

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held virtually via Zoom and called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chairperson Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

Roll Call

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

Authority members not present: Melissa Allen.

Others present: David Ringle, Keith Risdon, Bill Pilmore, and John Willemin.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Giles recommended adding the resignation letter of Melissa Allen to the *New Business* section.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Schooley, Harrington, Reed, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the minutes of January 8, 2021. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Schooley, Harrington, Reed, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Communications

Requests for Payment

Requests for Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

A brief discussion followed regarding the chemical bids for 2021.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to approve the 2021 Chemical Procurement Bids. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Schooley, Harrington, Reed, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

A brief discussion followed regarding the Clarifier Painting Project.

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the 2021 Clarifier Painting Project. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Schooley, Harrington, Reed, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

New Business

Chairman Giles made a brief statement regarding Melissa Allen's term on the GAWA board. Member Harrington thanked Member Allen for her time on the board. Member Schooley also wanted to thank Member Allen for her commitment to the board.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the resignation of Melissa Allen. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Schooley, Harrington, Reed, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Unfinished Business

Reports

Chairman Giles offered the Water Production Report for consideration.

Chairman Giles offered the Financial Statements through January 31, 2021.

Chairman Giles asked John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber to give construction updates on Well #12. Members agreed.

The design project is still under way for the Well. Peerless will do the capacity step drawn out test on Tuesday, February 16th and the aquifer performance test on Wednesday, February 17th. They will coordinate testing the test pump which will take about 24 hours. Peerless will take care of the discharge water, keep track of erosion control, and prevent sediment deposits into the county drain and river. The aquifer performance test needs to be accepted first to get the well approved for the pump. Soil borings have been postponed until March due to the cold weather. John hopes to have an idea of the site layout for the wellhouse and pipeline route by the end of the month. They recommend issuing these through the EPA and state to expedite the permitting process later. The wetlands delineation has been completed. The State Historical preservation review needs to be completed with a third-party firm. John said they would like to have most everything submitted by the end of March for the part 399 permit. Letters were sent out for the well sample monitoring. The health department has declined to assist with getting the water samples this time around due to Covid-19. They are still trying to determine how to get the water samples-they may have to wait outside while the resident gets the sample. Oberlitner Well Drilling will be testing the wells if they look like they are in good shape. If the wells are in disrepair Oberlitner Well Drilling will not test and will inform the homeowner.

Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to receive the December 2020 Water Production Report, Financial Statements for January 2021, and John Willemin's report regarding Well #12. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Schooley, Harrington, Reed, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for January 2021 in the amount of \$26,172.97. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Aye: Giles, Schooley, Harrington, Reed, and Wheeler.

Nay: none.

Public Comment

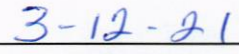
No public comment offered.

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Schooley, to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval