

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:00 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, Tom Reed, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority members not present: none.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2021. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Communications

Requests for Payment

Brief discussion was held regarding the 1st payment application to E & L Contractors, Inc. for the Clarifier painting project, \$26,856.00. Bill Pilmore, Water Plant Superintendent, spoke briefly regarding the replacement of steel. After sand blasting the steel to clean it for the painting, it was determined there would be more steel to replace than originally planned. Bill will keep the board updated on how much more steel there is to replace.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the 1st payment application for E & L Contractors, Inc. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Requests for Purchase

Recommendations on Bids

New Business

Brief discussion was offered regarding radio upgrades for the wells. J&K Communications, Inc. has offered to do preventative maintenance for \$9,910.00.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to approve the preventative maintenance costs performed by J&K Communications. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Reports

Chairman Giles offered the Water Production Report and the Financial Statements through March 31, 2021 for consideration.

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

A presentation will be made to the Arcada Township Board and hope to approve the construction after the site plan meeting for Well #12. The hydro geological testing has not been completed yet, but there is optimism the well will be productive.

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Schooley, to receive the March 2021 Water Production Report, Financial Statements for March 2021, and update regarding SLWSR.

Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for March 2021 in the amount of \$58,321.39. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

No public comment offered.

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Kim Fellows

Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary

5-14-21

Date of Approval