



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Friday, June 6, 2025
TIME: 12:30PM, cst
LOCATION: GSD, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

William Allen, President
Ola V. Morris, Vice President
Willie Cook, Member
Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, 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: 12:30PM by Chairman Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with Roll-Call. Chairman Allen then stated prior to the start of the June 6, 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.

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1. MINUTES

1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2025

Director Morris gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Cook and passed without dissent

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

NOMINATION FOR BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER

Chairman Allen nominated Director Willie Cook to be appointed the position of Gary Storm Water Management District Board of Director Secretary/Treasurer.

With no other nominations to be considered, a vote was taken and Willie Cook was appointed GSWMD Board of Director Secretary/Treasurer.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: April 21, 2025 through May 4, 2025, in the amount of \$9,466.95.

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

Chairman Allen 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: April 21, 2025 through May 4, 2025 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve and Ratify a Partial Award of Bid to Rough Hands Landscaping for the Initial Cut/Mowing Only for the Vegetation Management and Storm Water Management of South Gleason Golf Course, in an amount not-to-exceed \$11,500.00.

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award and Ratify a Partial Award of Bid to Rough Hands Landscaping for the Initial Cut/Mowing Only for the Vegetation Management and Storm Water Management of South Gleason Golf Course was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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



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- 2.3 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Contract to EcoRealm LLC., for the 2025 Annual Maintenance of the Grand Boulevard Wetland Mitigation at Marquette Park, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval and ratification of GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Contract to EcoRealm, LLC., for the 2025 Annual Maintenance of the Grand Boulevard Wetland Mitigation at Marquette Park was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

3. **CLAIMS**

- 3.1 **GSWMD Claims Nos.: 70 through 73, in the amount of \$2,772.63**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 3.1. Director Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD's Claims Nos.: 70 through 73 was seconded by Director Cook and passed/approved.

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

4. **INFORMATION UPDATES**

- 4.1 **MS4 Department Updates -**

MS4 Coordinator Brenda Scott-Henry provided the Board with MS4 Departmental Updates.

5. **DISCUSSION**

There were no discussion items.

6. **REQUEST TO SPEAK**

There was no one present for Request to Speak.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53PM



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

06/20/2025

WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

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Willie Cook, Secretary
Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, Member

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY