

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

Roll Call

Authority members present: Tom Reed, Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, and Melissa Allen.

Authority members absent: Don Pray (excused), and Roxann Harrington.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Reed, seconded by Allen, to approve the minutes of July 13, 2018, as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Communications

A "Notice of Day of Review for Drainage District" was received regarding the pump station on Cheesman Road. Authority members discussed the notice briefly and Alan Leute, Public Services Director, answered questions. The group agreed it wasn't necessary to send someone to the event.

Reports

John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, provided his engineer's update, but prefaced the report by telling Authority members that landscapers have been sent out to come up with a plan to correct poor grass growth and excessive weeds along the route of the new transmission main. He answered questions from Authority members, and then continued on with the following information:

Wells 10 and 11 Raw Water Transmission Main

- A review of final pay quantities from the Contractor is outstanding.
- A request for Substantial Completion is still outstanding from the Contractor.
- Painting and labeling in the valve vault is pending as well as final treatment on the leak in the vault, which is not apparent in the dry season.
- One concrete repair is pending on the punch list.
- Turf establishment remains an issue for final restoration which will need to be addressed prior to further payment.
- Final direction on doing additional drainage improvements at the bend at Ennis and Van Buren Roads is pending.

Wells 10 and 11 Well Houses

- The project punch list is complete except for turf establishment.
- The Contractor has requested that retainage to be reduced to \$15,000, which was recommended to the City of St. Louis.

Wells 10 and 11 Wells Contract

- Closeout is pending the Contractor's submittal of the final pay application and reissuance of Change Order 3 to acknowledge abandonment of St. Louis Well 7.

Water Reliability Study

- The draft report was issued November 17, 2017. Final revisions will be completed after all review comments have been received.

Well Abandonment

- FTCH is working on a proposal for the abandonment City of St. Louis wells.

Hydrogeological and Well 12

- Further activity to locate Well 12 is pending feedback/approval from EPA.

Authority member Roxann Harrington arrived during the report at 12:14 p.m.

Chairman Giles asked Willemin if there could be additional grading done in right of ways along the transmission route. Keith Risdon, St. Louis Public Services Director, offered assistance with a plan to help return drainage to pre-construction conditions.

David Ringle, Assistant Public Services Director, offered the monthly water production report for July. He noted some changes had been made to the report due to spacing constraints, but production is as expected.

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

Appropriations

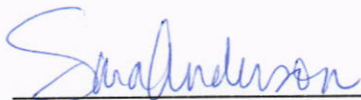
Motion by Harrington, seconded by Allen, to approve Warrant 19-1 and approve the several amounts scheduled therein, also to ratify payment of the same. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

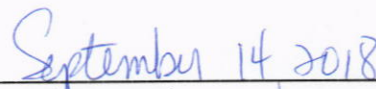
Chairman Giles said the Finance Committee had met two weeks prior for review of a new procurement policy. Another meeting is expected for the end of this month, if possible.

Alan Leute shared information received regarding the assignment of a farm number for property owned by the Authority. A brief discussion followed.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Schooley, to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.



Sara Anderson, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval