



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **APRIL 15, 2024** AT 11:00AM

1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:
 - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation or written notice of threatened litigation

2. The following persons attended the Executive Session:

PRESENT

William L. Allen, President
 Ola V. Morris, Vice President
 Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary/Treasurer
 William Cook, Member

ABSENT

Darnail Lyles, Member

OTHER INVITED ATTENDEES

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – Harris Law Firm
 Jerome Foster, Finance Manager
 Carla Morgan, City of Gary Corporation
 Counsel
 Brenda Scott-Henry, MS4 Coordinator
 Kola Awosika, Director of Engineering

OTHER ABSENT

3. The following matters were discussed and information received by the Board during its advertised Executive Session, and NO OFFICIAL ACTION was taken.
 - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation or written notice of threatened litigation

**GARY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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William L. Allen, President

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Maurice G. Mabon

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Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary/Treasurer



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **APRIL 15, 2024**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, April 15, 2024
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/Treasurer
William Cook, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

Darnail Lyles, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – *Harris Law Firm*
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:11PM 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 April 15, 2024 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 Allen asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

II. Vacant Position – Executive Director

Attorney Harris stated there currently is a vacancy at Gary Sanitary District and Gary Storm Water Management District for an Executive Director; and someone is needed to fulfill the duties (of Executive Director) in the interim until a more permanent solution presents itself.

Attorney Harris recommended that an appointment be made to insure the duties of an Executive Director are fulfilled.

Action 1: Chairman Allen called the Board’s pleasure with respect to Approving/Appointing Brenda Scott-Henry as Interim Director of Administration for Gary Sanitary District and Gary Storm Water Management District.

Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The Motion to Approve/Appoint Brenda Scott-Henry as Interim Director of Administration for Gary Sanitary District and Gary Storm Water Management District was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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



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Action 2: Chairman Allen called the Board's pleasure with respect to Approving/Appointing Kola Awosika as Interim Director of Engineering and Plant Operations for Gary Sanitary District and Gary Storm Water Management District.

Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The Motion to Approve/Appoint Kola Awosika as Interim Director of Engineering and Plant Operations for Gary Sanitary District and Gary Storm Water Management District was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

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

1. MINUTES

Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024, with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed without dissent.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: March 11, 2024 through March 24, 2024, in the amount of \$254,027.23.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as 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 and Ratify GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: March 11, 2024 through March 24, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Award a Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs at the vicinity of 700 Roosevelt Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$38,400.00.

Overview: Interim Director Scott-Henry recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.2.

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 Award a Bid to LGS Plumbing, Inc., for the Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs at the vicinity of 700 Roosevelt Street 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 Numbers: 1045 through 1148, in the amount of \$817,983.29

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 1045 - 1148 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Plant Activities

No updates were provided

4.2 Construction Activity Updates

Eric Tonk, GSD Resident Engineer, provided Construction Activity Updates:

PROJECT: 27TH & CHASE PUMP STATION BAR SCREEN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Current Work: Electrical work continuing with demolition and digging of trench for electrical bank, and installation of concrete pad for new equipment.

Planned Work: The passivation process of the stainless-steel components is causing a 2-week delay. The bar screens will be shipped the week of April 15th . Preparation of demolition of existing bar screens and preparation to install new screens.

PROJECT: LAKE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Current Work: Hardscape work between 3rd Ave and Birch Ave is being completed.

Planned Work: Underground work to continue north of Hemlock once the bridge work is completed

PROJECT: 27TH & CHASE STREET PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT, PHASE II

Current Work: Site has been prepared for winter usage.

Planned Work: Work to resume in April 2024 once fiberglass piping materials arrive.

PROJECT: GRIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Current Work: Certificate of Submittal Completion has been approved by the ACOE.

Planned Work: Litigation is underway regarding liquidated damages.

4.3 American Structurepoint, Inc.

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

- 27th & Chase Street Force Main Replacement Project:
 - o Next progress meeting is upcoming to discuss future timelines



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4.4 CDM Smith, Inc.

Matthew Bednarski, CDM Smith's Client Service Leader, provided the Board with updates:

- Long Term Control Plan:
 - o Working with GSD staff to meet the April 25th submittal deadline

5. DISCUSSION

- Commissioner Mabon asked when will a GSD newsletter be submitted to our City of Gary Residents, introducing our new Mayor.
 - o Interim Director Scott-Henry stated future updates on the newsletter will be forthcoming.
- Commissioner Mabon asked for an update on when the Customer Service Center's Lobby to be reopened.
 - o Jerome Foster stated an opening date is slated for June 1 2024.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

05/06/2024

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