



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2025

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, February 7, 2025  
**TIME:** 12:30PM, 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: 1:25PM** by Chairman Morris

Chairman Morris began the Meeting with 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 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**

**1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2025**

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

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

**1.2 Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2025**

Director 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 Director Cook and passed without dissent

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

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 30, 2024 through January 12, 2025, in the amount of \$9,466.95.**

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

Chairman Morris 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's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 30, 2024 through January 12, 2025 was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Cender | Dalton Municipal Advisors for Financial Consulting Services for Year 2025.**

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

Chairman Morris 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 a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Cender |



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Dalton Municipal Advisors for Financial Consulting Services for Year 2025 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

3.1 **GSWMD Claims Nos.: 6 through 20, in the amount of \$902,421.88**

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

Chairman Morris 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's Claims Nos.: 6 through 20 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

4.1 **MS4 Department Updates -**

MS4 Coordinator Brenda Scott-Henry, provided the Board with updates regarding MS4/Stormwater Activities.

4.2 **American Structurepoint -**

John Tucker of American Structurepoint, provided the Board with updates regarding Construction Activities/Projects.

4.3 **Robinson Engineering -**

Ron Smith of Robinson Engineering, provided the Board with updates regarding Construction Projects.

**5. DISCUSSION**

- Executive Director Ragen Hatcher announced to the Board that Timothy Alston has been appointed the Position as the GSD/GSWMD Plant Superintendent.

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

- **Dorreen Carey, 1<sup>st</sup> District City of Gary Resident**  
Made a request that GSD reconsider ending curb-side recycling services.
- **Kimmie Horton, 1<sup>st</sup> District City of Gary Resident**  
Made a request that GSD reconsider ending curb-side recycling services.



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7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

02/21/2025

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**PRESIDENT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Freida Graves, Member

**SECRETARY**