



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2025

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, January 10, 2025  
**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  
Freida Graves, Member

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Willie Cook, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – Harris Law Firm  
Ragen Hatcher, Executive Director  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

**OTHERS ABSENT**

- 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 January 10, 2025 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

#### 1.1 **Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024**

Director Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Morris and passed without dissent.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / One (1)-Abstention (Graves)

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

#### 2.1 **A Motion to Approving the Hiring of Ragen Hatcher as Executive Director for the Gary Storm Water Management District.**

Overview: Attorney Harris stated the Board received a recommendation from Mayor Melton to hiring Ragen Hatcher as the Executive Director for Gary Storm Water Management District.

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 the Hiring of Ragen Hatcher as Executive Director for the Gary Storm Water Management District was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

#### 2.2 **A Motion to Approve the Board Meeting 2025 Calendar for Gary Storm Water Management District.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended the approval of changing the cadence of the Board Meetings for Year 2025.

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 the Board Meeting 2025 Calendar for Gary Storm Water Management District was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

#### 2.3 **A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 2, 2024 through December 15, 2024, in the amount of \$256,145.73.**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSWMD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD's



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Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 2, 2024 through December 15, 2024 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.4 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Harris Law Firm, PC., for Professional Legal Services for Calendar Year 2025.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSWMD Agenda Item 2.4.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.4. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Harris Law Firm, PC., for Professional Legal Services for Calendar Year 2025 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.5 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Attorney Deidre Monroe, for Professional Legal Services for Calendar Year 2025.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSWMD Agenda Item 2.5.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.5. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Attorney Deidre Monroe, for Professional Legal Services for Calendar Year 2025 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSWMD Claim No.: 1 in the amount of \$6,490.61**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 3.1. Director Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD Claim No.: 1 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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



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**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

**4.1 MS4 Departmental Updates**

Brenda Scott-Henry, MS4 Coordinator, provided the Board with updates concerning MS4 related matters.

**4.2 American Structurepoint**

John Tucker of American Structurepoint, provided the Board with updates concerning GSWMD Projects.

**4.3 Robinson Engineering**

Ron Smith of Robinson Engineering, provided the Board with updates concerning GSWMD Projects.

**4. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There was no one present requesting to speak.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

02/07/2025

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Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary

Willie Cook, Member

Freida Graves, Member

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*Ola V. Morris*

Acting President for the  
2/7/2025 Meeting

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**PRESIDENT**

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*Maurice G. Mabon*

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**SECRETARY**