

Authority Member Harrington entered at 12:03 p.m.

Communications

Requests for Payment

Requests for Purchase

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the request purchase of backflow device replacements supplied by John E. Green Company. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Authority Member Palmer, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the purchase of backflow device replacements from John E. Green Company. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Recommendations on Bids

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the 2026 Chemical Procurement Bids. Chairman Giles expressed concerns with the lime bid coming in about 97% higher than last years bid. He recommends the authority reject the bid for lime and send it out for bid again. There was a tie for fluoride with Alexander Chemical Corporation and Haviland Products coming in at the same price. Chairman Giles recommended that Alexander Chemical Corporation continue as the supplier of fluoride as they have been the supplier since 2023. Authority Member Palmer abstained from the votes due to his employment.

Motion by Authority Member Zehner, seconded by Authority Member Harrington, to approve the 2026 Chemical Procurement Bids, except for lime. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, ~~Palmer~~ and Zehner.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Zehner, to rebid for lime. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, ~~Palmer~~ and Zehner.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

New Business

Unfinished Business

Reports

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Water Production Reports. Brief discussion followed.

Chairman Giles offered discussion on the Financial Statements through December 31, 2025. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Palmer, to receive the Water Production Report, and the Financial Statements through December 31, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

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, Aerick Ripley, Roxann Harrington, Bill Leonard, Kevin Palmer and Kasey Zehner.

Authority Board members absent: None

Others present: David Ringle and Josh Leppien

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Authority Member Ripley, seconded by Authority Member Zehner, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner.

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Election of Officers

Motion by Authority Member Palmer, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to appoint Kurt Giles as Chairman, close nominations, and declare that he be elected. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Motion by Authority Member Palmer, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to appoint Aerick Ripley as Vice-Chairman, close nominations, and declare that he be elected. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Motion by Authority Member Palmer, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to appoint Roxann Harrington as Secretary, close nominations, and declare that she be elected. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Motion by Authority Member Palmer, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to appoint Kim Fellows as Recording Secretary, close nominations, and declare that she be elected. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Authority Member Palmer, seconded by Authority Member Leonard, to approve the minutes of November 14, 2025. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner.

Nay: None.

Absent: Harrington.

Appropriations

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Ripley, to approve and ratify the claims and accounts through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$160,848.09. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Aye: Giles, Ripley, Harrington, Leonard, Palmer and Zehner.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

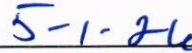
Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion by Authority Member Harrington, seconded by Authority Member Palmer, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Giles adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.



Kim Fellows, Recording Secretary



Date of Approval