



MINUTES OF THE **GARY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Monday, November 6, 2023
TIME: 11:30AM
LOCATION: Boardroom, GSD | GSWMD

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel F. Vicari, President
Maurice G. Mabon, Vice President
Ola V. Morris, Secretary
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member
Darnail Lyles, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Rhonda Anderson, Executive Director
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:00PM by Chairman Vicari

Chairman Vicari began the Meeting with Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the November 6, 2023 Board Meeting, there was 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 Vicari asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

II. Bid Opening for GSWMD Project No.: SW23-01, US 20 Complete Street Enhancement

(Project being supervised by American Structurepoint)

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Grimmer Construction, Highland, IN:	\$ 3,856,751.49
Milestone Contractors North, Inc., Griffith, IN:	3,347,771.95
Gary Material Supply, Gary, IN:	3,212,193.11
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Gary, IN:	3,547,256.44

Chairman Vicari called for a motion for Bids to be referred to staff for review/recommendation. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval of the received bids to be referred to staff for review/recommendation was second by Director Jackson and passed/approved.

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



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1. MINUTES

As per the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2023, Chairman Vicari called for the Board to make a motion for approving the minutes.

Director Morris called for a motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2023, with any/all noted corrections; Director Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Mabon and passed without dissent.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: September 25, 2023 through October 8, 2023, in the amount of \$7,503.77.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSWMD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as Agenda Item 2.1.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 2.1. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: September 25, 2023 through October 8, 2023 was seconded by Director Mabon and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve a Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Norfolk Southern Railway Company for Improvements to the Lake Street Underpass under Railway at the vicinity of Railway Milepost No. CD-492.48.

Overview: John Tucker, American Structurepoint, provided an overview:

The agreement pertains to the use of Norfolk Southern Railway's right-of-way at the Lake Street Project.

Director Lyles asked if the paving (that was referenced prior to start at 3rd going to Cypress) would be held up due to the right-of-way issue with Norfolk Southern.

Mr. Tucker stated he does not foresee any delays at this time.



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3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSWMD Claims Numbers: 188 through 197, in the amount of \$151,485.34**

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

Question: A question was asked about the recycling cans referenced on the claims list.

Response: Chairman Vicari stated the \$27,000 claim is for Cascade Engineering for the purchase of 96-gallon recycling totes/cans used within the City of Gary. The City of Gary reimbursed GSWMD quarterly for the purchases.

Chairman Vicari called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving Agenda Item 3.1. Director Lyles gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Numbers 188 – 197 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 **MS4 Coordinator**

Brenda Scott Henry, MS4 Coordinator, was absent - - - no updates provided.

4.2 **American Structurepoint, Inc.**

John Tucker, American Structurepoint, Inc., (ASI) provided the Board with updates:

- US 20 Project has a potential start date of April 1, 2024

Director Lyles mentioned a driving hazard that needs to be addressed on Lake Street

Mr. Tucker plans to have the driving hazard addressed with the design team

Mr. Chris Murphy stated funding for this project has been secured via the City of Gary Common Council and \$3.6M from Indiana Finance Authority.

4.3 **Robinson Engineering**

Ron Smith, Robinson Engineering, provided the Board with updates:

- Lake County Lake Street Bridge #243:
Winterizing this project to resume in Spring 2024
- City Wide Paving
Almost complete

5. DISCUSSION

Bryan Cossey provided an update for projects he is working on:

- Met with Cintas regarding the contract and how we plan to separate from Cintas.

504 Broadway Opening

- Executive Director Anderson stated first steps have been made with respect to going forward with opening the 504 Customer Service Office - - - with Step 1 being the hiring of more staff (2 new hires) and Step 2 will be for Finance Manager to obtain quotes for the infrastructure items that needs to be purchased.



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Todd McCain was called to give an update on projects/activities:

- Met w/Metz Construction with regards to Metz getting employees from the Unions to comply with our Ordinance of hiring locally.
- The next student tour will take place on November 9th

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There was no one present to request to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44PM.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

11/20/2023

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