

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held virtually via Zoom and called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

*Roll Call*

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Roxann Harrington, Bill Leonard, Tom Reed, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Aeric Ripley.

Others present: Dave Ringle and John Willemin.

*Approval of Agenda*

**Motion by Board Member Reed, seconded by Board Member Wheeler, to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Harrington, Leonard, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Ripley.**

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Leonard, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2021, as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Harrington, Leonard, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Ripley.**

*Communications*

*Requests for Payment & Purchase*

*Recommendations on Bids*

*New Business*

*Unfinished Business*

*Reports*

Chairman Giles reviewed the Water Production Report for October. No comments or suggestions were offered by Board Members.

Chairman Giles reviewed the Financial Statements through October 31, 2021. No comments or suggestions were offered.

John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber offered an update on the SLWSR project. The design has been completed and submitted to EGLE for the Part 399 permit, along with the hydro geo technical report for Well 12. They are hoping to get the permit in the next couple of weeks. Once the permit is received, final adjustments can be made to the document, as well as come up with a bid schedule with both cities to get the bids out so that construction will hopefully start in the spring. The plan reviews still need to be completed, but the final bid sets are needed to submit for the state plan reviews for the electrical and mechanical plans. The Arcada Township board passed a resolution to approve the project. The well abandonment project has been started in St. Louis. A few of the well houses will be demolished or turned over to the schools for continued use, and one in the park will be rehabbed. Proposals have been submitted to St. Louis to monitor the ground water levels surrounding the new wells and inspecting the residential wells to be tested for the people who replied they would like the monitoring to continue.

**Motion by Board Member Harrington, seconded by Board Member Reed, to receive the October Water Production Report, October Financial Statements, and SLWSR Construction Update. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Harrington, Leonard, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Ripley.**

*Appropriations*

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Harrington, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for October 2021 in the amount of \$30,769.73. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Harrington, Leonard, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Ripley.**

*Public Comment*

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Harrington, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.**

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Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

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Date of Approval