



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 16, 2024** AT 11:00AM

1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:
 - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation or written notice of threatened litigation

2. The following persons attended the Executive Session:

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

William L. Allen, President

OTHER INVITED ATTENDEES

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney, Harris Law Firm
Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Executive
Director
Kola Awosika, Interim Director of Operations
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHER ABSENT

3. The following matters were discussed and information received by the Board during its advertised Executive Session, and **NO OFFICIAL ACTION** was taken.
 - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation or written notice of threatened litigation

**GARY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, September 16, 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, Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Exec. Director
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

Today’s Meeting was chaired by Ola Morris in the absence of William Allen.

I. Call to Order: 12:13PM by Chairman Morris

Chairman Morris began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. She then stated prior to the start of the September 16, 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 Morris asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, she proceeded with the meeting.

II. Receipt of Proposals: Rentals of Uniforms and Mats

Chairman Morris made a final call for the acceptance of Proposals for *Uniforms and Mat Rentals*. With no additional proposals being received, Chairman Morris turned the meeting over to Attorney Harris to publicly open and announce all bids received before the closing.

- a. AlSCO Uniforms, 2641 S. Leavitt St., Chicago IL
- b. Cintas Corporation, 1303 Kenwood, Hammond, IN
- c. Unifirst Corporation, 4029 Calumet Ave., Hammond, IN
- d. Vestis Uniforms, 1417 E. 91st Dr., Merrillville, IN

Per Attorney Harris, all proposals will be forwarded to GSD Staff for review and recommendation to the Board.



1. MINUTES

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 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: August 12, 2024 through August 25, 2024, in the amount of \$259,214.44.

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

Chairman Morris 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: August 12, 2024 through August 25, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve Task Order No. 44-Amendment No. 2 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Phase 3 Engineering / Additional Scope Services for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement, in an amount not-to-exceed \$153,700.00.

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

Task Order No. 44-Amendment No. 2 costs will be covered by IFA – was covered by USACOE Section 219 in the past. This project is also associated with the Long-Term Control Plan.

Per Kola Awosika, this Project is divided into three (3) phases; which IFA will be closing on soon.

Chairman Morris 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 Task Order No. 44-Amendment No. 2 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Phase 3 Engineering / Additional Scope Services for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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



2.3 A Motion to Approve Task Order No. 53 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Engineering Services for the 15th & Clay Street Pump Station Grit Removal System Replacement, in an amount not-to-exceed \$159,720.00.

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

Per Kola Awosika, this Project is also tied to IFA Funding and associated with the Long-Term Control Plan to reduce Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO).

Chairman Morris 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 Task Order No. 53 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Engineering Services for the 15th & Clay Street Pump Station Grit Removal System Replacement was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2240 through 2314, in the amount of \$788,919.97

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

Question: Commissioner Mabon stated the Rowell Chemical Bid Contract, approved in 2023, is now expired.

Response: Kola Awosika stated the contract was a two (2) year contract; with expiration being in 2025.

Response: Per Brenda, once expiration status is confirmed, GSD will re-bid for said services.

Chairman Morris 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 2240 - 2314 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

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

-Long Term Control Plan:

GSD will meet w/Commonwealth Engineers on matters of the Consent Decree

-Department of Justice/Regulators:

Letter received from DOJ committing GSD to upgrade the Plant capacity of 180 MGD

-Process units' improvements are in progress



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: Completion of Punch List Items. Submission of Certified Payrolls.

Planned Work: Completion of Punch List Items.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Driveway installation between Birch and Hemlock. Sidewalk restoration between Birch and Hemlock. 3rd Avenue intersection grading and clean-up. Begin to install stormwater chambers just north of Hemlock Street.

Planned Work: Continue with the installation of Stormwater Chambers north of Hemlock Avenue.

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

Current Work: Installation of remaining 100 feet of force main. Installation of taps to exiting force main.

Planned Work: Installation of Air Release Valve. Final restoration and paving.

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.

PROJECT: US HWY 20 COMPLETE STREET PROJECT

Current Work: Finalize property acquisition. Coordination w/utilities for relocation.

Planned Work: Construction of retention pond. Utility relocation.

4.3 American Structurepoint, Inc.

Jim Czarnik, American Structurepoint, Inc., (ASI) provided the Board with updates.

- 27th & Chase Street Pumping Station:
In the process of completing plans for the Project; Front-End documents are 80% complete and 20% complete on technical specifications
- Ambridge-Mann:
Making progress on the real estate plans; 20% complete on technical specifications.

5. DISCUSSION

The Board expressed appreciation to Resident Engineer Eric Tonk in his future endeavors as he will be leaving GSD soon.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.



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7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

10/07/2024

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