

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Phillip Moore in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Authority was present.

Authority members present: Melissa Allen, Kurt Giles, Phillip Moore, and Don Pray.
Authority members not present: Roxann Harrington, and Tom Reed.
Others present: Keith Risdon, Paul Borle, and Brian Phillips.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Pray, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Giles, to approve minutes of June 9, 2017, as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Pray, to approve a request to purchase three replacement dehumidifiers from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$9,258.95 (which includes freight) for use in the Water Plant.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Giles, to approve an Easement for Electric Facilities from Consumers Energy to provide electrical service to 4613 W. VanBuren Road (crossing Well #10 and entering onto Well #11 property), and to authorize the necessary signatures. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Reports

The following engineer's update was provided by Brian Phillips of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber:

Water Plant

- The status of remaining completion items was discussed with RCL on July 11.
- A repair to the paint on the new finished water storage tank is scheduled for August.
- The sodium hypochlorite transfer pump replacement and hard copy O&M manuals are outstanding from the mechanical contractor.
- Leaf guards are needed for the roof drains.
- SCADA reporting needs some modifications.
- A final change order will be forthcoming for final balancing when all closeout items are documented and a final completion date is established.

Booster Stations

- The status of remaining completion items was discussed with RCL on July 11.
- The antenna cable at the Cheesman booster station was replaced, with some improvement in performance during rain events. The replacement of the Giddings cable was completed July 10 by the tank contractor.
- The Contractor needs to get the electrical as-built drawings from the electrical contractor and then can submit all as-built drawings to FTCH for record drawing preparation.
- A final change order will be forthcoming for final balancing when all closeout items are documented and a final completion date is established.

Wells 10 and 11 Raw Water Transmission Main

- Phase I: Pipe installed and tested, curb mostly complete, driveways are approximately ½ complete, first course of asphalt is installed.
- Phase II: Pipe installed to the end of Purdy, road grading is in progress. Contractor is preparing submittals to do a directional drill at Superior in lieu of open cut excavation.

- The contractor has begun pipe installation on Ennis Road working towards Riverview from the connection to the well houses at Van Buren Road. He is approximately ½ way to Riverview with pipe installation

Wells 10 and 11 Well Houses

- Foundations, floors and housekeeping pads for the buildings have been installed.
- Underground electrical and plumbing have been installed.
- The generator pads have been installed.
- The masons are mobilizing this week to erect the walls.

Authority member Roxann Harrington appeared during the report at 12:10 p.m.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Pray, to receive and place on file, the Engineer’s Report. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Ron Turner presented the Water Production Report. He noted that water use has increased in both cities, as is typical for this time of year, due in most cases, to residents watering lawns.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Allen, to receive and place on file, the Water Production Report. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Paul Borle offered the Financial Report. He noted the Authority had recently paid back an advance from St. Louis in the amount of \$750,000, and also disbursed a sizable refund from Consumers Energy to St. Louis. He said the Authority is currently under budget in both revenues and expenditures, and is in good shape for year end.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to receive and place on file, the Financial Statements.

Motion by Giles, seconded by Allen, to approve Warrant 17-13 and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to authorize payment of the same. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Giles, to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary

Date of Approval