

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

Roll Call

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Aeric Ripley, Bill Leonard, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Roxann Harrington.

Others present: Dave Ringle and Keith Risdon.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: ~~Harrington.~~

Absent: Harrington.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2023. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: ~~Harrington.~~

Absent: Harrington.

Communications

Requests for Payment

Requests for Purchase

Chairman Giles offered discussion regarding a proposal and contract to repaint the water filtration plant primary clarifier. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve a proposal and contract to repaint the water filtration plant primary clarifier. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: ~~Harrington.~~

Absent: Harrington.

New Business

Chairman Giles offered discussion regarding the Five-year Capital Improvement Program. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.

Nay: ~~Harrington.~~

Absent: Harrington.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the conceptual design services for security upgrades from Fishbeck. Dave Ringle, Public Services Director for City of Alma, mentioned they would like to start with a card reader for access into the plant. They are still looking at options to limit the amount of glass at the entrance. Dave will work on getting a third design option from Fishbeck and present it at the next water authority meeting.

Reports

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the February Water Production Reports. Brief discussion followed.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Financial Statements through February 28, 2023. Brief discussion followed.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the email update from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding the SLWSR project. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to receive the February Water Production Report, February Financial Statements, and SLWSR Construction Update. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.
Nay: Harrington.
Absent: Harrington.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for February in the amount of \$33,977.53. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, and Wheeler.
Nay: Harrington.
Absent: Harrington.

Public Comment

Chairman Giles asked if there was any public Comment. David Ringle, Director of Public Works for Alma, announced Doug Sierakowski accepted the Superintendent position for the Water Plant.

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval