

**GRATIOT AREA WATER AUTHORITY  
JUNE 9, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairman Phillip Moore in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Authority was present.

Authority members present: Phillip Moore, Kurt Giles, Tom Reed, and Melissa Allen.  
Authority members not present: Don Pray and Roxann Harrington.  
Others present: John Willemin, Ron Turner, Bill Pilmore, and Keith Risdon.

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Reed, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Allen, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2017, with the following amendment: "resulting from a wholesale rate increase." shall be added at the end of a sentence in the "Other Business" paragraph which reads "Giles said that he had calculated the expected increase to St. Louis customers based on an average of 5,000 gallons per month and expected an approximate increase from \$33.99 to \$35.69". Motion carried with a voice vote.**

*OTHER BUSINESS*

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Reed, to approve a request for purchase to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, in the amount of \$9,279.00, for FY 2018 insurance premiums. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

*ENGINEERING UPDATE*

John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber provided the following update:

**Water Plant**

- A walk through was conducted Friday, June 2, 2017. Remaining completion items are being summarized for distribution to the Contractor.
- A final change order will be forthcoming for final balancing.

**Booster Stations**

- A walk through was conducted Friday, June 2, 2017. Remaining completion items are being summarized for distribution to the Contractor.
- A phone conference was conducted on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 with the contractors related to the SCADA system telemetry and with remote monitoring computer stations. This call included the Giddings Elevated Tank contractor. Improvements to be made by the contractors were identified during the call.

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

- Construction is in progress. Work is proceeding in the City of Alma portion of the project. Phase I pipeline installation is nearly complete with restoration activities pending. The Contractor is preparing to begin Phase II with a second crew.
- A public meeting was held on May 24, 2017 at the Alma Library to discuss the project.

**Wells 10 and 11 Well Houses**

- Shop drawing submittal review is continuing.
- The pipe from the well houses to Van Buren Road has been installed.

**Hydrogeological Study and Well 12**

- Work is continuing on the county drain crossing and access drive.
- The contractors are preparing for the installation of the building foundations.
- This project is complete in its current scope.

Willemin also noted that residents had asked at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting if they could be included in the benchmark testing as they didn't receive notice of the first rounds of tests. He had agreed at the meeting, but hasn't heard from any residents since then. While there doesn't seem to be any advantage to testing at this point, Willemin said it couldn't hurt anything. The difficult part will be scheduling. He also mentioned that the Health Department hasn't sent any data from the last set of tests.

**Motion by Reed, seconded by Giles, to receive, and place on file, the June Engineer's Report. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Ron Turner presented the monthly water production report and answered questions.

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Giles, to receive, and place on file, the May Water Production Report. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Chairman Moore offered the monthly financial statements for review. It was noted that the same correction as last month needs to be made to this report. The 2017 totals for Compensated Absences and Net Pension Liability need to be reversed to match the totals in the 2016 column.

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Reed, to receive, and place on file, the May Financial Statements as corrected. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Chairman Moore offered the appropriations for review. A brief discussion followed about the dates included in the report.

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Reed, to approve Warrant 17-12 and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to authorize payment of the same. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

There was no public comment.

**Motion by Giles, seconded by Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary

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Date of Approval