

A regular meeting of the Gratiot Area Water Authority was held at the Alma Public Library and called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairman Kurt Giles. A quorum of the Authority Board was present.

*Roll Call*

Authority Board members present: Kurt Giles, Roxann Harrington, Bill Leonard, and Jim Wheeler.

Authority Board members absent: Aeric Ripley.

Others present: Dave Ringle, Keith Risdon, and Doug Sierakowski.

*Approval of Agenda*

**Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Motion carried with a roll call vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

**Nay:** None.

**Absent:** Ripley.

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2022, as amended. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

**Nay:** None.

**Absent:** Ripley.

*Communications*

*Requests for Payment & Purchase*

*Recommendations on Bids*

*New Business*

Chairman Giles offered discussion on a proposed generator maintenance agreement with Total Energy Systems. David Ringle, Public Services Director, commented on the proposed agreement stating this is the same as the one offered to the Wastewater Plant. If the authority agrees to this, Total Energy Systems will offer discounted prices for the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant. Director Ringle also mentioned with talks of brownouts and wintertime events that it would be a good idea for the plant. Authority Members Wheeler and Harrington agreed this would be a good investment.

**Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve a generator maintenance agreement with Total Energy Systems, LLC. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.

**Nay:** None.

**Absent:** Ripley.

*Unfinished Business*

*Reports*

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the May Water Production Report. No comments or suggestions were offered.

Chairman Giles reviewed and commented on the email update from John Willemin of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding the SLWSR project. The well abandonment project is ongoing.

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

**Aye:** Giles, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.  
**Nay:** None.  
**Absent:** Ripley.

*Appropriations*

**Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts for June and July 2022 in the amount of \$99,965.75. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler.  
**Nay:** None.  
**Absent:** Ripley.

*Public Comment*

Chairman Giles asked for any public comment. Doug Sierakowski, Water Plant Operator, mentioned the check valves needing to be fixed or replaced again. Doug can get a valve for around \$5,000.00 through Kennedy Valve Manufacturing. Authority Member Wheeler didn't feel there was any reason to put more money into an old valve.

**Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the purchase of a new check valve. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Aye:** Giles, Harrington, Leonard, and Wheeler  
**Nay:** None.  
**Absent:** Ripley.

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Authority Member Wheeler, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.**



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval