



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **APRIL 4, 2025**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Friday, April 4, 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
Brandon Comer, Comer Capital Group

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:56PM 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 4, 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 Allen asked if any Board member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

II. Constituents In Attendance Requesting to Speak (RE: Property Liens):

The Meeting's Order was changed to allow new information to be shared with waiting constituents.

Dana Collins	Jim Tannehill
Boris Papuckos	Vernessa Watkins
Maurice Lounds	Carrie Cooper
Marla Walls	Annie Bullock

In an effort to assist with Constituents with questions/concerns regarding recently received lien letters, Executive Director Ragen Hatcher asked Janelle Carter, Customer Service Manager to consult with each Constituent to attempt resolution on the accounts.



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1. MINUTES

1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2025

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

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: February 24, 2025 through March 9, 2025, in the amount of \$255,665.48.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of 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: February 24, 2025 through March 9, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-13, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Beach Sampling Bank Account (Fund 674) with Fifth Third Bank and Transferring Fund Balance to a New Account with Centier Bank.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification 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 Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-13, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Beach Sampling Bank Account (Fund 674) with Fifth Third Bank and Transferring Fund Balance to a New Account with Centier Bank was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-14, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Old Sewer Operating Account (Fund 671) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670).



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Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 2.3.

Chairman Allen 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.: SD25-14, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Old Sewer Operating Account (Fund 671) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670) was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.4 **A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-15, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Old Construction Account (Fund 433) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670).**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 2.4.

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 GSD Resolution No.: SD25-15, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Old Construction Account (Fund 433) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670) was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.5 **A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-16, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Grand Calumet Sedimentation Account (Fund 431) with Chase Bank and Transferring Fund Balance to a New Bank Account with Trust Indiana Bank.**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 2.5.

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 GSD Resolution No.: SD25-16, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Grand Calumet Sedimentation Account (Fund 431) with Chase Bank and Transferring Fund Balance to a New Bank Account with Trust Indiana Bank 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 GSD Resolution No.: SD25-17, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Debt Service Reserve Account (Fund 373) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670).**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 2.6.

Chairman Allen 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 GSD Resolution No.: SD25-17, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Debt Service Reserve Account (Fund 373) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670) was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

- 2.7 **A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-18, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Bond & Interest Account (Fund 372) with Fifth Third Bank and Transferring Fund Balance to a New Bank Account with Centier Bank.**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification 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 GSD Resolution No.: SD25-18, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Bond & Interest Account (Fund 372) with Fifth Third Bank and Transferring Fund Balance to a New Bank Account with Centier Bank was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

- 2.8 **A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-19, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Debt Service Account (Fund 371) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670).**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 2.8.

Chairman Allen 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 GSD Resolution No.: SD25-19, Authorizing the Account Closing of GSD's Debt Service Account (Fund 371) and Transferring Fund Balance to GSD's Main Operating Bank Account with Centier Bank (Fund 670) was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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



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- 2.9 **A Motion to Approve Task Order No. 55 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Engineering Construction Services for the 27th & Chase Street Pump Station Force Main Replacement, Phase III Project (GSD Project No.: SD24-06), in an amount not-to-exceed \$585,788.00.**
Overview: Jabez Anderson, Assistant Manager of Engineering, recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.9.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.9. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Task Order No. 55 to the Master Services Agreement between Gary Sanitary District and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Engineering Construction Services for the 27th & 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

- 2.10 **A Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Gary Sanitary District and the City of Gary, Indiana for the Sharing of Equipment to Support the Maintenance, Operations and Efficiency of Public Services.**

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

Chairman Allen 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 a Memorandum of Understanding between the Gary Sanitary District and the City of Gary, Indiana for the Sharing of Equipment to Support the Maintenance, Operations and Efficiency of Public Services was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

- 2.11 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Catalynt Solutions, Inc. for the Purchase of Sodium Bisulfite in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,800.00 (\$1.672/Gallon - estimated annual quantity of 150,000/Gallons).**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher, recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.11.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.11. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Catalynt Solutions, Inc., for the Purchase of Sodium Bisulfite was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.



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- 2.12 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Rowell Chemical for the Purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite in an amount not-to-exceed \$372,500.00 (\$1.49/Gallon - estimated annual quantity of 250,000/Gallons).**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher, recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.12.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.12. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Rowell Chemical for the Purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

- 3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 729 through 825, in the amount of \$755,304.26**

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.: 729 through 825 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

There were no discussion items.



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6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

--Addressed at the start of today's meeting---

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

05/02/2025

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

PRESIDENT, WILLIAM ALLEN

SECRETARY, MAURICE G. MABON