

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, Roxann Harrington, Bill Leonard, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: none.

Others present: Dave Ringle and Keith Risdon.

Approval of Agenda

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

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2023. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: none.

Communications

Requests for Payment & Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the 2023 Chemical Procurement Bids. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the 2023 Chemical Procurement Bids. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: none.

New Business

Unfinished Business

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the conceptual design services for security upgrades from Fishbeck. Dave Ringle, Public Services Director for City of Alma, mentioned they would like to replace the doors, and maybe tint the windows to make it more difficult to see in. Once Fishbeck has completed the proposal they will have drawings to look at.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the conceptual design services for security upgrades. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Absent: none.

Reports

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

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Financial Statements through January 31, 2023. Authority Member Harrington asked if a rate increase for the water would offset the increased costs for chemicals. Chairman Giles said he would have to talk with Bobbie Marr about how much they may need to increase water rates to help cover the costs.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the email update from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding the SLWSR project. The electrical service has been installed. The generator for Well 12 should arrive in August. They are still waiting on the roof to be completed, which should happen once the roof supplier receives all of the material for installation.

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

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

Appropriations

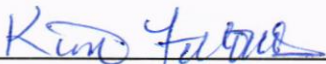
Motion by Authority Member Leonard, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for January in the amount of \$94,856.94. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Public Comment

Adjournment

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



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval