



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2024

There was no Executive Session held prior to the start of the August 19, 2024 GSD Board Meeting.



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **AUGUST 19, 2024**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, August 19, 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, Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Exec. Director
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:08PM 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 August 19, 2024 Board Meeting NO Executive Session was held.

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1. MINUTES

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 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: July 15, 2024 through July 28, 2024, in the amount of \$270,521.22.

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 Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 15, 2024 through July 28, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve a Contract for Commercial Insurance with Tokio Marine HHC, in an amount not-to-exceed \$567,665.00.

Overview: Interim Executive Director Brenda Scott-Henry recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Contract for Commercial Insurance with Tokio Marine HHC was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to American Precision Services for the Fixed Asset Improvements Rebuild of the Digester Mixer, in an amount not-to-exceed \$63,706.00.

Overview: Interim Executive 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 American Precision Services for the Fixed Asset Improvements Rebuild of the Digester Mixer was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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



2.4 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to American Precision Services for the Fixed Asset Improvements Refurbishment of the Anerobic Digester Mixer, in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,735.00.

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to American Precision Services for the Fixed Asset Improvements Refurbishment of the Anerobic Digester Mixer was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2056 through 2144, in the amount of \$698,441.63

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 2056 - 2144 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 provided an overview:

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: Both Bar Screen are installed and are ready for start-up and testing. Cleaning of screens and testing of the bar screens will begin August 6, 2024, and if found acceptable, training will begin August 8, 2024.

Planned Work: Cleaning and testing of bar screens. Preparation of Punch List.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Curb work has been completed. Asphalt base and intermediate courses completed. Grading and aggregate base placed for sidewalk, cycle track and driveways have been completed.

Planned Work: Completion of driveway installations, 3rd Avenue intersection re-construction. Work north of Hemlock to begin the week after the Gary Air Show (August 19, 2024).



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PROJECT: 27TH & CHASE STREET PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT, PHASE II
Current Work: Installation of forcemain is continuing. Installing 5 to 6 section of piping each day. Elevation is getting shallower, therefore dewatering activities are no longer needed which should make installing piping more efficient.
Planned Work: Construction will continue north towards 23rd Avenue with open cut construction along Chase Street. Installation of valving structure to existing forcemain.

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 continuing regarding liquidated damages.

4.3 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Oliver King, Jr., Great Lakes Electric & Maintenance

Mr. King reported that his organization was a sub-contractor for the electrical component of the GSD Bar Screen Replacement Project (FH Paschen) at 27th & Chase Street Pump Station and they haven't been paid by the contractor as of yet.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

09/04/2024

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