

**Gratiot Area Water Authority**  
**March 11, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Phillip Moore at 12:05 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum was present.

Present: Phillip Moore, Melissa Allen, Kurt Giles, and Roxann Harrington.

Absent: Don Pray.

Also present: John Willemin; Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Keith Risdon; City of St. Louis, Theo VanWalmenich; CHM2 Hill, David Ringle; City of Alma, and Sara Youngs.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2016.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Harrington to approve the request for payment from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber in the amount of \$5,446.43 for services rendered January 16, 2016 through February 12, 2016.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Giles, to approve a request for payment from RCL Construction Co. for pay application #23 in the amount of \$21,483.75.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Allen, to approve a request for payment from Yeo & Yeo, CPAs & Business Consultants in the amount of \$1500 for professional services rendered.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

The Authority moved to the resignation of member George Kubin. Discussion followed regarding meeting date changes and possible reduction in the number of meetings as the project nears completion. The vacancy is tentatively scheduled to be addressed by St. Louis City Commission at their next meeting.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington, to accept the resignation of George Kubin, with regret.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

John Willemin, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, offered the following engineer's update:

**Water Plant**

- Control programming, testing and debugging work remains in progress.
- The chimney liner approval by the state has been received.
- Testing of the filters will be conducted when the control systems are complete.

- Partial Substantial Completion will be acknowledged for several major components of the work that are in service.

#### **Booster Stations**

- Punch list work and contract closeout is ongoing.

#### **South Transmission Main**

- Punch list work and contract closeout is ongoing.

#### **Raw Water Transmission Main/Well 9 Well House**

- The Well 9 Raw Water Transmission Main is complete. Final as-builts to be issued.
- Well 9 Well House Punch list work and contract closeout is ongoing. A final change order will be processed to set final contract dates and adjust total contract price. It is anticipated that the project will finish over \$70,000 under budget.

#### **Giddings Elevated Water Storage Tank**

- Work will begin when weather allows.
- No cost changes are currently pending.
- The Contractor is tracking days lost to weather and has indicated two lost days to date.
- Logo selection is complete.

#### **Hydrogeological Study/Wells**

- Pilot holes for Wells 10 and 11 have been installed.
- Routes for the raw water transmission main for Wells 10/11 are being evaluated. The City of St. Louis is contacting land owners about easements.
- Wells 10 and 11 well house design is in progress.

Following the engineer's report, Chairman Moore provided a brief update on the downtown fire. The water plant was able to remain stabilized throughout the duration of the fire. They weren't able to gain water, and had to engage high pressure pumps, but were able to keep water levels and pressure stable throughout the crisis.

Chairman Moore offered the financial statements. Brief discussion followed about an unusual item on the financial statement and commercial rates for water in St. Louis.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Giles, to receive the financial statements as presented.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.  
No: none.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Harrington, to receive and approve Warrant 16-2 and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks for payment of the same.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.  
No: none.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Yes: Moore, Allen, Giles, and Harrington.  
No: none.

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Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary