

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

Roll Call

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Aerick Ripley, Roxann Harrington, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Bill Leonard.

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

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 November 11, 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

Ali Barnes of Yeo & Yeo presented the Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. Yeo & Yeo issued another clean audit report. There is a healthy balance of cash and significant capital assets. She commended Bobbie Marr, City of St. Louis Finance Director, for getting material to Yeo & Yeo in a timely fashion to complete the audit.

Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Harrington, to receive the Yeo & Yeo audit report. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler

Nay: none.

Absent: Leonard

Chairman Giles offered discussion regarding alarm testing for the water plant. Public Services Director Dave Ringle mentioned with the new phone system for the City of Alma, not all the alarms are working. The alarms need to be in working order in case there is an emergency. Interim Superintendent Doug Sierakowski mentioned they had to change alarm companies because the old company did not have an office based in Michigan anymore.

Motion by Board Member Harrington, seconded by Board Member Ripley, to agree for services from CEC Controls Company, Inc. for alarm testing. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler

Nay: none.

Absent: Leonard

Unfinished Business

Reports

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

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Financial Statements and audit statements through November 30, 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. The Well 12 house is up, just waiting on the ice & water shield before they put the steel roof on. Heat will not be available until February due to supply issues. The well abandonment project is complete. Wells have been plugged and the well houses have been demolished. Two of the well houses have been turned over to the St. Louis school district for storage. One of the roofs needs to be replaced because of asbestos.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to receive the November Water Production Report, November 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 November in the amount of \$18,073.09. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, and Wheeler.

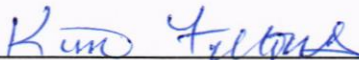
Nay: None.

Absent: Leonard.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Ripley adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval