

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held virtually via Zoom and called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairperson Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

Roll Call

Authority members present: Melissa Allen, Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority members absent: Roxann Harrington and Tom Reed.

Others present: Bill Pilmore, Kelly Hon, Aaron Hale, Jim Brode, and John Willemin.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Matt Schooley, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with voice vote.

Aye: Allen, Giles, Schooley, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Harrington and Reed.

Communications

Requests for Payment

Requests for Purchase

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Allen, to approve a request for purchase to Nelson Tank Engineering & Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$15,750 for consulting/inspection services and preparation of bid specifications for painting of the Final Clarifier, also to authorize execution of the related agreement. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Allen, Giles, Schooley, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Harrington and Reed.

Chairperson Giles introduced Kelly Hon of Fleis & Vandenbrink who provided an overview of the delineation (hydro/geo) study, the related grant, and the steps for completing a wellhead protection program plan. Jim Brode of Fleis & Vandenbrink also spoke to the Authority about the study.

Chairperson Giles asked how soon we will know if we receive the EGLE Grant. Hon said they are hoping to hear by early September. Giles asked Authority members to consider approving the request for purchase as contingent on receipt of the grant, which would fund 50% of the costs.

Motion by Authority Member Allen, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Schooley, to approve a request for purchase for \$25,000 to Fleis & Vandenbrink for preparation of a Wellhead Protection Area Delineation, contingent on award of a grant from EGLE, also to authorize execution of the related agreement. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Allen, Giles, Schooley, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Harrington and Reed.

Recommendations on Bids

New Business

Unfinished Business

Reports

Chairperson Giles asked Authority members if they would consider adding Item C under Reports for a St. Louis Water Supply Update from John Willemin. Members present agreed.

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Chairperson Giles reviewed the Water Production Report. No questions or comments were offered. Giles then moved to the Financial Statements. Brief discussion followed about some timing issues with the reports that St. Louis Finance Director Bobbie Marr is working to correct.

John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber offered the following status update:

Wells 10 & 11 Raw Water Transmission Main

- Final pay application is ready to be issued upon signature of Contract Modification 6 for the driveway repair.

Hydrogeological and Well 12

- Letter for approval of revised Test Well 12 location was issued to Kurt Swendsen on 8/13/2020.
- Draft Well 12 specification has been prepared and will be issued to the City and EPA for review while we are waiting for the EGLE approval of the test well location.

Willemin added St. Louis is continuing with groundwater monitoring. He noted that may be helpful with the delineation study. Chairperson Giles added the last component of the transmission main project is abandonment of St. Louis wells. Willemin said there are some overhead utility lines in the way, and the City is considering taking down the lines to finish up the project.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Schooley, to receive the July Water Production Report, Financial Statements, and the St. Louis Water Supply Update. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Allen, Giles, Schooley, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Harrington and Reed.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Allen, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for March 2020 through July 2020, in the amount of \$522,364.69. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Allen, Giles, Schooley, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Harrington and Reed.

Public Comment

No public comment offered.

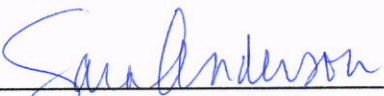
Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Schooley, to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

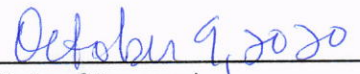
Aye: Allen, Giles, Schooley, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: Harrington and Reed.



Sara Anderson, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval