

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019

Secretary Moreno called the meeting to order at 5:23p.m. in the absence of President Buzan

PRESENT: J.Chism, M.A.Moreno, Stephen Palmer, Legal Counsel, W. Clemmens, Legal Assistant, R.Hadley, M.Krebs District Engineer, PACE,

Public: H.Farester, D.Farester, T.Werner, F.Barcon, M.Gonzalez, J.Bejarano, V.Bejarano, J.Vezzetti, P.Vezzetti, T.Humphrey, Gila Co. Supervisor, J.Zache, J.Twohey, B.Marshall, J.Medlin

- Item # 1 **Minutes of May 6, 2019** were approved as sent by motion of J.Chism, seconded by S.Palmer.
- Item # 2 Financial Report – The End of May reports a balance of \$205,362.52 in the District Account. The Treasurer’s Office noted that the report is generally sent on the 8th or 9th of the month. M.A.Moreno noted this document serves as a check register and will be posted to the website. Report accepted by motion of J.Chism, seconded by S.Palmer
- Item # 3 **Status** re requests from persons owning property in the area of Vertical Heights requesting that TRSD exempt their properties from taxation – Per Attorney Clemmens, work has been completed enough to establish and set a hearing date. He recommended Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the IBEW Hall. S.Palmer moved the Board formally set a Hearing on the Petition of the residents of Vertical Heights on July 9, 2019, Tuesday, at the IBEW Hall, seconded by J. Chism and carried.
- Item # 4 Update on Bridge Loan Financing** – M.Krebs reported that he is still working on RCAC and USDA on finalizing the bridge loan for Phase 1. Staff will advise the Board as soon as possible on additional progress.
- Item # 5 **Report on status of negotiations between TRSD, Town of Miami and City of Globe** re the DMA boundaries of the region and Letters of Support –M.Krebs reported that communication is on-going. The proposed DMA maps and legal descriptions have been finalized, pending stakeholder’s approval. A meeting is scheduled with CAG on 6/18 to discuss moving forward on the 208 Permit. It is anticipated having the final 208 document to CAG by mid-July. Letters of support have been received from the City of Globe and the Town of Miami. In addition, the District is anticipating a letter of support from Gila County
- Item # 6 **Work to Improve Public Relations – Facebook and the TRSD Website** – S.Palmer reported that he had met with T.Thayer and the trsd.org website has been streamlined and updated. The Facebook page is designed and he and T.Thayer will be meeting to bring it live. A determination regarding who will have the password and the lead in answering questions will need to be made. He will have the details at the July meeting.
- Item # 7. **Office Hours and Staffing for the new TRSD office** – The lease has been signed for Room 230 at the Gila County Apache Street Complex. An individual has been approached regarding staffing 4 hours each week. The day and actual hours have not been finalized and M.A.Moreno will be looking for help to transport the boxes of files of the Cobre Valley and Pinal Sanitary Districts as well as the TRSD materials once that has been established.
- Item # 8 **Discussion of TRSD Budget for FY 2019-2020** – The proposed budget in the amount of \$3,161,270.93 was presented. The Ad Valorem tax in the budget was set at \$186,000, up from \$150,000. Staff requested Board action on the proposed budget. It was explained that the budget will be published in the SilverBelt and will be addressed at the Public Hearing, at which time the budget can be reduced but cannot be increased. It was noted that funds could be moved from one account to another. J.Chism moved that a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the TRSD for FY 2020 be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 5:15 p.m., seconded by S.Palmer and carried.
- Item # 9 **Discussion/Possible Action on utilizing the offices of Pioneer Title to do the research on the ownership of the parcels of real property owned by AZ Eastern RR which may be required for the wastewater lines in the Phase I project** – Attorney Clemmens noted that several parcels owned by AZ Eastern Railroad that are involved in the wastewater lines have been involved in sales because of prior

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Railroad companies' ownership. He noted that a clear title would be required and had met with Pioneer Title and received a proposal in the amount of \$3600.00 to investigate at least 6 of these parcels. J.Chism moved the District remit \$3,600.00 to Pioneer Title in order for them to begin their research, seconded by S.Palmer and carried. W.Clemmens noted that additional expense may be incurred as other parcels are identified.

Item # 10 **Discussion of Recommendation to establish a 'Citizen's Advisory Committee'** to work on specific projects as authorized by the TRSD Board - As proposed, this group would have no legal authority but would simply support the projects and businesses of TRSD and make recommendations to the TRSD Board – M.Gonzalez. who suggested this, presented his background in Emergency Management which had brought home the need for communication with the general population involved. Following his presentation, S.Palmer moved that M.Gonzalez prepare a formal proposal for a Citizen's Advisory Council, with possible members, for the Board, seconded by J. Chism and carried. J.Chism indicated the Tri-City FD Chief would be interested

Item # 11 **Payment of Bills:**
Request for Ratification of a payment in the amount of \$1,155.00 to **Insurance Network Corp.** for General Liability Coverage. Approved for payment by motion of S.Palmer, seconded by J.Chism.
Attorney Clemmens submitted a bill for services for the month of May, 2019 in the amount of \$5,475.00. Approved for payment by motion of J.Chism, seconded by S.Palmer..
Ted Thayer submitted a bill in the amount of \$50.00 for website services for the month of May, 2019. Approved for payment by motion of J.Chism, seconded by S.Palmer
PACE submitted an Invoice in the amount of \$18,166.50 for work on the Phase 2 PER completed in May. Approved for payment by motion of S.Palmer, seconded by J.Chism.
Pioneer Title - \$3,600 approved by motion in Item # 9.

Item # 12 **Call to the Public –**
Any member of the public desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time, to members of the TRSD Board. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person and addressed to the entire Board. A "Request to Address the Board" Form should be filled out and submitted prior to the beginning of the Board meeting.

Fred Barcon addressed Item # 5 – stated that he had spoken to the Mayor of Globe and the Miami Town Manager and both reported that no negotiations had taken place. He noted that no one denies the need for the infrastructure, his objection is to a 3rd Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Tom Werner – At the May meeting the Engineer said the project would start in Fall 2020. Approximately 15 months with legal fees averaging \$10,000/mo. That is \$150,000 for what?

Will Taxes go up in June like last year – 41%?

Every meeting a lot of issues to be resolved.

John Vezzetti – When was the vote given to the public involved to establish this Sanitary District?

Pete Vezzetti – Who, Where, How to receive full financial reports

Tom Werner – Will the street repairs be included in the sewer project – To the extent that the excavation for the lines will be repaired and asphalted.

Harley Farester – Explain Phase 1 A and Phase 1 B

When is the audit that a Board Member asked for at the March 4, meeting?

How many bonds and assessments will we have to pay for?

How many lots are being off TRSD assessments.

Item # 13 Update list of addresses for e-mail notices of meetings and agendas – please make sure Roxie has your e-mail address. R.Hadley noted that she is updating e-mail addresses as people sign in for the meeting:

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Item # 14 **Date, Time and Location of the next meeting – Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 5:15 at IBEW.**

Item # 15 Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. by motion of J.Chism, seconded by S.Palmer