



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **NOVEMBER 7, 2025**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, November 7, 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**

Ragen Hatcher, Executive Director  
Jerome Foster, Finance Manager  
Brandon Comer, Comer Capital Group

**OTHERS ABSENT**

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney, Harris Law Firm

**I. Call to Order: 12:10 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 November 7, 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 - Tipping Services/Transfer Station Access (GSD 2025-TIP-01)**

Chairman Allen made a final call for the acceptance of Bids for Tipping Services/Transfer Station Access. With no additional bids being received, the bids were opened.

*Note: All bid submissions for Tipping Services/Transfer Station Access are received as in-person bids.*

- Municipal Solid Waste:
  - January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026: \$63.48 per ton
  - January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027: \$65.38 per ton
  - January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028: \$68.00 per ton
- Recycling Disposal:
  - January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026: \$85.60 per ton



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**III. Bid Opening - Procurement & Installation of Residential Sewer Check Valves**

Chairman Allen made a final call for the acceptance of Bids for the Procurement & Installation of Residential Sewer Check Valves. With no additional bids being received, the bids were opened.

*Note: All bid submissions for Residential Sewer Check Valves are received via OpenGov bidding.*

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| - Calumet City Plumbing, 281 River Oaks Dr., Calumet City, IL | \$21,815.75 |
| - LGS Plumbing, 1110 E. Summit St., Crown Point, IN           | \$23,050.00 |
| - Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping, 1601 Louisiana St., Gary, IN | \$20,100.00 |

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**1. MINUTES**

**1.1 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2025**

Commissioner Cook 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 Batiste 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: September 22, 2025 through October 5, 2025, in the amount of \$288,760.90.**

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: September 22, 2025 through October 5, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: October 6, 2025 through October 19, 2025, in the amount of \$288,910.56.**

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification 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. The motion to Approve GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: October 6, 2025 through October 19, 2025 was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to United Health Care for Medical Insurance Coverage for GSD Employees.**

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 an Award of Bid to United Health Care for Medical Insurance Coverage for GSD Employees was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

- 2.4 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Schaefer Plastics North America LLC., for the Purchase of Refuse Carts for the Gary Sanitary District Trash Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,218,629.55.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approved 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 Schaefer Plastics North America LLC., for the Purchase of Refuse Carts for the Gary Sanitary District Trash Project was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

- 2.5 **A Motion to Approve Change Order No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Sanitary District and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., for a Financial Capability Assessment, in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.00.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.5. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.5. The motion to approve Change Order No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Sanitary District and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

- 2.6 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Clearpath GPS for a One (1) Year Subscription for GPS Tracking Services for Company Vehicles, in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,092.00.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approve 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 an Award of Bid to Clearpath GPS for a One (1) Year Subscription for GPS Tracking Services for Company Vehicles was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.  
The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

- 2.7 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to CorGroup, LLC., for the Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Repair at the vicinity of 805 South Lake Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$350,427.00.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.7. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.7. The motion to approve an Award of Bid to CorGroup LLC., for the Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Repair at the vicinity of 805 South Lake Street was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

- 2.8 **A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2516 Fillmore Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$170,400.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.8.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.8. The motion to approve an Award of Bid to Gariup Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2516 Fillmore Street was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

- 2.8 **VOTE RECONSIDERATION**

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect for a Vote Reconsideration of GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve the reconsideration GSD Agenda Item 2.8. The motion to the reconsideration was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

**REVOTE/CORRECTION FOR AGENDA ITEM 2.8**

**A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2516 Fillmore Street, in an amount not-to-exceed \$170,400.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Hatcher recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2.8.



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Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.8. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve GSD Agenda Item 2.8. The motion to approve an Award of Bid to Metz Sewer Plumbing & Pumping LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Repair at the vicinity of 2516 Fillmore Street was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

**3. CLAIMS**

**3.1 GSD Claims Nos.: 2241 through 2300, in the amount of \$519,110.11**

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.: 2241 through 2300 was seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 update was given.

**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**

- Bob Day, Days Construction & Asphalt

When called upon to speak, Mr. Day declined to give a statement.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

12/12/2025

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**WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT**

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

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**WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY**