



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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, March 7, 2025  
**TIME:** 12:00PM, cst  
**LOCATION:** GSD, Boardroom

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

William L. Allen, President  
Ola V. Morris, Vice President  
Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary  
Willie Cook, Member  
Freida Graves, Member

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS ABSENT**

**I. Call to Order: 12:44PM** 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 March 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 Allen asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

**II. Election of Officers:**

Chairman Allen called for a nomination of Board Officers for the 2025 Year.

Commissioner Mabon made the motion/nomination for the Gary Sanitary District Officers of Year 2025 to be:

William Allen, Board President  
Ola Morris, Vice President  
Maurice Mabon, Secretary/Treasurer  
Willie Cook, Member  
Freida Graves, Member

The motion to Approve the 2025 Officers was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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



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**1. MINUTES**

**1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2025**

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed without dissent

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / One (1)-Abstention (Graves)

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: January 27, 2025 through February 9, 2025, in the amount of \$244,368.86.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: January 27, 2025 through February 9, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-10, Establishing Board Compensation and Rescinding GSD Resolution No.: 2055 (previously adopted: 5/12/1998) relating to Board Member Compensation.**

*Overview:* Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Agenda Item 2.2, to be effective as of March 7, 2025.

Chairman Allen 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.: SD25-10, Establishing Board Compensation and Rescinding GSD Resolution No.: 2055 relating to Board Member was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Hasse Construction Company, Inc., for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement-Phase III Project (GSD Project No.: SD24-06), in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,349,609.40 (Total Base Bid plus Alternate No. 1).**



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Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended DEFERRAL of GSD Agenda Item 2.3.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to DEFERRING GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to DEFER approving an Award of Bid to Hasse Construction Company, Inc., for the 27<sup>th</sup> & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement-Phase III Project was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.4 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Mobile Solid Solutions for the Cleaning of Digester No. 4, in an amount not-to-exceed \$331,600.00.**

Overview: Assistant Manager of Engineering Jabez Anderson recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.4. He further stated Digester No. 4 is full of sludge, sand, and grit causing a major reduction in the ability for the plant to process solids. Digester No. 4 needs to be cleaned to increase the ability for the plant to treat solid, loosening an existing bottle neck within the wastewater treatment process. The cleaning of Digester No. 4 will increase the overall wastewater treatment capacity, helping GSD conform to the long-term control plan.

Chairman Allen 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 an Award of Bid to Mobile Solid Solutions for the Cleaning of Digester No. 4 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.5 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Vertosoft (Omnia Partners) d/b/a OpenGov for the Purchase of Asset, Inventory, Maintenance and Procurement Software (as a replacement for the MainSaver Software), in an amount not-to-exceed \$188,693.12 (Initial Year and Programming Costs).**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.5. The current Mainsaver Software will be obsolete as of December 31, 2025 and new software is required.

Chairman Allen 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 an Award of Bid to Vertosoft (Omnia Partners) d/b/a OpenGov for the Purchase of Asset Management Software was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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



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- 2.6 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 4232 Rhode Island Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$126,000.00.**

*Overview:* Assistant Manager of Engineering Jabez Anderson recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.6.

**UPDATED MOTION:** A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 4232 Rhode Island Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$128,100.00.

Executive Director Ragen Hatcher stated new bids were necessary per GSD's Updated Procurement Policy. When the contractor submitted a new bid, the bid amount had increased to \$128,100.00 from \$126,000.00.

Note: Even with Metz Plumbing & Pumping's bid being lower (at \$123,000.00), Metz was unable to mobilize this job in a timeline manner due to other projects they are working on.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 4232 Rhode Island Street for the REVISED stated amount of \$128,100.00 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

- 2.7 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Midwest Service Center for the Emergency Repair of the 1000HP Weg Motor #3, in an amount not-to-exceed \$54,840.00.**

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

Chairman Allen 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 and Ratify an Award of Bid to Midwest Service Center for the Emergency Repair of the 1000HP Weg Motor #3 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

- 2.8 **A Motion to Approve the Destruction of Nonpermanent GSD Records consisting of 158 boxes consistent with Special Districts and General Retention Schedules (State Indiana Form 44905).**



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*Overview:* Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.8. The records to be destroyed complies with the State of Indiana's General Retention Schedule.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Destruction of Nonpermanent GSD Records consisting of 158 boxes consistent with Special Districts and General Retention Schedules was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 452 through 630, in the amount of \$492,060.01**

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

Chairman Allen 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.: 452 through 630 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

**4. INFORMATION UPDATES**

4.1 **Superintendent's Report -**

Timothy Alston, GSD Plant Superintendent, provided the Board with updates regarding GSD's Plant Activities.

4.2 **Construction Activities -**

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

**5. DISCUSSION**

Executive Director Ragen Hatcher congratulated Timothy Alston, GSD Plant Superintendent, for receiving the 2025 Civil and Environmental Engineering Alumni Achievement Award sponsored by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**6. REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There were no Requests to Speak.



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7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

03/21/2025

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

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**PRESIDENT, WILLIAM ALLEN**

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**SECRETARY, MAURICE G. MABON**