

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:01 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, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Aeric Ripley and Tom Reed.

Others present: Dave Ringle, Keith Risdon, and Doug Sierakowski.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

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

**Nay: None.**

**Absent: Ripley and Reed.**

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the minutes of May 13, 2022, as amended. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

**Nay: None.**

**Absent: Ripley and Reed.**

*Communications*

*Requests for Payment & Purchase*

*Recommendations on Bids*

*New Business*

*Unfinished Business*

*Reports*

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the May Water Production Report. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles reviewed and commented on the email update from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding the SLWSR project. Work should begin on Well 12 the week of June 13. They have been working with the EPA to clarify procurement requirements for the Buy American provisions which are still in effect. The well abandonment project was awarded to Ward's Excavating. The project is estimated to cost around \$591,000.00. Groundwater monitoring will continue for about a year. The GAWA Board will determine if they should continue the monitoring after the year is up.

There is a grant assistance program for the wellhead protection plan and hope to get the paperwork filed soon. Keith Risdon, Public Services Director for the City of St. Louis, mentioned the proposal is on target for the project. He would also like to see some clarification on the next steps in the process for this project.

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Leonard, to receive the May Water Production Report and SLWSR Construction Update. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

**Nay: None.**

**Absent: Ripley and Reed.**

*Appropriations*

**Motion by Board Member Harrington, seconded by Board Member Wheeler, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for May 2022 in the amount of \$63,132.55. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

**Nay:** None.

**Absent:** Ripley and Reed.

*Public Comment*

Chairman Giles asked for any public comment. Doug Sierakowski, Water Plant Operator, mentioned the check valves that were replaced in 2018 will need to be replaced again soon. Doug has been in contact with John Willemin to replace the check valves. They do have them available, but don't have all of the parts to replace them. The check valves run on a cycle and last for about 1 1/3 years. They aren't sure why they aren't lasting longer. Keith Risdon, Public Services Director for St. Louis, remembers John Willemin mentioning there was an issue with them and will talk to him about them again.

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Leonard, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.**

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Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

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Date of Approval