

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairman Giles in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Authority was present.

Roll Call

Authority members present: Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, Roxann Harrington, and Melissa Allen.

Authority members not present: Tom Reed (excused) and Don Pray (excused).

Others present: Alan Leute, David Ringle, John Willemin, Keith Risdon, Bill Pilmore, Cynthia Michels, and Michael Molesky.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Harrington, seconded by Schooley, to approve the minutes of February 9, 2018, as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Requests for Purchase

Schooley noted a typographical error on the agenda. The request for purchase amount should be \$20,194.95, not \$29,194.95.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Harrington, to approve a quote and request for purchase from Peerless Midwest Inc. in the amount of \$20,194.95 for the Water Well #8 Rehabilitation project. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

Chairman Giles noted the agenda should say FY 2019 budget, not FY 2018. He explained the Finance Committee had been working on the proposed budget and hoped to present it at the April meeting.

Reports

John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. presented the following engineer's update:

Wells 10 and 11 Raw Water Transmission Main

- A request for Substantial Completion is pending from the Contractor.
- A tentative punch list has been issued to the Contractor.

Wells 10 and 11 Well Houses

- The project punch list has been issued for the Substantial Completion date of 2/1/2018.
- Final grading and site restoration will be conducted in the spring as weather permits.

Wells 10 and 11 Wells Contract

- The contract work associated with abandoning the existing wells will be eliminated from the contract so it can be closed out.

Hydrogeological and Well 12

- Further activity to locate Well 12 is pending feedback/approval from EPA.
- The damaged monitoring well at Well 9 was repaired by Garrett Powell.

Reliability Study

- The draft report was issued November 17, 2017.

Michael Molesky asked Willemin if there will be hydroseeding along Riverview. Willemin explained that if the work they did last fall did not take, it would be reseeded.

Additional discussion was held about items left from the transmission main project that need follow-up.

David Ringle, Assistant Public Services Director, offered the water production report. Ringle and Giles answered questions from Authority members and Mr. Molesky.

Giles answered additional questions from Mr. Molesky about budgeting and water conservation.

Chairman Giles then offered a report for the Finance Committee. They have met twice so far, and expect to have a draft budget to present in April, as well as bank and organizational policies for review and approval.

Cynthia Michels provided financial statements based on current operations. Discussion followed about water production from the river versus wells, and costs and issues involved with each.

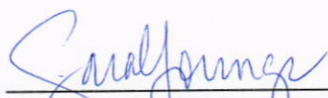
Motion by Schooley, seconded by Harrington, to receive the Engineer's Update, February Water Production Report, and February Financial Statements, and place them on file. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Harrington, to approve Warrant 18-08, and the several amounts scheduled therein, also to ratify payment of the same. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Michael Molesky asked if the Authority had noticed any issues with the wells in Arcada Township since Wells 10 and 11 went online. Chairman Giles, John Willemin, and Bill Pilmore, all responded in the negative. Pilmore went on to explain minimal changes in drawdown.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.



Sara Youngs, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval