

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water authority was held virtually via Zoom and called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

*Roll Call*

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Aeric Ripley, Tom Reed, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Roxanne Harrington and Bill Leonard.

Others present: Dave Ringle, Keith Risdon and Kent Nothstine

*Approval of Agenda*

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

**Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Ripley, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Harrington and Leonard.**

*Approval of Minutes*

A correction was made to the previous meetings minutes regarding John Willemin's place of employment.

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Reed, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2021, as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Ripley, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Harrington and Leonard.**

*Communications*

*Requests for Payment & Purchase*

*Recommendations on Bids*

*New Business*

*Unfinished Business*

*Reports*

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

Chairman Giles reviewed the Financial Statements through June 30, 2021 for the audit and the Financial Statements through September 30, 2021. No comments or suggestions were offered.

John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, provided a written report on the St. Louis Water Supply Replacement Engineering Update. A brief discussion followed regarding the update. The Part 399 permit application has been submitted to EGLE and is awaiting approval for construction of the Well house and well water transmission main. An upcoming meeting with Arcada Township for presentation on the project needs to be scheduled. Dave Ringle, Director of Public Services, will work to schedule the presentation for Wednesday, November 10, 2021. GAWA has been granted an extension of time with the EPA cooperative agreement for funding the water supply replacement project. They are looking at monitoring groundwater in the Arcada Township area for at least another year, possibly long-term after the project is completed.

**Motion by Board Member Reed, seconded by Board Member Wheeler, to receive the September Water Production Report, June Financial Statements for the audit, September Financial Statements, and SLWSR Construction Update. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Ripley, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Harrington and Leonard.**

*Appropriations*

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Reed, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for September 2021 in the amount of \$99,487.45. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Ripley, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Harrington and Leonard.**

*Public Comment*

Chairman Giles welcomed Aeric Ripley, Interim City Manager for Alma, to the authority.

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Board Member Reed, seconded by Board Member Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.**

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Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

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Date of Approval