



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **OCTOBER 3, 2025**

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, October 3, 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 October 3, 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. Bid Opening: GSD Generator Project for Administration Building**

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

- a. Altofer, Inc., 6400 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, IN (Digital bid – Received via OpenGov)  
\$210,980.00
- b. H2O Plumbing, 11065 N 500 E, DeMotte, IN  
\$396,000.00
- c. Powerlink Electric, 400 Corporate Woods Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL  
\$301,885.00



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**1. MINUTES**

**1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2025**

Commissioner Cook gave the motion to for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 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: August 25, 2025 through September 7, 2025, in the amount of \$283,585.93.**

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: August 25, 2025 through September 7, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-28, Adopting Indiana Code 5-23 (Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Statute) as related to the Authorization and Entering into Public-Private Agreements.**

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 GSD Agenda Item 2.2. The motion to approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-28, Adopting Indiana Code 5-23 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Professional Service Contract by and between Gary Sanitary District and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company for Financial Planning Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$27,199.00.**

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 GSD Agenda Item 2.3. The motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Professional Service Contract by and between Gary Sanitary District and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company for Financial Planning Services was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.4 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1978 Roosevelt Place, in an amount not-to-exceed \$168,104.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of 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 GSD Agenda Item 2.4. The motion to approve an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 1978 Roosevelt Place 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 Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5222 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,160.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.5.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to table GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.5. The motion to approve and ratify an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 5222 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

2.6 **A Motion to Approve and Ratify an Award of Bid to H2O Plumbing for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 4316 Buchanan Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$76,695.56.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to table GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.6. The motion to



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approve and ratify an Award of Bid to H2O Plumbing for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 4316 Buchanan Street was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSD Claims Nos.: 1879 through 1971, in the amount of \$592,661.94**

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 Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Claims Nos.: 1879 through 1971 was seconded by Commissioner Cook 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 provided.

**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**

- Shemika Tinubu, 301 N. Lake St., Gary, IN

Ms. Tinubu addressed the Board on the matter of a Claim submittal for flooding at her referenced property address.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

10/17/2025

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**WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT**

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**WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY**

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