

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
April 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Jacques at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: M.A.Moreno, M.Buzan (by Zoom), R.Jacques, M.Harper, Attorney for the District, T.Stratton, Bond Counsel , L. Valdez, Financial Advisor

Public Present: H.Farester and D.Farester

J. Garrett, Gila Co., M.Krebs, PACE, C.Tafoya, AZ SilverBelt

- Item # 1. Roll Call - Call to Order 7:00 p.m. See above
- Item # 2 Suggestion by President Jacques to begin each meeting with Pledge was approved by consensus.
- Item # 3 **Report of meeting with WIFA at offices of GustRosenfeld**, included Jeff Hays of USDA-RD, TRSD Board members R.Jacques and D.Buzan, T.Stratton, Bond Counsel, L.Valdez, Financial Advisor and representatives of WIFA, including its Executive Director. L.Valdez reported that WIFA is very interested in assisting with financing this project. WIFA needs the Board to adopt a Resolution to apply to be added to the WIFA Priority List. The District is interested in entering into an agreement for \$5.5 million, at an interest rate of 1% for financing the Engineering Design of Phase 1 of the project. L.Valdez noted that he was impressed and very encouraged by the response from WIFA and explained the process. Once the Board approves a Resolution to move forward, the application for placement on the Priority List will be submitted to WIFA. He explained that this loan is NOT an additional loan - it serves as the bridge that will lead to the USDA-RD committed funds and will be repaid when that loan activates. Once WIFA Board agrees to fund the project a formal financial application will need to be submitted. President Jacques presented Resolution 21-001 " A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICAION FOR A CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN FROM THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA." M.Buzan moved to approve Resolution 21-001, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.
- Item # 4 **Update status of RFQ of the status** - Statement of Qualifications were due on 4/15 by 5 p.m. at the offices of Harper Law in Payson. 1 response was received and that com- will be interviewed on Tuesday, April 20 at 2 p.m. at the IBEW Hall. R.Jacques proposed an evaluation committee consisting of himself, Mary Anne Moreno from the TRSD Board and Jake Garrett, Gila County Manager of On-site Waste Water Systems who has volunteered.
- Item # 5. **RFQ Evaluation Committee** - M.Buzan moved to form an evaluation committee consisting of R.Jacques and Mary Anne Moreno from the TRSD Board and Jake Garrett, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried 3 - 0
- Item # 6. **Date/Time of next meeting Thursday, 5:15, at IBEW, April 22, 2021**
- Item # 7 M.A.Moreno moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:19 p.m., seconded by R.Jacques and carried.