



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **MAY 1, 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

ABSENT MEMBERS

Lawrence Batiste, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ABSENT

I. Call to Order: 12:11 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 April 17, 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.

II. Bid Opening: Manhole Replacement and Sanitary District Sewer Repair at 4309 Buchanan Street

There was a total of four (3) bids submitted:

1. In-Person Bid:

- GARIUP CONSTRUCTION, 3965 Harrison Street, Gary, IN
 - Alternative 1: Pipe Bursting \$ NO BID
 - Alternative 2: CIPP Lining and Point Repair \$ 147,500.00
 - Alternative 3: Manhole Replacement \$ 57,000.00
- Total Bid Amount: \$205,000.00**



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2. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):

- LGS PLUMBING INC., 1110 E. Summit St., Crown Point, IN
 - Alternative 1: Pipe Bursting \$ 29,100.00
 - Alternative 2: CIPP Lining and Point Repair \$ 230,000.00
 - Alternative 3: Manhole Replacement \$ 169,600.00
- Total Bid Amount: \$428,700.00**

3. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):

- METZ SEWER PLUMBING & PUMPING LLC, 1601 Louisiana St., Gary, IN
 - Alternative 1: Pipe Bursting \$ 34,100.00
 - Alternative 2: CIPP Lining and Point Repair \$ 258,000.00
 - Alternative 3: Manhole Replacement \$ 189,000.00
- Total Bid Amount: \$481,100.00**

Bids will be forwarded to GSD Staff for review and recommendation.

III. Bid Opening: Sanitary Sewer Repair at 960 Matthews Street

There was a total of four (3) bids submitted:

1. In-Person Bid:
 - GARIUP CONSTRUCTION, 3965 Harrison Street, Gary,
Bid Amount: \$147,500.00
2. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):
 - LGS PLUMBING INC., 1110 E. Summit St., Crown Point, IN
Bid Amount: \$46,950.00
3. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):
 - METZ SEWER PLUMBING & PUMPING LLC, 1601 Louisiana St., Gary, IN
Bid Amount: \$42,600.00

Bids will be forwarded to GSD Staff for review and recommendation

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1. MINUTES

1.1 **Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2026**

Commissioner Cook gave the motion to for the approval / acceptance of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2026 with any/all noted corrections. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed without dissent.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-Noes

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 **GSD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: March 23, 2026 through April 5, 2026, in the amount of \$288,631.46.**

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: March 23, 2026 through April 5, 2026 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-Noes

2.2 **Ratify the Approval of GSD Resolution No.: SD26-09, Authorizing Director to Apply for a Credit Card and Designated as an Authorized User of Credit Card.**

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 GSD Resolution No.: SD26-09, Authorizing Director to Apply for a Credit Card and Designated as an Authorized User of Credit Card was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-Noes

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- 2.3 **A Purchase Agreement/Equipment and Software Maintenance Agreement between the Gary Sanitary District and Pitney Bowes, in an amount not- to- exceed \$44,766.94 with an Annual Maintenance Price, in the amount of \$4,541.00.**

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

Question: Commissioner Allen asked for further details regarding the term of the Software Maintenance Agreement.

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 a Purchase Agreement/Equipment and Software Maintenance Agreement between the Gary Sanitary District and Pitney Bowes, in an amount not- to- exceed \$44,766.94 with an Annual Maintenance Price, in the amount of \$4,541.00 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-Noes

- 2.4 **Award of Bid to Standard Equipment, for the repair of Sweeper V-016-01, in an amount not-to-exceed \$69,567.95.**

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 Standard Equipment, for the repair of Sweeper V-016-01, in an amount not-to-exceed \$69,567.95 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-Noes

Question: Commissioner Cook asked for further details, regarding the repair of the Sweeper.

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3. CLAIMS

3.1 **GSD Claims Nos.: 676 – 736, in the amount of \$1,547,511.35.**

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

Question: Commissioner Cook asked for further details, regarding Claims Nos.: 677 and 678.

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.: 676 – 736, in the amount of \$1,547,511.35 was seconded by Commissioner Graves and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-Noes

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, provided the Board with updates regarding GSD's Construction Projects.

5. DISCUSSION

There were no Discussion Items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.



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7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

05/15/2026

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

WILLIAM ALLEN, PRESIDENT

WILLIE COOK, SECRETARY