

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:01 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 Tom Reed.

Authority Board members absent: Jim Wheeler.

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

Election of Officers

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to appoint Kurt Giles as Chairman, Aeric Ripley as Vice-Chairman, Roxann Harrington as Secretary, close nomination, and declare that they be elected. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Nay: none.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to appoint Kim Fellows as Recording Secretary, close nominations, and declare that she be elected. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Nay: none.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Nay: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2022, as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrison, Leonard, and Reed.

Nay: none.

Communications

Requests for Payment & Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the chemical bids. There was some concern regarding cost increases due to inflation and supply. Dave Ringle, Public Services Director, mentioned last year there was an issue getting chlorine due to supply issues for the Wastewater Plant, but hopes there won't be any issues with the chemicals needed for the water plant. Authority Member Reed asked if it would be in our best interest to build up a supply and store it with the potential of cost increases. Dave mentioned it would not work because the chemicals lose effectiveness over time. Chairman Giles asked if the prices were good for the year. Dave responded that as of right now they are, but they could increase later. Authority Member Harrington asked if price shopping was an option. Dave told her not unless we have to.

New Business

Unfinished Business

Reports

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

Chairman Giles reviewed the Financial Statements through January 14, 2022. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles reviewed and commented on the email from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber to offer an update on the SLWSR project. There was a pre-bid meeting February 10, 2022, with four different contractors attending the meeting. The bid opening is scheduled for March 2, 2022, and the City of St. Louis will award the bid on March 15, 2022. The Part 399 permit has been granted and the project was submitted for state plan review. Samples from Well 12 have been taken and sent in for testing. Design is ongoing for the well abandonment project. Residential well monitoring samples have been taken from 9 out of 10 residences who submitted requests. Groundwater elevations were measured, and samples taken for these wells. Results will provide a baseline assessment for the sampling.

Motion by Board Member Harrington, seconded by Board 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 Reed.

Nay: none.

Appropriations

Motion by Board Member Reed, seconded by Board Member Leonard, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for January 2022 in the amount of \$56,398.09. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Nay: none.

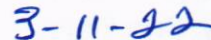
Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Ripley, seconded by Board Member Reed, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval