

A special 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

Board members present: Kurt Giles (St. Louis), Roxann Harrington (Alma), Bill Leonard (St. Louis), Tom Reed (St. Louis), Matt Schooley (Alma), and Jim Wheeler (Ithaca).
Board members absent: none. All appeared via Zoom.
Others present: David Ringle, and Bill Pilmore.

Chairperson Giles moved right to New Business to discuss a change order for steel repair on the final clarifier at the water treatment plant.

He explained that during sandblasting in preparation for painting the clarifier, several issues had been uncovered requiring extensive fabrication for repair prior to completing the paint job.

Water plant Superintendent Bill Pilmore noted that a lot of the steel work at the plant is original to the construction of the plant 56 years ago. Giles said initially repair estimates were nearly \$80,000 but Pilmore had been working with contractors and the current change order for consideration was much less.

Lengthy discussion followed about the type and amount of damage, what repairs could be made to extend the life of some of the areas, and whether or not the repairs would cause more problems in the long run.

Giles said the Authority has been working to fund depreciation, so this would be an expense that could be charged against the depreciation fund.

Additional discussion followed about recommendations for the change order amount.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Wheeler, to approve change order(s) for the final clarifier painting project, as necessary, not to exceed \$70,000.00. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Giles, Harrington, Leonard, Reed, Schooley, and Wheeler.
No: none.

Chairperson Giles called for public comment. No comments were offered or received.

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



Sara Anderson, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval