



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **AUGUST 15, 2025**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, August 15, 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

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Lawrence Batiste, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nick Snow, Attorney, Harris Law Firm  
Ragen Hatcher, Executive Director  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager  
Brandon Comer, Comer Capital Group

**OTHERS ABSENT**

- I. Call to Order: 12:46PM** by Chairman Allen  
Chairman Allen began the Meeting with Roll-Call. Chairman Allen then stated prior to the start of the August 15, 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 – Proposed Rate Changes for Fees for Stormwater Customers**  
Attorney Deidre Monroe provided the Board with an overview of the proposed rates for Stormwater Customers.

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**1. MINUTES**

**1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2025**

Director Cook gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Graves and passed without dissent

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

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 14, 2025 through July 27, 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: July 14, 2025 through July 27, 2025 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve Change Order No. 2 to Grimmer Construction for the Lake Street Drainage Improvements & Roadway Reconstruction – Phase 2 Project (GSWMD Project No.: SW22-02), in an amount not-to-exceed \$22,885.67.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2 be tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to tabling GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to table Change Order No. 2 to Grimmer Construction for the Lake Street Drainage Improvements & Roadway Reconstruction – Phase 2 (SW22-02) was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSWMD Claims No.: 95 through 97, in the amount of \$7,535.31**

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



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Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 3.1. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD's Claims Nos.: 95 through 97 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

3.2 **GSWMD Financial Reporting – Period Ending: April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025**

*Submitted as a matter of record.*

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 were no requests to speak.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY