



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, November 18, 2024
TIME: 12:00PM, cst
LOCATION: GSD, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:42PM 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 November 18, 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 Statues, 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

Commission Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 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: October 21, 2024 through November 3, 2024, in the amount of \$254,800.71.

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 Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSD’s Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: October 21, 2024 through November 3, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD24-05, Authorizing Gary Sanitary District to Dispose of Obsolete Computer Equipment.

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 GSD Resolution No.: SD24-05, Authorizing GSD to Dispose of Obsolete Computer Equipment was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD24-06, Approving Incentive Pay by Gary Sanitary District to Certain Gary Sanitary District Employees.

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 GSD Resolution No.: SD24-06, Approving Incentive Pay by GSD to Certain GSD Employees was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.4 A Motion to Approve Retaining Cigna Insurance for Healthcare Coverage for Gary Sanitary District Employees.

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 Retaining Cigna Insurance for Healthcare Coverage for Gary Sanitary District Employees was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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



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3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Numbers: 2586 through 2654, in the amount of \$428,129.96

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 2586 – 2654 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved. The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Operations Updates

Kola Awosika, Director of Engineering / Interim Director of Operations updates.

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

Jabez Anderson, GSD Assistant Manager of Engineering, provided Construction Activity Updates:

PROJECT: US HWY 20 COMPLETE STREET PROJECT

Current Work: Finalize property acquisition. Coordination with utilities for relocation.

Planned Work: Utility relocation. Installation of storm sewer associated with retention pond.

PROJECT: 27TH AND CHASE PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACE, PH 2 PROJECT

Current Work: Ribbon cutting held on 10/21/24.

Planned Work: Moving on to Phase III of the Project.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Road paving on the east side of the road between Hemlock Avenue to Forest Avenue. One extra crew has been deployed to the job site to meet the 2024 completion date.

Planned Work: Continue with installation of paving north of Birch Avenue. Paving the intersection of 3rd Avenue and Lake Street. Paving, grading, and concrete work of the area north of Forest.

PROJECT: 27TH & CHASE PUMP STATION BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Current Work: Completion of Punch List Items: floor grating on main floor and removal of construction debris.

Planned Work: Completion of Punch List Items: floor grating on main floor and removal of construction debris.



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4.3 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There was no one present requesting to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

12/02/2024

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Maurice G. Mabon

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