

**TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, May 21, 2021**

President Jacques called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by President Jacques

Roll Call: D. Buzan, R. Jacques, M.A.Moreno, M.Harper, District Counsel, M.Krebs, PACE

Present: In Person - H.Farester, D.Farester, T.Werner
Via Zoom - None

Call to the Public - H.Farester asked "Why did PACE say in PER that the District does not currently have any loans, debts, required service accounts or other obligations. But owe them \$950,000. R. Jacques reported that this issue will be on the agenda of the June 14 Regular meeting.

Financial Reports - Gila County reported \$326,604.69 in the District Account as of 4/30/2021 K.Samuel provided Financial Statements for the months of March and April along with the requested spreadsheets. R.Jacques moved to accept the report, seconded by D.Buzan and carried 3-0.

Payment of Bills:

T.Thayer submitted a bill in the amount of \$125.00 for services in the month of April. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by R.Jacques.

K.Samuel submitted a bill in the amount of \$135.00 for monthly services, Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by R.Jacques.

R.Jacques submitted a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$342.14. Approved for payment by motion of D.Buzan, seconded by M.A.Moreno.

IBEW submitted a bill in the amount of \$300.00 for 4 meetings in April and May. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno. seconded by D.Buzan.

K.Murphy of Henze Cook Murphy submitted a bill in the amount of \$6,232.00 for legal services rendered. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by R.Jacques.

M. Harper submitted a bill in the amount of \$8,597.98 for legal services in April, 2021. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by D.Buzan.

Status of Contract Negotiations with PACE to provide professional engineering services for the TRSD Phase I Wastewater Collection and Treatment System. - R.Jacques reported that he and M.Harper had met with PACE regarding a contract for these services. They have had hours of discussions and negotiations. The contract is a USDA-RD form required because of the federal funding involved. They have been working for several weeks on this and R.Jacques expressed his appreciation for the amount of time and insight provided by M.Harper. M.Harper noted that Board approval would allow the proposed contract to be forwarded to USDA-RD for their concurrence. He stated that he did not feel approval would be automatic but felt positive about the outcome in his discussions with Mr. Hays.

Possible Action to approve Contract with PACE, contingent of USDA-RD approval, to provide professional engineering services for the TRSD Phase I Wastewater Collection and Treatment System . M.Harper reported the District published a Request for Qualifications for engineering services relating to pre-construction, construction and post construction services.. Any other contracts will come to the Board. This contract, if USDA-RD concurs, will go up on the website for everyone to read. M.Harper has reviewed and negotiated with PACE for all of the elements of the agreement that will be submitted to USDA-RD

In response to a question from T.Werner, M.Harper stated the cost identified in the proposed agreement is \$4,131,673 and covers Engineering Study and Report, Preliminary Design, Final Design, Bidding, Construction oversight, Post-Construction Services and a Resident Project Representative to be the Board's eyes and ears on the ground during construction

M.A.Moreno moved to approve the most recent iteration of the proposed contract with PACE, contingent on USDA-RDs concurrence of the document, seconded by D.Buzan and carried, 3-0.

Discussion, possible action, relating to the continued use of ZOOM to broadcast meetings of the Board of Directors - M.A.Moreno noted that TRSD has paid for the subscription through November and felt the Board should make the option available for anyone who still feels uncomfortable with 'in-person' meetings.

R.Jacques expressed his concern regarding a requirement for Zoom and experiencing technical difficulties which would force the cancellation of a meeting. M.A.Moren moved to continue to utilize Zoom unless further action is required, seconded by D.Buzan and carried.

Executive Session - None

Schedule any Topic or Issue

The next Regular Meeting of the TRSD Board will take place on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. at the IBEW Hall

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at IBEW Hall at 5:15 p.m..

Adjournment D.Buzan moved the meeting adjourn at 5:55 p.m., seconded by M.A.Moreno.