

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 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	ABSENT
William L. Allen, President	
Ola V. Morris, Vice President	
Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary/Treasurer	
Darmail Lyles, Member	
William Cook, Member	
OTHER INVITED ATTENDEES	OTHER ABSENT
Brenda Scott-Henry, Interim Executive	Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney
Director	
Kola Awosika, Interim Director of Operations	

- 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

William L. Allen, President

Maurice G. Mahon-Secretary/Treasurer



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE:	Monday, September 16, 2024	TYPE:	Regular Meeting
TIME:	12:00PM, cst	NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:	YES
LOCATION:	GSD, Boardroom	QUORUM:	YES
BOARD MEM	BERS PRESENT	ABSENT MEMBERS	
Ola V. Morris,	Vice President	William L. Allen, President	
Maurice G. Ma	bon, Secretary/Treasurer		
Darnail Lyles,	Member		
William Cook,	Member		

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.

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1. MINUTES

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 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

A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 29, 2024 through August 11, 2024, in the amount of \$258,914.40.

<u>Overview</u>: 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 an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing and Pumping, LLC., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2200 Chase Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$43,980.00.

<u>Overview</u>: Interim Executive Director Brenda Scott-Henry recommended approval of the 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 an Award of Bid to Alex Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping, LLC for the Sanitary Sewer repair at the vicinity of 2200 Chase Street was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid and Sole-Source Purchase with Fairfield Service Company of Indiana, LLC., for the Purchase of Additional Parts (Scrappers and Chains) for Primary Clarifier No.10, in an amount not-to-exceed \$41,644.40.

<u>Overview</u>: 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 Fairfield Service Company of Indiana for the Purchase of Additional Parts for Primary Clarifier No. 10 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.



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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2145 through 2239, in the amount of \$429,951.19

<u>Overview</u>: 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 2145 – 2239 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (o)-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).

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

Attorney Jim Martin, 8307 Lake Shore Drive, Gary, IN

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04PM.



ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETIN	G ON:
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William L. Allen, President	
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Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary	

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