

GRATIOT AREA WATER AUTHORITY
March 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chairman Moore in the Alma Municipal building. A quorum of the Board was present.

Board members present: Phillip Moore, Tom Reed, Kurt Giles, Don Pray, Melissa Allen, and Roxann Harrington.

Other present: Matt Biolette, Bill Pilmore, Theo VonWallmenich, Keith Risdon, John Willemin, and Ron Turner.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Giles, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2017, as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Allen, to approve payment to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber for Invoice #363896 in the amount of \$3,936.95 for services rendered through January 27, 2017. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to approve a request for purchase to Michigan State University Lab for cryptosporidium testing at the water plant for March through December in the amount of \$6,260.00. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Ron Turner, Public Services Director, provided two invoices from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber for review by the Authority. He explained that the invoices exceed the budgeted amount but the overage actually stems from unanticipated work that was done at the beginning of the project in 2012, related to test borings. This part of the project is still in progress and additional invoices are expected. Turner asked for permission from the Authority to seek a proposal from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, for estimated future costs with the understanding that additional input from the EPA on Well 12 locations is needed before the proposal can be constructed.

Turner explained that there is still money in the budget, and it will be shifted temporarily to cover the overages. He expects to have a proposal for review at the next meeting. The invoices brought to the Authority for review today will be added to the next agenda for approval.

Chairman Moore directed the discussion to a Cost Sharing Agreement between Alma, St. Louis, and the Water Authority for costs and maintenance on the new water transmission main. Discussion followed about possible changes to the agreement.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Reed, to approve the Cost Sharing Agreement pending confirmation of design engineering portion of the agreement. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

John Willemin provided the following engineer's update:

Water Plant

- RCL is continuing work on the punchlist.

Booster Stations

- RCL is continuing work on the punchlist.

Wells 10 and 11 Raw Water Transmission Main and Well Houses

- The Raw Water Transmission Main project bid opening was February 22, 2017. Crawford Contracting was the apparent low bid and recommended for award of the contract. The St Louis City Council will be considering the award at their March 7, 2017 meeting.
- JR Heineman was awarded the Well Houses contract by the City of St. Louis, and has submitted bonds and insurance information with the signed contract. FTCH provided questions to JR Heineman regarding the insurance limits provided and is awaiting a response.
- Approved Part 399 permits for the Wells 10/11 Wells Houses and Raw Water Transmission Main have been received.
- Comments were received from Mark Craft of the Gratiot County Road Commission regarding the Raw Water Transmission Main project. FTCH is drafting a response to the comments.
- Draft easement documents have been issued to the City of St. Louis for the Wells 10/11 access road. The City is working with the land owner and Consumers Energy to finalize easements.

Hydrogeological Study and Well 12

- Modeling data for the regional hydrogeo study will be issued to EPA and MDEQ this week. FTCH would like to schedule a conference call with EPA and MDEQ after their review of the data to solicit comment regarding long term pumping predictions for various conceptual locations for Well 12. The study report will be issued after comment from EPA is received.

Willemin noted that St. Louis did award the transmission main project to Crawford Contracting at their meeting on March 7, 2017, and both Crawford Contracting and JR Heineman are sending issuing submittals. DEQ permits have been received and easements are in progress.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington, to receive the engineer's report and place it on file. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Ron Turner offered the water production report and answered questions.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Allen, to receive the water production report and place it on file. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Moore provided financial statements for review. Pray asked for a correlation between anticipated water sales and anticipated water consumption.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Harrington, to receive the financial statements and place them on file. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

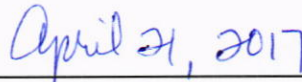
Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to approve Warrant 17-9, and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks for payment of the same. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Public comment: none.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.



Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval