

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

*Roll Call*

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Aeris Ripley, Bill Leonard, and Kevin Palmer.  
Authority Board members absent: Roxann Harrington.  
Others present: Dave Ringle.

*Approval of Agenda*

**Motion by Authority Member Leonard, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

*Election of Officers*

**Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Palmer, to appoint Kurt Giles as Chairman, Aeris Ripley as Vice-Chairman, Roxann Harrington as Secretary, and Kim Fellows as Recording Secretary, close nominations, and declare that they be elected. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

*Communications*

*Requests for Payment*

*Requests for Purchase*

*New Business*

Chairman Giles presented the resignation letter from Jim Wheeler.

**Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to accept the resignation letter submitted by Authority Member Jim Wheeler. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

Ali Barnes of Yeo & Yeo, PC presented the results of their audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Ali commented that Yeo & Yeo issued a clean audit and appreciated all the work Bobbie Marr does to complete the audit.

**Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to receive the Yeo & Yeo audit report. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Palmer.  
**Nay:** None.

**Absent:** Harrington.

*Unfinished Business*

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Arcada area Groundwater level monitoring proposal from Fishbeck. Brief discussion followed.

**Motion by Authority Member Leonard, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to accept the proposal from Fishbeck to extend services for groundwater elevation monitoring.**

**Aye:** Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Palmer.

**Nay:** None.

**Absent:** Harrington.

*Reports*

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Water Production Reports. Brief discussion followed.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Financial Statements through December 31, 2023. Brief discussion followed.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the email update from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding the SLWSR project. Brief discussion followed.

**Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to receive the Water Production Reports, November 2023 through December 2023 Financial Statements, and SLWSR Construction Update.**

**Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Palmer.

**Nay:** None.

**Absent:** Harrington.

*Appropriations*

**Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for November 2023 through December 2023 in the amount of \$218,052.33. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Palmer.

**Nay:** None.

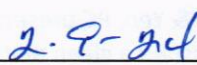
**Absent:** Harrington.

*Public Comment*

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Authority Member Leonard, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.**

  
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Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

  
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Date of Approval