

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 Chairperson Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

*Roll Call*

Authority members present: Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, Bill Leonard, Tom Reed, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority members not present: Roxann Harrington.

Others present: David Ringle, Keith Risdon, Bill Pilmore, and John Willemin.

*Approval of Agenda*

**Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the Agenda.**

**Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2021. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the minutes of April 19, 2021. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

*Communications*

*Requests for Payment*

*Requests for Purchase*

*Recommendations on Bids*

*New Business*

*Unfinished Business*

*Reports*

Chairman Giles offered the Water Production Report and the Financial Statements through April 30, 2021 for consideration.

Chairman Giles asked John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber to give construction updates on Well #12. Members agreed.

They had a meeting on April 19 with the Arcada Township for the site plan approval. John mentioned they had not seen a response from Arcada Township yet, but Dave Ringle, Public Works Director, mentioned he would check on the approval and send John the minutes from the meeting. A consultant was approved to go out and do the field investigation for the state historical preservation office review, which is required for the funding. Bill Pilmore, Water Department Superintendent has assisted in getting Consumers involved to get power out to the well with an overhead line. They will provide budget numbers so that they can include the amount in the allowance for the electrical service installation. They will also hook up natural gas heaters at Well 12. Well 9 could also be switched over to natural gas heaters eventually.

The well pump sizing is in progress. It is just over the maximum contaminate levels of arsenic but is not the only well with those levels. Levels will fluctuate which is typical of ground water. J & K is evaluating the radios now and will give an update on them.

There is a question of whether to upgrade SCADA software. It is recommended to upgrade the pump, SCADA and the radios so that they can move forward with completing the design documents and get them submitted for permits. Everything should be completed in the fall and plan on construction in the spring of 2022.

The ground water monitoring report should be available in a week. Residential monitoring has had 9 or 10 residents respond. As things get closer, they will schedule visits for the inspections. The City of St. Louis has approved the abandoning of existing city wells. This would be a separate bid document from Well 12.

Chairman Giles asked if there were any updates on the Final Clarifier painting project. Bill Pilmore, Water Plant Superintendent, mentioned all the steel work has been completed. The primer and first coat of paint has been applied. They should be working on the second coat over the weekend and be finished by May 19.

**Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Schooley, to receive the April 2021 Water Production Report, Financial Statements for April 2021, and update regarding SLWSR. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

*Appropriations*

**Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for April 2021 in the amount of \$74,694.01. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

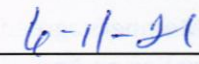
*Public Comment*

No public comment offered.

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Schooley, to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.**

  
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Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

  
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Date of Approval