



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JULY 18, 2025**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Friday, July 18, 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
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: 12:11 PM 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 July 18, 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. Public Hearing / Public Participation: Combined Sewer Overflow – Long Term Control Plan
Commonwealth Engineering conducted a Public Hearing regarding GSD's CSO LTCP.

Public Participation – Requests to Speak:

- a. Dorreen Carey
- b. Carolyn McCrady



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III. Bid Opening: Administration Building Generator Installation Project

Attorney Harris made a final call for the acceptance of Bids for the Generator Installation Project. With no additional bids being received, the bids were opened.

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| - Altorfer Power Systems, Bartonville, IL | Bid Amount: \$216,580.00* |
| - Powerlink Electric, Vernon Hills, IL | Bid Amount: \$287,510.00 |

*Per Attorney Harris, the bid received from Altorfer Power System is disqualified as it was not received in the manner requested – as a sealed bid. This bid was received via email.

The remaining bid(s) will be forwarded to staff for review and recommendation.

IV. Employee Acknowledgements

Louis McKinney –

Louis McKinney was acknowledged with a plaque for his 45+ years of service and employment with Gary Sanitary District.

Kevin Rogers –

Kevin Rogers was acknowledged with a plaque for his 11 Years of service and employment with Gary Sanitary District. Kevin Rogers resigned from Gary Sanitary District effective July 18, 2025.

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1. MINUTES

1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2025

Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed without dissent

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 2, 2025 through June 15, 2025, in the amount of \$282,910.72.

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 Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 2, 2025 through June 15, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 16, 2025 through June 29, 2025, in the amount of \$293,457.97

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 Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: June 16, 2025 through June 29, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-22, Approving the Acceptance of a Temporary Transfer of Funds for Payment of Bond Interest.

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



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Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-22 Approving the Acceptance of a Temporary Transfer of Funds for Payment of Bond Interest was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.4 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify Change Order No.: 1 to Mobile Solids Solutions for the Cleaning of Digester No. 4, in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.4. GSD Assistant Manager of Engineering, Jabez Anderson stated the Change Order was needed for a filtration system to ensure PCBs and Heavy Metals in the existing sludge does not cause GSD to exceed NPDES Permit limits and a time extension is needed as well.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify Change Order No. 1 to Mobile Solids Solutions for the Cleaning of Digester No. 4 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.5 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Metz Sewers Plumbing & Pumping LLC., for an Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 3124 West 19th Place, in an amount not-to-exceed \$114,350.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher called upon GSD's Assistant Manager of Engineering Jabez Anderson to comment on the cave-in. Mr. Anderson stated the existing sanitary sewer has lost its structural integrity causing a cave-in of the street and allowing sand and groundwater infiltration into the sewer. Immediate repairs are necessary to prevent combined sewer overflow.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to Metz Sewers Plumbing & Pumping LLC., for an Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 3124 West 19th Place was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.6 **A Motion to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract between Gary Sanitary District and Lochmueller Group for the 27th & Chase Street Pumping Station System Upgrades, in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,000.00.**



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Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.6.

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 Amendment No. 1 to the Contract between Gary Sanitary District and Lockmueller Group for the 27th & Chase Street Pumping Station Upgrades was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSD Claims Nos.: 1324 through 1421, in the amount of \$2,022,976.52

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 Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Claims Nos.: 1324 through 1421 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 Superintendent's Report -

Timothy Alston, GSD Plant Superintendent, was absent. No updates were given.

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.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

Maurice Mabon

Mr. Mabon expressed a Thank You to the Mayor and Board for allowing him the opportunity of being on the Board.



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Lori Crozier Lincoln

Mrs. Lincoln expressed concern for basement flooding at her home 266 McKinley Street.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

08/01/2025

WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

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Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, Member

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY