



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2025

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Friday, February 7, 2025
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
Willie Cook, Member
Freida Graves, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

William Allen, President

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:06PM 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 February 7, 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 Morris asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, she proceeded with the meeting.

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1. MINUTES

1.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2025

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed without dissent

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

1.2 Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2025

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed without dissent

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 30, 2024 through January 12, 2025, in the amount of \$260,919.05.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Agenda Item 2.1.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 30, 2024 through January 12, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-08, Approving Signature Authorization for the State Revolving Fund Loan Program at 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project (GSD Project No.: SD24-06).

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-08, Approving Signature Authorization for the State Revolving Fund



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Loan Program at 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.3 **A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-09, Approving a Declaratory Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Gary Sanitary District with Respect to its Intention to Seek Funding for Sewer Improvements.**

Overview: Brandon Comer of Comer Capital Group recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.3.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-09, Approving a Declaratory Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Gary Sanitary District with Respect to its Intention to Seek Funding for Sewer Improvements was seconded by Commissioner Cook 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 Sanitary District and Cender | Dalton Municipal Advisors for Financial Consulting Services for Year 2025.**

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

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Sanitary District and Cender | Dalton Municipal Advisors for Financial Consulting Services for Year 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.5 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Metz Sewers Plumbing and Pumping, LLC., for an Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2440 Diamond Avenue, in an amount not-to-exceed \$164,400.00.**

Overview: Jabez Anderson, Assistant Manager of Engineering stated the existing sewer has lost its structural integrity causing a cave-in of the street and allowing sand and groundwater



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infiltration into the sewer. The cave-in is a pedestrian hazard and immediate repairs are necessary to prevent a sanitary sewer overflow.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Metz Sewers Plumbing and Pumping, LLC., for an Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2440 Diamond Avenue was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.6 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair-Alternate No. 1 at the vicinity of 2216 Massachusetts Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,651.00.**

Overview: Jabez Anderson, Assistant Manager of Engineering stated the existing sewer lost its structural integrity causing a cave-in of the street and allowing sand and groundwater infiltration into the sewer. The cave-in is a pedestrian hazard and immediate repairs are necessary to prevent a sanitary sewer overflow.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair-Alternate 1 at the vicinity of 2216 Massachusetts Street was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.7 **A Motion to Approve Change Order No. 2 to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project (GSD Project No.: SD22-02), for a Time Extension Only - with a New Substantial Completion Date.**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.7.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.7. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Change Order No. 2 to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project for a Time Extension Only - with a New Substantial Completion Date was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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



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- 2.8 **A Motion to Approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project (GSD Project No.: SD22-02).**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.8.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

- 2.9 **A Motion to Approve the Certificate of Final Completion to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project (GSD Project No.: SD22-02).**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.9.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.9. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Certificate of Final Completion to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

- 2.10 **A Motion to Approve the Release of Retainage to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project (GSD Project No.: SD22-02), in the amount of \$131,962.50.**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.10.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.10. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Release of Retainage to F.H. Paschen for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Bar Screen Replacement Project was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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



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3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 191 through 389, in the amount of \$2,225,046.08**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 3.1.

Chairman Morris called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Claims Nos.: 191 through 389 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 **Construction Activities -**

Jabez Anderson, GSD Assistant Manager of Engineering, provided the Board with updates regarding GSD's Construction Projects.

4.2 **American Structurepoint -**

Jim Czarnik of American Structurepoint, provided the Board with updates regarding Construction Activities/Projects.

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

- **Dorreen Carey, 1st District City of Gary Resident**

Made a request that GSD reconsider ending curb-side recycling services.

- **Kimmie Horton, 1st District City of Gary Resident**

Made a request that GSD reconsider ending curb-side recycling services.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

02/21/2025

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