

Gratiot Area Water Authority
February 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Phillip Moore at 12:13 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

Absent: Allen.

Also present: John Willemin; Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Theo Vanwelmenich; CHM2 Hill, Ron Turner; Alma Public Services Director, and Cynthia Michels; City of Alma Controller.

Motion by Kubin, seconded by Harrington, to approve the minutes of January 8, 2016, and January 13, 2016.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to approve the request for payment from Fishbeck, Thompson, Huber, & Carr, in the amount of \$9,419.23, for services rendered December 19, 2015, through January 15, 2016.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Kubin, seconded by Harrington, to approve the request for payment to RCL Construction in the amount of \$29,005.00.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Kubin, seconded by Harrington, to approve the request for purchase of phosphate in the amount of \$8,640.00 from Alexander Chemicals.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Kubin, to approve Change Order #11 with RCL Construction Co., in the amount of \$36,932.00 for the water treatment plant expansion.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Ron Turner noted that a previously awarded bid for sodium hypochlorite had been withdrawn due to a mistake the vendor made in the bid paperwork. The remaining two bidders were at the exact same amount. Turner asked the Authority to award the bid to one of the remaining bidders.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to award chemical bid for sodium hypochlorite to JCI Jones Chemicals in the amount of \$22,800.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Chairman Moore moved to other business. Alma College has proposed a water testing project to test city water for lead, copper and iron. The project will include Alma and St. Louis. As part of a class project, water samples will be split and college students will test half of the samples and the other half will be sent to the EPA for testing. Students will be graded on their success. The college feels this will also benefit the community and there are no costs to the cities. Results will be provided to both cities, the property owners, and the health department. Additional discussion followed.

The following engineer's report was offered by John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber:

Water Plant

- Control programming, testing and debugging work remains in progress.
- The chimney liner approval by the state has been received so boiler work can be completed.
- Testing of the filters will be conducted when the control systems are complete.
- Partial Substantial Completion will be acknowledged for several major components of the work that are in service.
- Change Order 11 for Board approval will address chimney modifications

Booster Stations

- Punch list work and contract closeout is ongoing.

South Transmission Main

- Punch list work and contract closeout is ongoing.

North Transmission Mains

- Closeout documentation and as-builts are being compiled.

Raw Water Transmission Main/Well 9 Well House

- The Well 9 Raw Water Transmission Main is complete. Final as-builts to be issued.
- Well 9 Well House Punch list work and contract closeout is ongoing. A final change order will be processed to set final contract dates and adjust total contract price. It is anticipated that the project will finish over \$70,000 under budget.

Giddings Elevated Water Storage Tank

- Meeting with Contractor this month after a few months of being idle due to weather.
- No cost changes are currently pending.
- The Contractor is tracking days lost to weather and has indicated two lost days to date.

Hydrogeological Study/Wells

- Pilot holes for Wells 10 and 11 have been installed.
- Routes for the raw water transmission main for Wells 10/11 are being evaluated. The City of St. Louis is contacting land owners about easements.
- A proposal for the wells, well house and raw water transmission main will be issued to City of St. Louis this week.
- Pump test data from Peska south well was issued to EPA at their request. They forwarded to MDEQ for review regarding Well 12.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Pray, to receive and place on file the Engineer's Report for February 2016.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Kubin, seconded by Harrington, to receive and place on file the Financial Statements for January 2016.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to receive and approve Warrant 16-1 and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks for payment of the same.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Public comment: none.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Kubin, to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Yes: Moore, Pray, Kubin, Giles, and Harrington.

No: none.

Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary