



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, September 5, 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  
Lawrence Batiste, Member

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Freida Graves, Member

**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: 12:09 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 September 5, 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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**II. Bid Opening: Vehicle Purchase**

Attorney Harris made a final call for the acceptance of Bids for the Gary Sanitary District's RFQ for Vehicle Purchases. With no additional bids being received, the bids were opened.

- One Nation Distribution LLC  
800 Main Street, PO Box 69, Volant, PA 16156
  - Bid 1:  
2026 Chevrolet Equinox LT (Per Specifications) \$33,989.00
- Garber Chevrolet of Highland  
9700 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland, IN 46322
  - Bid 1:  
2025 Silverado 2500 HD Regular Cab 4WD 8' Bed Pickup \$48,427.53
  - Bid 2:  
2026 Silverado 2500 HD Crew Cab 4WD 6.5' Bed Pickup \$51,980.52
  - Bid 3:  
2026 Silverado 2500 HD Regular Cab 4WD 8' Bed Pickup \$48,024.53  
Note: Factory Order – ETA 12-14 weeks
  - Bid 4:  
2026 Silverado 2500 HD Crew Cab 4WD 6.5' Bed Pickup \$50,845.53  
Note: Factory Order – ETA 12-14 weeks

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**1. MINUTES**

**1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2025**

Attorney Harris called for an ALL IN FAVOR VOTE for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2025 with any/all noted corrections.

The vote: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE --- Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: July 28, 2025 through August 10, 2025, in the amount of \$289,974.12.**

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: July 28, 2025 through August 10, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Commonwealth Engineering for the Design of Division B - Part I of the Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan (CSO LTCP), in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,095,000.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher 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 Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Commonwealth Engineering for the Design of Division B - Part I of the Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping, LLC., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2101 Broadway, in an amount not-to-exceed \$169,000.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval 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 an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping, LLC., for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2101 Broadway was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

- 2.4 **A Motion to Approve an Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) for electrical services (tariffs) supplied to Gary Sanitary District between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended tabling GSD Agenda Item 2.4.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to table GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve tabling GSD Agenda Item 2.4. The motion to table GSD Agenda Item 2.4 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

### 3. CLAIMS

- 3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 1695 through 1770, in the amount of \$250,938.48**

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.: 1695 through 1770 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-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 (operations and maintenance) activities.

- 4.2 **Construction Activities -**

Jabez Anderson, GSD Assistant Manager of Engineering, provided the Board with updates regarding GSD's Construction Projects.



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**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 12:32PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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William Allen, President  
Ola V. Morris, Vice President  
Willie Cook, Secretary  
Freida Graves, Member  
Lawrence Batiste, Member

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WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

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WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY