

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held virtually via Zoom and called to order at 12:02 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, Bill Leonard, and Tom Reed.

Authority members not present: Jim Wheeler.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Nay: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2021. Motion carried with roll call vote.

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

Nay: none.

Communications

Chairman Giles introduced Bill Leonard. Authority Member Leonard was appointed by the City of St. Louis to serve out the remainder of Melissa Allen's term.

Requests for Payment

Requests for Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

New Business

Resolution 2021-0001
GRATIOT AREA WATER AUTHORITY
2021-2022 Operating Budget

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

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 Committee has submitted and filed with the Gratiot Area Water Authority Board (Board) a proposed estimate of revenues and operating expenses for 2021-22 fiscal year on March 12, 2021. Lateness of this budget being due to extenuating circumstances of time constraints and workload.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board does hereby adopt the operating budget as presented and attached. Said Total Operating Expenses being \$914,142, with total expenses including depreciation expected to be \$1,687,085.

Ayes: Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, Roxann Harrington, Bill Leonard, and Tom Reed.
Nays: None.
Absent: Jim Wheeler.

Resolution declared adopted this 12th day of March 2021.

Resolution 2021-0002
GRATIOT AREA WATER AUTHORITY
Wholesale Water Rate Change

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Harrington and supported by Member Reed.

WHEREAS, the Gratiot Area Water Authority has determined that all operational costs will be covered by rates each year and as much of depreciation shall be funded as possible without causing an unreasonable increase in fees.

WHEREAS, the Gratiot Area Water Authority has tasked its Finance Committee to recommend a rate reflective of such desires, and such committee has offered a recommendation of increase.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Gratiot Area Water Authority Board of Directors will set the wholesale water rates to the cities of Alma and St. Louis at \$2.97 per thousand-gallon unit, effective July 1, 2021.

Ayes: Kurt Giles, Matt Schooley, Roxann Harrington, Bill Leonard, and Tom Reed.
Nays: None.
Absent: Jim Wheeler.

Resolution declared adopted this 12th day of March 2021.

Unfinished Business
Reports

Chairman Giles offered the Water Production Report and the Financial Statements through February 28, 2021 for consideration.

Chairman Giles offered construction updates on Well #12. Members agreed.

The development and test pumping of Well #12 has been conducted. There were no reports of interference with private wells. John Willemin said it should be a good capacity well. The hydrogeological report is still in progress. There were no PFAs detected. There are no surprises in the water quality. A 30%

plan review meeting took place earlier in the week. Things are moving along with the well water transmission main route.

Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to receive the February 2021 Water Production Report, Financial Statements for February 2021, and update regarding SLWSR. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Nay: none.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for February 2021 in the amount of \$23,272.69. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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


Nay: none.

Public Comment


No public comment offered.

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval