

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:04 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 Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Bill Leonard.

Others present: Dave Ringle, Keith Risdon, and Curtis Dancer.

Election of Officers

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to appoint Kurt Giles as Chairman, Aeric Ripley as Vice-Chairman, Roxann Harrington as Secretary, close nomination, and declare that they be elected. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Leonard

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to appoint Kim Fellows as Recording Secretary, close nominations, and declare that she be elected. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Leonard

Approval of Agenda

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

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler.

Nay: None.

Absent: Leonard.

Approval of Minutes

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

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler.

Nay: None.

Absent: Leonard.

Communications

Requests for Payment & Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

New Business

Unfinished Business

Reports

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the December Water Production Reports. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Financial Statements through December 31, 2022. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the email update from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding the SLWSR project. Temporary power will be installed soon. The delivery of the generator has been pushed back to August 2023 instead of May 2023 due to supply issues. Chairman Giles mentioned they may have to get another extension for the grant due to supply issues. The well abandonment project has been postponed because of cold weather. Keith Risdon, Director of Public Works for St. Louis confirmed all the wells have been plugged.

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

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler.

Nay: None.

Absent: Leonard.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for December in the amount of \$85,079.44. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler.

Nay: None.

Absent: Leonard.

Public Comment

Dave Ringle, City of Alma Director of Public Services, talked about security upgrades for the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber has been approached about providing the updates. Authority Member Wheeler asked if security cameras will be installed. Dave Ringle would like cameras at the water plant and well houses. Dave also talked about offsite data storage like the police department.

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

Date of Approval