

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order at 12:04 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, Melissa Allen, and Tom Reed.

Authority members not present: Roxann Harrington (excused).

Others present: Bill Pilmore, Dave Ringle, Alan Leute, Ali Barnes, Bobbie Marr, Keith Risdon, and Cynthia Michels.

New Business

Ali Barnes of Yeo & Yeo, PC presented the results of their audit of fiscal year 2018. She noted that this is the first time the Authority has been audited separately from the City of Alma. She reviewed the report and explained the information included in the audit. She advised that clear and frequent communication between the City of St. Louis and the City of Alma would be necessary to keep accurate records for the Authority. She recommended the adoption of an ACH policy, and an additional layer of review by the City of St. Louis.

Motion by Melissa Allen, seconded by Tom Reed, to receive the Yeo & Yeo PC Financial Statements Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, and place it on file. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Unfinished Business

The Authority members returned to the matter of an update of GAWA assets. Bobbie Marr, St. Louis Finance Director, explained that the Authority needs to determine which parts of the north and south transmission main projects belong to which municipality. Discussion followed about water lines, equipment, usage, and project funding. Marr said the projects are now complete and are ready to be transferred as assets as soon as ownership is determined. Authority members agreed a meeting will be necessary with staff. David Ringle, Assistant Public Services Director, will provide maps and project drawings for use at the meeting.

Giles then turned to the GAWA Reliability Study. Authority member Allen asked questions about numbers included in the study, and discussion followed.

Motion by Melissa Allen, seconded by Matt Schooley, to receive the GAWA Reliability Study and place it on file. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Member Allen questioned an item remaining on the Engineer's Update about groundwater intrusion in the valve vault. Bill Pilmore, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, explained there continues to be a leak. The contractor is working to correct it, but the contract is still open, and retainage is being held pending a resolution.

Authority members reviewed the report on water production for December. Water main breaks were briefly discussed.

Motion by Melissa Allen, seconded by Tom Reed to receive the Engineer's Update and the December Water Production Report, and place them on file. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Appropriations

Bill Pilmore noted that the two-year period of required cryptosporidium testing is now complete. As the monthly tests were \$505 each, there should be a reduction in expenses in that account.

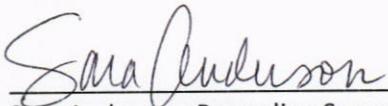
Member Allen asked about charges for administrative services for St. Louis. Bobbie Marr explained they will be billing for those services, but not likely on a monthly basis.

Motion by Tom Reed, seconded by Matt Schooley, to approve Warrant 19-6, and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to ratify payment of the same. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

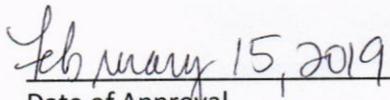
Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Motion by Matt Schooley, seconded by Melissa Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.



Sara Anderson, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval