

**TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, July 12, 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,

**Present:** In Person - H. Farester, T. Werner  
Via Zoom - M. Krebs, PACE

**Call to the Public** - H. Farester asked how many parcels were within TRSD in 2021, the total taxable values of the parcels within TRSD, how many parcel are delinquent in taxes and how many tax exemptions are on the tax rolls in the district. M. Harper advised that some of the work regarding the Miami Gardens deannexation may provide some answers to these questions.

T. Werner asked whether Phase I required financial help to pay for that phase, whether Phase II and III were guaranteed loans, when BHP would approve plant site and whether Wal-Mart has approved a lift station on their property.

**Approval of Minutes** – The issue of the approval of the minutes from the 06/02/21 special meeting was deferred until the next regular Board meeting.

**Financial Reports** - Gila County reported \$313,371.24 in the District Account.

K. Samuel provided financial reports for the fiscal year, with an ending balance of \$313,071.24. The discrepancy represents two uncashed checks to IBEW, one a recent check in the amount of \$225.00 and the other a 07/20/20 check that apparently had not been cashed for \$75.00. It was reported that the old check would be voided and a new check issued. Approval given to void the original check and to issue a new check.

In addition, it was reported that a check payable to Harper Law Offices in the amount of \$10,982.08 was mislabeled as payable to Hinze Cook and Murphey. K. Samuel states that this discrepancy makes no difference for accounting purposes, as both are payable to attorneys.

Malissa Buzan made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by Duane Buzan. Motion passed 4-0.

**Status of Contract with PACE for Phase I Engineering Services** – Robert Jacques reported that the background of the procedure with RD to date. He reported that RD had submitted the contract to the Office of General Counsel in order to review changes to contract proposed by

the District and M. Harper. The contract has been with that office since June. However, Jacques received an e-mail on the date of the meeting that the proposed changes to the language of the contract have been approved. M. Harper reported that he spoke with Mr. Krebs and that concurrence was expected within a week.

**Submission of Proposed Budget to Treasurer** – Robert Jacques reported that the proposed 21-22 Budget for TRSD was submitted to the County. The County has made no requests for further information, which is taken as a good sign. The proposed Budget was also submitted to the Board of Supervisors and County Financial Director. Again, no further requests for information were made.

**Payment of Bills** – K. Samuel submitted a bill in the amount of \$190.00 for June work, financial statements and documents for application to WIFA. Duane Buzan moved to approve payment. Mary Ann Moreno seconded. Vote 4-0 to approve.

T. Thayer submitted a bill in the amount of \$50.00 for services in the month of June. Duane Buzan moved to approve payment. Mary Ann Moreno seconded. Vote 4-0 to approve.

An old check in the amount of \$75.00 issued to IBEW on 07/20/20 apparently had never been cashed. M.A. Moreno reported that the check (#1376) had been issued on 07/20/20 but that it never had been cashed. This issue is also discussed under **Financial Reports**. Approved for payment by motion of M.A. Moreno. Seconded by D. Buzan. Vote 4-0 to approve.

IBEW submitted a bill in the amount of \$75 for 7/12/21 meeting. Malissa Buzan moved to approve payment. Duane Buzan seconded. Vote 4-0 to approve.

R. Jacques submitted a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$222.50. R. Jacques reported that \$195.01 was for payment issued by him to the Arizona Silver Belt for publication of the proposed Budget. Other costs were for printing services. Duane Buzan moved to approve payment. Mary Ann Morena seconded. Vote 4-0 to approve.

M. Harper submitted a bill in the amount of \$2,237.68 for general services provided to the Board for June 10 to July 7, 2021. Mary Ann Morena moved to approve payment. Duane Buzan seconded. Vote 4-0 to approve.

M. Harper submitted a bill in the amount of \$2,909.75 for project related services provided to the Board for June 10 to July 7, 2021. Mary Ann Morena moved to approve payment. Duane Buzan seconded. Vote 4-0 to approve.

**Status of WIFA Application** . L. Valdez reported that WIFA has provided a request for some clarifications and additional information, and that that information has been provided. All questions have been answered. In response to a question from R. Jacques regarding when the application was submitted, L. Valdez reported that it had been submitted in June. Questions were answered regarding property values within the District and regarding TRSD financials. L.

Valdez reported that the application is currently in underwriting and the WIFA Board is set to meet in August. T. Stratton reported that the application is currently with WIFA senior management for review. He reported that he did not expect to receive any additional questions at this point. T. Werner asked R. Jacques to summarize the information conveyed by L. Valdez and R. Jacques, and R. Jacques did so. L. Valdez reported that the actual date of the application submission was June 23, 2021. He reported that the application was submitted early because they believed WIFA would come back with questions.

**Status of Miami Gardens Deannexation .** M. Harper reported that his office is working on the Deannexation process and had been in contact with the Gila County Assessor's office regarding a number of tax and valuation issues. He reported that a letter regarding this process would be provided to the Board at the next regular meeting.

**Resumption and Synthesizing of Phase II and III Efforts –** R. Jacques discussed the possibility of returning to work regarding Phase II. He reported that M. Harper is reviewing the contract. R. Jacques stated that Jeff Hays and RD has suggested that these phases could be combined. The federal infrastructure program monies may be available to assist with this process. M. Krebs stated that they wanted to be in a position to be able to take advantage of the possibility of funding. He reported on a proposal that would amend the contract and Phase II and III to the project. Krebs reported that a caveat is that the environmental needs to be done on Phase III as well. Estimated that this would cost just under \$43K. R. Jacques reported that this \$43K would be added to the \$160K amount of the prior contract, for a total of approximately \$200K to complete Phases II and III. This would get the District to the point where we would get a letter of conditions for these two phases.

**Discussion re Filling of Vacancy on Board of Directors –** R. Jacques reported that there has been a vacancy since Stephen Palmer resigned earlier in the year. He reported that Cameron Farr has submitted an application to fill the seat, and that this would likely be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The public asked for information regarding Mr. Farr. R. Jacques read Mr. Farr's letter of interest to the public.

**Executive Session - None**

**Schedule any Topic or Issue**

**The next Regular Meeting of the TRSD Board will take place on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. at the IBEW Hall**

**Adjournment** M. Moreno moved the meeting adjourn. Motion seconded by D. Buzan. Motion passed 4-0.