

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

Roll Call

Authority members present: Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, Jim Wheeler, and Melissa Allen, Tom Reed, and Roxann Harrington.

Authority members absent: none.

Others present: Rosemary Horvath, Keith Risdon, Dave Ringle, John Willemin, and Bobbie Marr.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wheeler, seconded by Harrington, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2020. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Resolution 2020-0002
GRATIOT AREA WATER AUTHORITY
2020-2021 Operating Budget

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Harrington and seconded by Member Wheeler.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Gratiot Area Water Authority Articles of Incorporation, ARTICLE XI.C., the Board shall, prior to March 1 of each year, prepare, adopt and file with the legislative bodies of the Constituent Municipalities, an annual budget for the next fiscal year covering the proposed expenditures to be made for the organization and operation of the Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Staff has submitted and filed with the Gratiot Area Water Authority Board (Board) a proposed estimate of revenues and operating expenses for 2020-21 fiscal year on March 13, 2020. Lateness of this budget being due to extenuating circumstances of available staff time to prepare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board does hereby adopt the operating budget as presented and attached. Said Total Operating Expenses being \$915,517, with total expenses including depreciation expected to be \$1,768,517.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board does hereby adopt capital budget as presented in the total amount of \$148,500.

Ayes: Giles, Schooley, Wheeler, Allen, Reed, and Harrington.

Nays: none.

Resolution declared adopted this 13th day of March 2020.

Reports

Chairperson Giles presented the Water Production Report. Brief discussion followed about Alma usage versus St. Louis usage.

John Willemin, from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, was present to provide a status update about the Well 12 project. Test and observation wells have been drilled and sampling done. A letter has been submitted

to Kurt Swendsen as part of the approval process. After approval is received, the project will go out for bids. When the well is in the ground, testing will begin. Outfitting the well will begin following approval of testing.

Chair Giles asked for questions about financial statements. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Reed, to receive the February Water Production Report, the Engineer's update, and February Financial Statements. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

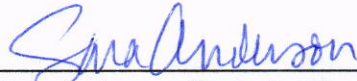
Appropriations

Motion by Reed, seconded by Schooley, to approve and ratify the February 2020 claims and accounts in the amount of \$31,517.18. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

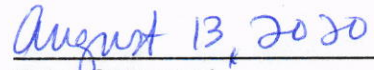
Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Motion by Wheeler, seconded by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.



Sara Anderson, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval