



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Friday, May 1, 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

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: 12:48PM 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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II. Bid Opening: Landscaping at So. Gleason Park Golf Course & Storm Water Retention

There was a total of Six (6) bids submitted:

1. In-Person Bid:

ROUGH HAND'S LANDSCAPE, LLC, Gary IN

○ Lawn Maintenance	
- Initial Mowing of So. Gleason Golf Course (May 4 th)	\$ 11,000.00
- May 4 th - June 1 st - So. Gleason Gold Course (4 @ \$11,000.00 weekly)	\$ 44,000.00
- June 1 st - Nov. 2 nd - So. Gleason Gold Course (11 @ \$11,500.00 bi-weekly)	\$ 127,000.00
○ Tree Removal and Disposal - (50 @ \$2,300 each)	\$ 115,000.00
○ Pond Cleaning (3 @ \$14,000.00 each)	\$ 42,000.00
○ Fence Clearing	\$ 24,000.00
Total Bid Amount:	\$363,000.00

*NOTED: The Pond Cleaning and Fence Clearing were not a part of the Bid Specifications.

2. In-Person Bid:

R-N-R CONSTRUCTION, Gary, IN

○ Lawn Maintenance	
- Initial Mowing of So. Gleason Golf Course (May 4 th)	\$ 60,000.00
- May 4 th - June 1 st - So. Gleason Gold Course (4 @ \$15,000.00 weekly)	\$ 60,000.00
- June 1 st - Nov. 2 nd - So. Gleason Gold Course (11 @ \$5,454.00 bi-weekly)	\$ 60,000.00
○ Tree Removal and Disposal - (50 @ \$9,000 each)	\$ 9,000.00
Total Bid Amount:	\$ 69,000.00

*NOTED: The itemized listing doesn't equal the Total Bid Amount.

3. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):

JOSHS LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT LLC, Merrillville, IN

○ Lawn Maintenance	
- Initial Mowing of So. Gleason Golf Course (May 4 th)	\$ 11,000.00
- May 4 th - June 1 st - So. Gleason Gold Course (4 @ \$8,500.00 weekly)	\$ 34,000.00
- June 1 st - Nov. 2 nd - So. Gleason Gold Course (11 @ \$8,990.00 bi-weekly)	\$ 98,890.00
○ Tree Removal and Disposal - (50 @ \$1,550.00 each)	\$ 77,500.00
Total Bid Amount:	\$221,390.00

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4. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):

Knock Together Builders Inc., Fort Worth, TX

- Lawn Maintenance
 - Initial Mowing of So. Gleason **Golf Course** (May 4th) \$ 89,000.00
 - May 4th - June 1st - So. Gleason **Gold Course** (4 @ \$24,000.00|weekly) \$ 96,000.00
 - June 1st - Nov. 2nd - So. Gleason **Gold Course** (11 @ \$7,800.00|bi-weekly) \$ 85,800.00
 - Tree Removal and Disposal - (50 @ \$675.00 each) \$ 33,750.00
- Total Bid Amount: \$304,550.00**

5. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):

M & M Maintenance LLC, Portgage IN

- Lawn Maintenance
 - Initial Mowing of So. Gleason **Golf Course** (May 4th) \$ 30,000.00
 - May 4th - June 1st - So. Gleason **Gold Course** (4 @ \$6,700.00|weekly) \$ 26,800.00
 - June 1st - Nov. 2nd - So. Gleason **Gold Course** (11 @ \$7,000.00|bi-weekly) \$ 77,000.00
 - Tree Removal and Disposal - (50 @ \$1440.00 each) \$ 72,000.00
- Total Bid Amount: \$205,800.00**

6. Uploaded Bid (OpenGov / Opened Live):

Tree Servants 1 LLC, Bremen, IN

- Lawn Maintenance
 - Initial Mowing of So. Gleason **Golf Course** (May 4th) \$ 16,000.00
 - May 4th - June 1st - So. Gleason **Gold Course** (4 @ \$12,000.00|weekly) \$ 48,000.00
 - June 1st - Nov. 2nd - So. Gleason **Gold Course** (11 @ \$12,000.00|bi-weekly) \$ 132,000.00
 - Tree Removal and Disposal - (50 @ \$1,957.43 each) \$ 97,871.50
- Total Bid Amount: \$ 293,871.50**

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

1. MINUTES

Director Allen gave the motion to approve/accept 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 Director Cook and passed without dissent.

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

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2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 GSWMD Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: March 23, 2026 through April 5, 2026, in the amount of \$58,874.23.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSWMD Agenda Item 2.1. and 2.2. Director Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to approve GSWMD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: March 23, 2026 through April 5, 2026 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1 GSWMD Claims Numbers: 63 – 70, in the amount of \$21,500.85.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of GSWMD Claims Nos.: 63-70.

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.: 63 – 71 was seconded by Director Graves and passed/approved.

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

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

Leslie Thompson, Urban Conservation & Outreach Coordinator, provided the Board with some informational updates.

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 1:25PM.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

05/15/2026

William L. Allen, President

Willie Cook, Secretary/Treasurer

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