$3.2 Million for the Construction Services. These recommendations were based upon the GSWMD receiving \$3.6 Million from the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). The IFA stated the grant would only cover \$3.2 Million for the Construction; not funding would be given to cover the Engineering/Construction Monitoring. To salvage the project, it was determined that GSWMD's In-House Engineering Department will be responsible for the Engineering/Construction Monitoring; saving a \$324,763 payout. A Notice to Proceed was given to Gary Material Supply, with a Pre-Bid scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.5. Director Mabon gave the motion to TABLE. The motion to Approve TABLING Task Order No. 52 to the Master Services Agreement between GSWMD and American Structurepoint for Engineering



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Services related to the U.S. 20 Complete Street Project was seconded by Director Lyles and passed/approved (TABLING).

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Two (2)-No (Allen / Morris)

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSWMD Claims Numbers: 99 through 113, in the amount of \$214,855.06**

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

Per Jerome Foster, Claim No. 105 (Grimmer Construction) is being approved via the GSWMD Claims List and will be forwarded to the City of Gary to be paid/processed via ARPA Funds.

Chairman Allen called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 3.1. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve the Claims List – *excluding Claim No. 103* (Cascade Engineering). The motion for approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Numbers 99 – 113; **EXCLUDING CLAIM NO. 103** (Cascade Engineering – Amt.: \$27,750.00) was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved. **Revised / Approved Claims List Total is: \$187,105.06**

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

Question 1: Director Cook asked for details of Claims No.: 99 and 100

Response: Interim Executive Director Brenda Scott Henry stated Claims No.: 99 and 100 are for Able Paper. Able Paper supplies Storm Water with Community Clean Up Supplies – i.e.: Pollution and Clean-Up Kits.

Question 2: Director Cook asked for details of Claim No.: 112 (Tuff Shed)

Response: Interim Executive Director Brenda Scott Henry stated Claim No.: 112 is the Purchase of a new Eco Educational House. The house was featured in the City of Gary Independence Day Festivities.

**3.2 GSWMD Financial Reporting – For Period Ending: April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024**

*Submitted as a Matter of Record*

**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

**4.1 MS4 Coordinator | Green Urbanism | Environmental Affairs**

Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Executive Director, provided the Board with an update:

- The SW Ordinance revisions will be presented to City Council for approval – August 5, 2024
- National Night Out, Rail Cats Stadium – August 6, 2024
- City of Gary and Partners, City Wide Back to School Event – August 10, 2024



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**4.2 American Structurepoint, Inc.**

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

- 95% complete on concrete work
- Demoed 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

**4.3 Robinson Engineering**

Ron Smith, Robinson Engineering, provided the Board with updates:

- Punchlist walk-thru for Bridge #243
- Community Crossing Project Pre-Bid

**5. DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items.

**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 2:14PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

08/19/2024

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*William L. Allen*

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*Maurice G. Mabon*

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