

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

Roll Call

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Aeric Ripley, Roxann Harrington, and Bill Leonard.

Authority Board members absent: Jim Wheeler.

Others present: Doug Sierakowski and John Willemin.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Authority Member Leonard, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Leonard.

Nay: None.

Absent: Wheeler.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2022, as amended. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Leonard.

Nay: None.

Absent: Wheeler.

Communications

Requests for Payment & Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

New Business

Unfinished Business

Reports

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the September and October Water Production Reports. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Financial Statements and audit statements through October 31, 2022. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles asked John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber to offer an update on the SLWSR project. John mentioned there are two active projects going on for the authority – Well 12 and the well abandonment project. Some of the wells have been abandoned and they are continuing to disconnect the rest of the well houses. Pipe has been laid in the ground for Well 12. The well house is standing, they are just waiting to put the roof on and finish the electrical work. It looks like the project won't be finished until spring due to supply issues. They are still waiting on a transformer, but there is no guarantee it will be delivered in December due to supply issues. There was an issue with the route for utility drilling under a driveway. The resident was very cooperative and granted an easement to get the drilling done. Water level monitoring will continue through 2023. Chairman Giles mentioned St. Louis asked for an extended agreement for the grant source, requesting the extension for an additional three months.

Doug Sierakowski, Waterplant Interim Superintendent, took a call from a resident who was concerned he was having well issues due the construction of Well 12. There shouldn't be any issues from Well 12 yet since it is not

operational at this point. Oberlitner Well Drilling worked with them to figure out where the problem was coming from.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to receive the August Water Production Report, August Financial Statements, and SLWSR Construction Update. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Leonard.
Nay: None.
Absent: Wheeler.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for September in the amount of \$66,563.54, and October in the amount of \$178,438.47. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Leonard.
Nay: None.
Absent: Wheeler.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Ripley adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

Date of Approval