

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

*Roll Call*

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Aeric Ripley, Bill Leonard, Tom Reed, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Roxann Harrington.

Others present: Dave Ringle, Keith Risdon, and John Willemin.

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Board Member Reed, seconded by Board Member Leonard, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021, as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Harrington.**

*Communications*

*Requests for Payment & Purchase*

*Recommendations on Bids*

*New Business*

*Unfinished Business*

*Reports*

Chairman Giles reviewed the Water Production Report for December. No comments or suggestions were offered by Board Members.

Chairman Giles reviewed the Financial Statements through December 10, 2021. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles asked John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber to offer an update on the SLWSR project. John mentioned the permit has been issued and hopes to receive it within the next week. The state is asking for an alarm to be added to the new well to detect water levels. He wasn't sure what level it would measure, but he is working with the state for clarification. They are hoping to have all the documents for the permit by the end of the month and then send out for bids in February.

The state had questions regarding the amount of water output for the large well permit. The plant draws out more water depending on the season. There may need to be additional reporting for the MOR report which Kent Nothstine, Water Plant Superintendent, has agreed to do if the state requires monthly reporting. Another sample still needs to be taken, but John said they are waiting for verification from the state that it needs to be done before they proceed.

John mentioned they have received approval from the City of St. Louis to continue monitoring wells for those residents or businesses who signed an agreement. Oberlitner Well Drilling will be assisting with this and will start the last week of January. This will allow them to take samples and look at levels to establish a baseline for residents to compare. The county health department will no longer be able to test the water samples as they had hoped for. John mentioned they can add this in as part of the contract and will start toward the end of January. Ground level monitoring has been approved by the City of St. Louis. They will be able to create graphs and have the information to residents if they have questions about the water. The well abandonment project will move forward and is targeted for the end of February to be completed. Some of the well houses will be demolished, others will

be turned over to property owners. There were ten residents who signed an agreement for well monitoring. Groundwater monitoring will continue and will help keep the data updated. John said they will continue to conduct residential well monitoring for residents who wish to have Fishbeck and Oberlitner look at the well, take a sample and then use it for background data. There were 10 residents who responded for the monitoring.

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

**Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Reed, and Wheeler.**

**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Harrington.**

*Appropriations*

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Ripley, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for December 2021 in the amount of \$57,362.94. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Reed, and Wheeler.**

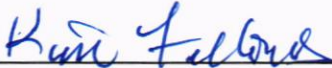
**Nay: none.**

**Absent: Harrington.**

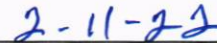
*Public Comment*

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Board Member Wheeler, seconded by Board Member Reed, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.**



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Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



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Date of Approval