



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Friday, September 5, 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
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: 12:32PM by Chairman Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with Roll-Call. Chairman Allen 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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1. MINUTES

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

Director Cook gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Morris 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 28, 2025 through August 10, 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 28, 2025 through August 10, 2025 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSWMD Resolution No.: SW25-03, Approving the Increase in Storm Water Fees.

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

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 Approve GSWMD Resolution No.: SW25-03, Approving the Increase in Storm Water Fees was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve Change Order No. 2 to Grimmer Construction for the Lake Street Drainage Improvement & Roadway Reconstruction – Phase 2 Project (GSWMD Project No.: SW22-02), in an amount not-to-exceed \$59,210.67.

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to tabling GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Change Order No. 2



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to Grimmer Construction for the Lake Street Drainage Improvement & Roadway Reconstruction – Phase 2 Project (GSWMD Project No.: SW22-02) was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSWMD Claims No.: 98 through 99, in the amount of \$590.93

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 Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD's Claims Nos.: 98 through 99 was seconded by Director Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-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 were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

09/19/2025

WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY

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