

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 Vice-Chairman Aeric Ripley. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

Roll Call

Authority Board members present: Aeric Ripley, Roxann Harrington, Bill Leonard, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Kurt Giles.

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: Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: None.

Absent: Giles and Harrington.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2022, as amended. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: None.

Absent: Giles and Harrington.

Communications

Requests for Payment & Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

Authority Member Harrington entered at 12:04 p.m.

New Business

Resolution 2022-0003

**GRATIOT AREA WATER AUTHORITY
Resolution Establishing a Banking Policy**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Harrington, and seconded by Member Wheeler.

WHEREAS, the Gratiot Area Water Authority maintains a number of bank accounts with a number of financial institutions, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes it best practice for the Authority to have multiple persons authorized to sign banking transactions; however, each transaction would require two signatures to authorize and validate opening, closing, withdrawal, draft, check or wire of or from a demand account of any financial institution with which the Authority does business under EIN #82-4402765, and

WHEREAS, the Gratiot Area Water Authority shall designate authorized signatures for any account held under the control of the Authority, and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Gratiot Area Water Authority by filing with the foregoing banking institutions a copy of this resolution the Gratiot Area Water Authority hereby institutes the above best practice

and authorizes signatures of any two of the following persons occupying the following offices are authorized to transact business on its bank demand accounts:

Alma City Manager
Alma City Treasurer
Alma City Clerk

St. Louis City Manager
St. Louis City Treasurer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the persons currently holding said offices are:

Aeric Ripley, Alma City Manager
Curtis Dancer, Alma City Treasurer
Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

Kurt R. Giles, St. Louis City Manger
Bobbie Marr, St. Louis City Treasurer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both the Alma and St. Louis City Managers be authorized to access, any and all, information regarding any account held under EIN #82-4402765.

Ayes: Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler
Nays: none.
Absent: Giles

Resolution declared adopted this 9th day of September, 2022.

Unfinished Business

Reports

Vice-Chairman Ripley offered discussion on the August Water Production Report. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Vice-Chairman Ripley offered discussion on the Financial Statements through August 31, 2022. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Vice-Chairman Ripley asked for comments on the email update from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding the SLWSR project. Keith Risdon, City of St. Louis Public Services Director, mentioned the well project could be pushed beyond the current completion dates due to expected delays in material availability. Dave Ringle, City of Alma Public Services Director, mentioned that Isabella Corporation did install additional lights at Golfridge Dr. to eliminate any confusion on the flow of traffic.

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

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

Appropriations

Vice-Chairman Ripley offered discussion on the appropriations from August. Doug Sierakowski, Water Plant Operator, mentioned he is still waiting for the check valve to come in. They may just repair the valve for now because they aren't sure when the new one will come in.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for August in the amount of \$94,186.42. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: None.

Absent: Giles.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Ripley adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

Date of Approval

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