



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2025

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Friday, October 17, 2025
TIME: 12:00PM, cst
LOCATION: GSD, Boardroom

TYPE: Regular Meeting
NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE: YES
QUORUM: YES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

William L. Allen, President

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: 12:10 PM by Chairman Cook

Chairman Cook began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the October 17, 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 Cook 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 October 3, 2025

Commissioner Graves gave the motion to for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2025 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed without dissent.

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: September 8, 2025 through September 21, 2025, in the amount of \$283,480.45.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSD Agenda Item 2.1.

Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: September 8, 2025 through September 21, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-29, Authorizing and Ratifying the Gary Sanitary District to Dispose of Decommissioned Equipment.

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

Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.2. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.2. The motion to approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-29, Authorizing and Ratifying the Gary Sanitary District to Dispose of Decommissioned Equipment was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-30, Amending Section 9.1 and 9.3 of the Gary Sanitary District Personnel Policy.

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



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Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.3. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.3. The motion to approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-30, Amending Section 9.1 and 9.3 of the GSD Personnel Policy was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.4 **A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No: SD25-31, Establishing a Rate Increase for Gary Sanitary District Septic Haulers.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.4.

Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.4. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.4. The motion to approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-31, Establishing a Rate Increase for Gary Sanitary District Septic Haulers was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.5 **A Motion to Approve/Accept a Conflict of Interest Statement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Destinee Winger d/b/a Desserts by Desss.**

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

Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.5. The motion to approve/accept a Conflict of Interest Statement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Destinee Winger (dba Desserts by Desss) was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

2.6 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 525 McKinley Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$227,000.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended TABLING GSD Agenda Item 2.6.

Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to TABLING GSD Agenda Item 2.6. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve TABLING GSD Agenda Item 2.6. The motion to approve TABLING an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 525 McKinley Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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



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- 2.7 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Sanitary Sewer repair at the vicinity of 2165 Baker Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$294,680.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.7.

Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.7. Commissioner Graves gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.7. The motion to approve an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Sanitary Sewer repair at the vicinity of 2165 Baker Street was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

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

3. **CLAIMS**

- 3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 1972 through 2240, in the amount of \$1,342,075.58**

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

Chairman Cook 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.: 1972 through 2240 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 the Plant's activities.

- 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.



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6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

11/07/2025

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Willie Cook, Secretary
Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, Member

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY