

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held virtually via Zoom and called to order at 12:01 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 Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the minutes of June 11, 2021. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Communications

Requests for Payment

Chairman Giles offered a brief discussion regarding a request for payment of \$10,743.33 to J & K Communications for preventative maintenance. Bill Pilmore, Water Plant Superintendent, mentioned most of the equipment was updated, except for the two towers in St. Louis. They could be rolled into the Well 12 project for costs. They are functioning okay but will eventually need some work done on them.

Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve payment to J & K Communications. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

A request for final payment of \$10,358.00 to E & L Contractors, Inc. for the Final Clarifier Painting Repairs.

Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve payment to E & L Contractors, Inc. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Requests for Purchase

Chairman Giles offered a brief discussion from Bill Pilmore, Water Plant Superintendent, regarding a request for purchase from Systems Specialties, Co. for electric actuators for Filters #2 and #3 rate control valves of \$12,688.00. Bill mentioned this is a CIP item, which they have been budgeting for over time.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Reed, to approve payment to Systems Specialties, Co. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Recommendations on Bids

New Business

Unfinished Business

Chairman Giles offered a brief discussion regarding ratification of the professional services agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink to start the wellhead protection program. This application is identical to the one

submitted a year ago. The project is contingent upon the authority board ratifying the agreement and being awarded the grant by EGLE. The fee is \$25,000.00 and half will be covered by the grant from EGLE. **Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve ratifying the professional service agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.**

Reports

Chairman Giles offered a brief update on the SLWSR. Peerless has completed their work on the project. The Hydro geo report is ready to be submitted to the state in the next week or two. The radio communications system still needs to be updated and the servers are long overdue to be replaced. There were no issues encountered during the state historic preservation office review for the Well #12 project. The goal is to have a 90% review for plan specifications on Well #12 in August. There have been a few residents sign up for the sampling and static water level measurements in private wells in that area. The well abandonment project has started to decommission some of the production wells in the area. Chairman Giles proposed leaving those currently being used to monitor the ground water levels in the Arcadia Township area.

Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to receive the June 2021 Water Production Report, Financial Statements for June 2021, and update regarding SLWSR. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Appropriations


Motion by Authority Member Schooley, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for June 2021 in the amount of \$364,813.03. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

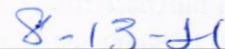
Dave Ringle, Public Operations Director, mentioned an offer has been made to Kent Nothstine for the new Water Plant Superintendent. He will be starting July 26.

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Reed, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval