



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Friday, February 20, 2026
TIME: 12:30pm, cst
LOCATION: GSWMD, 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, Secretary/Treasurer
Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:53PM 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 February 20, 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 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

Director Cook gave the motion to approve/accept the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2026, with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Director Batiste 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: January 12, 2026 through January 25, 2026, in the amount of \$39,892.03.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSWMD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as 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 and Ratify GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: January 12, 2026 through January 25, 2026 was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

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

2.2 A Motion to Approve a Contract to EcoRealm LLC., for the 2026 Annual Maintenance of the Grand Boulevard Wetland Mitigation at Marquette Park, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500.00.

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.2. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve a Contract to EcoRealm LLC for the 2026 Annual Maintenance of the Grand Boulevard Wetland Mitigation at Marquette Park was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSWMD Claims Numbers: 15 - 26, in the amount of \$151,826.97

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of the presented claims.

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 and Ratify GSWMD Claims Nos.: 15 - 26 was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

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



4. INFORMATION UPDATES

4.1 MS4 Updates -

Leslie Thomas, Urban Conservation & Outreach Coordinator, provided the Board with an update on MS4 Activities.

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 1:01PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

03/06/2026

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