



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE:	<u>Friday, September 19, 2025</u>	TYPE:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>
TIME:	<u>12:30PM, cst</u>	NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE:	<u>YES</u>
LOCATION:	<u>GSD, Boardroom</u>	QUORUM:	<u>YES</u>

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney, Harris Law Firm
Ragen Hatcher, Executive Director
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager
Brandon Comer, Comer Capital Group

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:23PM by Chairman Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with Roll-Call. Chairman Allen then stated prior to the start of the September 19, 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 Statues, 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 September 5, 2025**

Director Cook gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Graves and passed without dissent

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 **A Motion to Approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: August 11, 2025 through August 24, 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: August 11, 2025 through August 24, 2025 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.2 **A Motion to Approve GSWMD Resolution No.: SW25-04, Establishing Compensation for Internal Committee Meetings for Storm Water Management District Directors.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended TABLING GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to tabling GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. Director Morris gave the motion to approve tabling GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. The motion to table GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2 was seconded by Director Cook and passed/approved.

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

2.3 **A Motion to Approve Rescinding a Grant Award by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for the 2024 Volkswagen Diesel Grant, in the amount of \$295,599.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended TABLING GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3.



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Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to tabling GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. Director Morris gave the motion to approve tabling GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. The motion to table GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3 was seconded by Director Cook and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSWMD Claims No.: 100 through 105, in the amount of \$5,998.64

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.: 100 through 105 was seconded by Director Morris 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 were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

10/03/2025

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

WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY