

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, Kevin Palmer and Kasey Zehner.

Authority Board members absent: Roxann Harrington.

Others present: Dave Ringle.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Palmer, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2024. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Communications

Requests for Payment

Requests for Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the 2024 Chemical Procurement Bids. Brief Discussion followed.

Motion by Authority Member Leonard, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to approve the 2024 Chemical Procurement Bids. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

New Business

Unfinished Business

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Water Filtration Plant Primary Clarifier Painting and Repairs bids. E & L Contractors, Inc. was the low bidder, with the base and add alternate bid of \$185,585.

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Zehner, to approve the lowest bid from E & L Contractors, Inc. for the project. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

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 January 31, 2024. 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 Palmer, to receive the Water Production Reports, January 2023 Financial Statements, and SLWSR Construction Update. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for January 2024 in the amount of \$202,316.26. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Public Comment

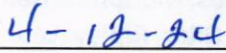
David Ringle, Director of Public Services, mentioned the bidding process had to be opened again for security upgrades had to be put back out because it was not posted. He hopes to have a bid recommendation at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Zehner, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval