

## Tri-City Regional Sanitary District Minutes

DATE: July 14, 2014 called to order at 5:20pm by Bob Zache, President. Board meeting held at the Cobre Valle Country Club in Miami, Arizona.

Robert J. Zache  
President

Malissa Buzan  
Board Member

Mitchell Malkovich  
Board Member

By: Roxie Hadley  
TRSD Staff

Mary Anne Moreno  
Secretary

Kevin Kenney  
Board Member

Bill Clemmens  
TRSD Interim Manager

PRESENT: Bob Zache, President; Malissa Buzan, Board Member; and Kevin Kenney, Board Member; Mitch Malkovich, Board Member; Bill Clemmens, TRSD Interim Manager; Deborah Patton, Rural Development Specialist – Environmental; Roxie Hadley, TRSD Staff. ABSENT: Mary Anne Moreno, Secretary (available by phone if needed); Fred Rosenfeld, Bond Counsel (available by phone if needed); Mike Krebs TRSD Engineer (available by phone if needed); Leo Valdez TRSD Financial Consultant (available by phone if needed); Karen Samuel, TRSD Accountant.

### ITEM:

- 01 **Approval of May 27, June 23, and July 07, 2014 TRSD Board Meeting Minutes.** Upon motion duly made by Mitch Malkovich and seconded by Malissa Buzan, the TRSD Board voted to approve the TRSD Minutes by a vote of 4-0.
- 02 **Financial Report.** Bob Zache reported there was no financial report, as the Gila County reports were not received in time to forward to Karen Samuel, TRSD Accountant.
- 03 **Short-term contract for TRSD Interim Manager.** Upon motion duly made by Mitch Malkovich and seconded by Kevin Kenney, the TRSD Board voted to approve the short-term contract with Bill Clemmens at the rate of \$1,500 per month by a vote of 4-0.
- 04 **Proposal from City of Globe and Town of Miami.** Lengthy discussion and review of draft letters prepared by Mike Krebs of PACE. Inputs by Board Members were received based upon their review. A key point as stated by Mitch Malkovich was that regardless of the arrangements for treatment of the TRSD wastewater is that TRSD “must control its own destiny”. Upon motion duly made by Mitch Malkovich and seconded by Malissa Buzan, the TRSD Board voted to approve to send the letters with changes incorporated to the City of Globe and the Town of Miami by a vote of 4-0.
- 05 **Update on TRSD DMA status.** Bob Zache reported that he understood that the TRSD is a DMA and that the merger of the two districts did not cancel the DMA status for the region encompassed by the TRSD. Bill Clemmens was directed to contact Gila County to encourage their support concerning the DMA for TRSD. A written follow-up will be sent to Alan Urban of CAG by Roxie Hadley requesting that TRSD Board members to added to their distribution list re meetings of the executive committee to make the TRSD aware of revisions to the regional 208 Plan.
- 06 **Update re USDA-RD.** Bob Zache reported that Mike Krebs had a recent meeting with Mike Luecker and that a position letter would be forthcoming. A special meeting will be called as soon as the position letter is received and members of the TRSD Board have an opportunity to review it. Malissa Buzan reported that the story being circulated at Gila County offices is that the reason that TRSD has decided to build its own wastewater treatment plant is due to the fact that PACE designs and builds wastewater treatment plants and would benefit greatly from the decision. Bob Zache reminded the Board and public that the wastewater treatment plant only represents a small percentage of the overall costs of the project. The Board discussed the need to offset the misinformation that is being widely circulated. The Board members expressed concern that the success or failure of the project is being severely impacted by misinformation presented both to the USDA-RD and other agencies in addition to the people residing within the TRSD.
- 07 **Update re TRSD wastewater treatment plant locations.** No new information was available to the Board.
- 08 **Report re TRSD effluent.** No new information was available to the TRSD Board.

- 09 **Call of Election re TRSD Board Members.** Roxie Hadley stated that the TRSD Call of Election was advertised in the Arizona Silver Belt Newspaper. Bob Zache further noted that the last day to file nomination petitions is August 06, 2014.
- 10 **RCAC Work Plan.** Deborah Patton, RCAC Rural Development Specialist - AZ, presented a request to formally close the work plan between the RCAC and the TRSD. The work plan deadlines are out of date and work was postponed on some of the tasks due to the time getting the AZ SB1164 to pass. All parties agreed to hold the work until the bill passed and was signed by the Governor. Closing the work plan is needed as the grant cycle has ended. Deborah Patton stated to the Board that assistance would be given by RCAC when and if the TRSD needs the assistance of RCAC in the future, and asked that she remain on the active list with the TRSD, in the event a new work plan is started in the future. This will allow her to keep up-to-date on the progress of the TRSD work. On behalf of the Board, Bob Zache thanked Deborah Patton and RCAC for all they have done to help the TRSD. Bob Zache stated we would look forward to working with RCAC again in the future and would gladly provide a letter of support to RCAC. Upon motion duly made by Malissa Buzan and seconded by Mitch Malkovich, the TRSD Board voted to approve the closing of the work plan by a vote of 4-0.
- 11 **Grant Application for FY2015 WIFA Planning and Design Assistance Grant Program.** Deborah Patton, RCAC Rural Development Specialist – AZ, provided a handout to the TRSD Board re WIFA Planning and Design Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2015 Request for Grant Applications, Cycle 1. Funding is limited to \$35,000 per project, but it may be possible for TRSD to resubmit an application with new criteria to qualify for this funding even if TRSD had already received one. Bill Clemmens will contact Leo Valdez, TRSD Financial Consultant and Mike Krebs, TRSD Engineer re the possibility of submitting another application.
- 12 **TRSD Website.** Ongoing.
- 13 **Email addresses re notice of meetings.** No additions.
- 14 **Payment of Bills.** Upon motion duly made by Malissa Buzan and seconded by Mitch Malkovich, the TRSD Board voted to approve payment of \$1,675 to Bill Clemmens (statement provided), by a vote of 4-0. Upon motion duly made by Mitch Malkovich and seconded by Malissa Buzan, the TRSD Board voted to approve payment of \$62.50 to Ted Thayer (statement provided), TRSD Website by a vote of 4-0. Upon motion duly made by Mitch Malkovich and seconded by Malissa Buzan, the TRSD Board voted to approve payment of \$50 to the Cobre Valley County Club (statement provided), TRSD Website by a vote of 4-0.
- 15 **Next Meeting.** Monday 08/04/2014, 5:15pm, Cobre Valley Country Club.
- 16 **Call to the Public.** Member of the public Al Gameros suggested Face Book would have more hits than the TRSD website and this was something for the TRSD Board to consider.
- 17 **Adjournment.** 6:42pm