

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Authority was present.

Roll Call

Authority members present: Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, Tom Reed, Don Pray, and Roxann Harrington.

Authority members not present: Melissa Allen.

Others present: Keith Risdon, Dave Ringle, Bill Pilmore, Cynthia Michels, and Brian Phillips.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Schooley, to approve the agenda with removal of item 5B. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Schooley, to approve the minutes of October 13, 2017, as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Requests for Payment

Motion by Reed, seconded by Harrington, to approve payment to RCL Construction Co., Inc. for Pay Application #31 in the amount of \$107,263.38. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Requests for Purchase

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Reed, to approve a quote and request for purchase from Allied Mechanical Services in the amount of \$23,500 for replacement of high service check valves at the water treatment plant. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Brian Phillips, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, presented the following engineer's update:

Water Plant

- Final payment application submitted for Board approval.
- Record drawings are nearly complete.
- Warranty items:
 - Reservoir touch up – complete
 - Sodium hypochlorite pump replacement – outstanding
 - Shower modification – outstanding
 - CCI warranty control work – outstanding
- Quotations were received to replace the high service pump valves.

Wells 10 and 11 Raw Water Transmission Main

- Valve vault and piping at the water plant is in progress.
- Testing and disinfection of the main is complete except for outstanding work at the water plant.
- Final paving scheduled to be completed on Riverview this week.
- Lawn restoration needs to be completed from Luce to the Well House access drive. Phase 1 restoration needs to be redone.
- Crawford was approved to adjust the elevation of the well house project access drive under this contract.

Wells 10 and 11 Well Houses

- Electrical service installation is underway. Consumers is estimating mid-December completion for their work.
- Contractor schedule to complete the work and startup and commission the wells houses is dependent on the availability of electrical power, and will need to be verified once Consumers' work is complete.

Wells 10 and 11 Wells Contract

- Work is complete pending completion of abandonment of existing St Louis wells 4 and 7, which is delayed due to issues with moving existing overhead utilities.

Hydrogeological and Well 12

- Further activity to locate Well 12 is pending feedback/approval from EPA.
- Garret Powell has provided a quote to repair damaged monitoring well at Well 9. A data logger was lost in well. The logger will be retrieved, if possible, when well is fixed.

The water production report was offered by Ron Turner.

Financial statements were provided. Cynthia Michels answered questions from Don Pray about water consumption versus revenue. She will review numbers and provide clarification.


Motion by Pray, seconded by Harrington, to receive and place on file the Engineer's Update, October Water Production Report, and October Financial Statements. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Schooley, seconded by Pray, to approve Warrant 18-04 and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to ratify payment of the same. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.


Public comment

Kurt Giles noted this meeting is the last GAWA meeting for Ron Turner since he is retiring December 1st. He thanked Turner for his service, and members of the Authority congratulated Turner and wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Schooley, to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.



Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval