



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JANUARY 24, 2025**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Friday, January 24, 2025
TIME: 12:30PM, 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
Willie Cook, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

Freida Graves, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:29PM by Chairman Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the January 24, 2025 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held.

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1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 16, 2024 through December 29, 2024, in the amount of \$9,466.95.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSWMD Payroll Earnings.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 1.1. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 16, 2024 through December 29, 2024 was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2. CLAIMS

2.1 GSWMD Claims Nos.: 2 through 5, in the amount of \$25,445.43

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 2.1. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD Claims Nos.: 2 through 5 was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

3. DISCUSSION

- Director Mabon asked about the recycling grant.

Executive Director Hatcher explained that the \$400,000 Recycling Grant is received by the City of Gary from the Lake County Solid Waste District. As we are transitioning from contracted trash collection to inhouse trash collection, the recycling that was being done through Republic Services was never funded through the grant. Recycling Services were funded by Gary Sanitary District. The Grant was used for recycling efforts throughout the community and for staffing the recycling department for the City of Gary. It is uncertain how the City of Gary's Department of Public Works plans to use the grant going forward.

Attorney Harris stated he feels the market for recycled product, in the end, is not as good as it once was; and as a result, its trickling down with our contractor (Republic Services) charging the Gary Sanitary District a premium so they (Republic) can makeup those losses that they are realizing in the market. A one-year contract extension to Republic's contract could have included recycling but it would have been an extremely high price - - - significantly higher than the cost to pickup and dispose of our trash. As Gary Sanitary District transitions in Year 2025 to managing our own solid waste collection, maybe there will be opportunities for the market to change for GSD to handle curbside recycling with own vehicles.



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4. REQUEST TO SPEAK

- Dorreen Carey, 7304 Indian Boundary, Gary, Indiana – 1st District
Would like further reconsideration to be had concerning the continuance of curbside Residential Recycling

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

02/07/2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary
Willie Cook, Member
Freida Graves, Member

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Ola V. Morris

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Acting President
for the 2/7/2025 Meeting

PRESIDENT

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Maurice G. Mabon

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SECRETARY