



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2026

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Friday, January 16, 2026
TIME: 12:30PM, cst
LOCATION: GSD, Boardroom

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

William L. Allen, President
Ola V. Morris, Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:12 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 January 16, 2026 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 January 2, 2026**

Director Graves gave the motion to for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2026 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Batiste and passed without dissent.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 **A Motion to Approve GSWMD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 15, 2025 through December 28, 2025, in the amount of \$38,596.88.**

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 GSWMD Agenda Item 2.1. Director Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 15, 2025 through December 28, 2025 was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSWMD Claims Nos.: 1 - 14, in the amount of \$23,665.38**

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

Chairman Cook called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 3.1. Director Graves gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSWMD Claims Nos.: 1-14 was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

The vote: Three (3)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

4. **INFORMATION UPDATES** - There were no Informational Updates presented today.

5. **DISCUSSION** - There were no discussion items presented today.



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6. **REQUEST TO SPEAK** - There were no requests to speak today.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**
With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

02/06/2026

WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY

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