



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 20, 2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2026
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, Secretary/Treasurer
Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

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 Allen

Chairman Allen began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the March 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

1.1 **Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2026**

Commissioner Cook gave the motion to for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2026 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: February 9, 2026 through February 22, 2026, in the amount of \$271,509.04.**

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: February 9, 2026 through February 22, 2026 was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

2.2 **A Motion to Approve a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Thieneman Construction, Inc., for Plantwide Utility and Infrastructure Project (Division B, Plan 1A), in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,512,158.00.**

Overview: Executive Director Ragen Hatcher recommended approval 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 a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Agreement by and between Gary Sanitary District and Thieneman Construction, Inc., for Plantwide Utility and Infrastructure Project (Division B, Plan 1A) 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 PVS Chemical Solutions Inc., for the Procurement of Sodium Bisulfite, in an amount not-to-exceed \$262,500.00.**



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

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 PVS Chemical Solutions Inc., for the Procurement of Sodium Bisulfite 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 Wesco/Englewood Electric for Repairs to the PLC/Operational Control System at Dewatering Building, in an amount not-to-exceed \$26,636.00.**

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 Wesco/Englewood Electric for Repairs to the PLC/Operational Control System at Dewatering Building was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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

3. **CLAIMS**

3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 453 - 549, in the amount of \$1,011,014.41**

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

Question: Commissioner Cook asked for further details for GSD Claims Nos.: 483 (Lionel Smith) and 484 (Nationwide).

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3.1. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD's Claims Nos.: 453 - 549 was seconded by Commissioner Batiste and passed/approved.

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



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4. **INFORMATION UPDATES**

4.1 **Superintendent's Report -**

Timothy Alston, GSD Plant Superintendent, provided the Board with updates regarding Plant Activities.

4.2 **Construction Activities -**

Jabez Anderson, GSD Assistant Manager of Engineering, was absent. No GSD's Construction Updates were provided.

5. **DISCUSSION**

There were no Discussion Items.

6. **REQUEST TO SPEAK**

- Denise Lewis, City of Gary Resident of the 2300 Block of Jennings Street
Ms. Lewis' asked for resolution on street and drain blockages within the community of 2300 Block of Jennings Street.

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:

04/17/2026

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WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY

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Freida Graves, Member
Lawrence Batiste, Member

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