

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

Board members present: Phillip Moore, Kurt Giles, Don Pray, and Roxann Harrington.  
Board members absent: Melissa Allen, and Tom Reed.  
Others present: John Willemin, Ron Turner, Keith Risdon, Theo VonWallmenich, Bill Pilmore, Jane Keon, and Michael Molesky.

**Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2017. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Voting no: none. Absent: Allen and Reed.**

*Other Business*

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington, to approve Change Order #1 to Horizon Brothers Painting for the 1,000,000 gallon reservoir painting project decreasing the amount of the contract by \$5,311.50, and to ratify payment of Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$36,149.50. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Voting no: none. Absent: Allen and Reed.**

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington, to approve Change Order #3 to Dixon Engineering, Inc. for the 1,000,000 gallon reservoir painting project increasing the amount of the contract by \$437.50 and to approve payment of Invoice #16-1548 in the amount of \$125.00 and Invoice #17-1654 in the amount of \$312.50. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Voting no: none. Absent: Allen and Reed.**

*Engineering Update*

John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber offered the following report:

**Water Plant**

- A punch list has been issued to RCL.

**Booster Stations**

- An updated punch list has been issued to RCL.

**Giddings Elevated Water Storage Tank**

- Closeout with the Contractor remains in progress with a few submittals outstanding.
- Dixon Engineering has provided a proposal for a 1 year warranty inspection on tank painting. FTCH recommends this inspection occur before the substantial completion date of August 26, 2017 so that any noted corrections can be relayed to the Contractor to be addressed under warranty.

**Wells 10 and 11 Raw Water Transmission Main and Well Houses**

- The Well House is out for bids. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2017. The project bid opening is January 31, 2017.
- The hydrogeological report for Wells 10/11 permitting has been submitted to MDEQ and EPA.
- The Part 399 permit for the Well Houses project has been submitted.
- The state plan review for the Well Houses project is complete.
- The Joint Permit for the Wells 10/11 access road culvert is in hand. A meeting with the new Gratiot County Drain Commissioner has been set up for January 18.

- Draft easement documents have been issued to the City of St. Louis for the Wells 10/11 access road. Consumers has reviewed their easements and will complete them the construction phase.
- EPA comments have been received on the draft bidding documents for the Raw Water Transmission Main and Well Houses project.
- The Raw Water Transmission project bid opening is scheduled for February 10, 2017 with a pre-bid meeting scheduled for January 31, 2017.
- There has been no further data received from the Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) from the completed well testing.

#### **Hydrogeological Study and Well 12**

- Regional hydrogeo study report is in progress.
- Identification of available sites for Well 12 is currently on hold.

Chairman Moore noted an inter-local agreement will be necessary for the transmission main project, as the construction contract will actually be with St. Louis. The agreement will be completed after the bid is awarded.

**Motion by Pray, seconded by Giles, to receive and place on file the February Engineer's Report. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Absent: Allen and Reed. Voting no: none.**

The January Water Production Report was offered by Ron Turner. He provided graphs regarding historical consumption.

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington, to receive and place on file the January Water Production Report. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Absent: Allen and Reed. Voting no: none.**

Chairman Moore asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statements that were included with the agenda packet. Some changes have been made to the forms to accommodate requests from Authority Member Don Pray. Additional information will be included with next month's statements.

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Pray, to receive and place on file the January Financial Statements. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Absent: Allen and Reed. Voting no: none.**

**Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to approve appropriations, Warrant 17-8, and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks for payment of the same. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Absent: Allen and Reed. Voting no: none.**

#### *Public Comment*

Jane Keon and Michael Molesky asked various questions about information that was shared during the meeting. Authority members, John Willemin, and Ron Turner responded. Discussion followed.

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Motion carried with a voice vote. Voting yes: Moore, Giles, Pray, and Harrington. Absent: Allen and Reed. Voting no: none.**

\_\_\_\_\_/Sara Youngs  
Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_/March 10, 2017  
Date of Approval