



MINUTES OF THE GARY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **MARCH 6, 2026**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, March 6, 2026  
**TIME:** 12:30pm, cst  
**LOCATION:** GSWMD, Boardroom

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

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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**ABSENT MEMBERS**

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

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**OTHERS ABSENT**

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**I. Call to Order: 12:34PM** by Chairman Cook

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the February 6, 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 20, 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 26, 2026 through February 8, 2026, in the amount of \$43,992.87.**

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 26, 2026 through February 8, 2026 was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

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

**2.2 A Motion to Approve a Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Clark Dietz Engineering for Engineering Tasks for a Flood Control Study and Plans associated with 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue (from Richard Gordon Hatcher Blvd. to MLK Drive) and 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue (from Broadway to Harrison Street), in an amount not-to-exceed \$149,500.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher, along with Engineering Manager Jabez Anderson recommended approval of the GSWMD Payroll Earnings Report submitted as 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 Professional Services Contract by and between Gary Storm Water Management District and Clark Dietz Engineering was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.

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

**2.3 A Motion to Approve the Certificate of Final Completion and Release of Retainage to Grimmer Construction for the Lake Street Drainage Project and Roadway Reconstruction-Phase 2, GSWMD Project No.: SW22-02, in an amount not-to-exceed \$628,726.64.**

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

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.3. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve the Certificate of Final



Completion and Release of Retainage to Grimmer Construction for the Lake Street Drainage Project and Roadway Reconstruction-Phase 2 was seconded by Director Batiste and passed/approved.  
The vote: Five (5)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

### 3. CLAIMS

#### 3.1 GSWMD Claims Numbers: 27 – 30, in the amount of \$6,126.26

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Nos.: 27 – 30.

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 GSWMD Claims Nos.: 27 – 30 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.

#### 4.1a Metric Environmental provided the Board with a Presentation on the Scope of Work to be provided to the MS4/Stormwater Team with respect to the MS4 General Permit application, Pre-Construction Support and Pre-Application Review Processes.

### 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 12:50PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

03/20/2026

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