

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2021

- Item # 1. Call to order: By President Jacques at 5:19 p.m.
- Item # 2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by R.Jacques
- Item # 3 **Roll Call** - D.Buzan, M.Buzan(via Zoom), R.Jacques, M.A.Moreno, M.Harper, Counsel for the District
Others - M. Krebs, P.E., PACE, L.Valdez, Financial Advisor(via Zoom)
Public - C.Farr, D.Farester, H. Farester, T.Werner, M.Warbington, in person; Mayor A. Gameros, City of Globe,(via Zoom), F.Shipley, Notary..
- Item # 4 **Vacancy on the Board of Directors** - S.Palmer resigned his position on the Board of Directors in the spring of 2021. Mr. Cameron Farr, a resident of the District, has applied to fill the position - His letter of application had been read at a prior meeting and President Jacques offered to re-read it should the public desire it. No one responded to the offer. M.A.Moreno moved to appoint Cameron Farr to the Board of Directors to fill the term vacated by S.Palmer, which term ends on 12/31/2022, seconded by D.Buzan and carried 4 - 0.
- Item # 5 **Loyalty Oath of Office** - was administered to Mr. Cameron Farr by President Jacques and subsequently Notarized by Fernando Shipley, Notary.
- Item # 6 **Call to the Public** - H. Farester wanted to know why Minutes were not available within 2 or 3 days after each meeting.
- Item # 7 **Minutes** of the Regular meeting of 07/12/2021 and the Special Meeting of 07/23/2021 were approved by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by D.Buzan. (5-0)
Minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget of 06/02/2021 were read by M.A.Moreno. D. Buzan moved approval of those minutes as presented, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried. (5-0)
- Item # 8 **Financial Report** - Gila County reports \$308,523.23 as of 07/30/2021
- Item # 9 **Payment of Bills:**
Samuel Accounting submitted a bill in the amount of \$352.00 for services in the month of June . Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by D.Buzan.
Ted Thayer submitted a bill in the amount of \$62.50 for Website services. Approved for payment by motion of D.Buzan, seconded by M.A.Moreno
Henze Cook Murphy submitted a bill in the amount of \$456.00 for services associated with Procurement issues. Approved for payment by M.A.Moreno, seconded by D.Buzan
Harper Law submitted a bill for General Representation in the amount of \$4,313.63 Approved for payment by motion of D.Buzan, seconded by R.Jacques.
Harper Law submitted a bill for Project related services in the amount of \$3,110.60. Approved for payment by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by M.A.Moreno.
I.B.E.W. submitted a bill in the amount of \$225.00 for 3 meetings, 2 in July and 1 in August. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by D.Buzan.

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- Item # 10 **Phase I Engineering Contract** - Due to changes in the standard language of the contract utilized by the USDA-RD to protect the interests of TRSD, the document had to be reviewed by the Office of the General Counsel. Approval has been received (e-mail notification was sent to R.Jacques via e-mail on July 26). The Agreement will be submitted for publication on the TRSDWastewater.org website.
- Item # 11 **W.I.F.A. Update** - T.Stratton reported that all documents and requested information [had been submitted to WIFA staff. The application for \$5.5 million will go before the WIFA Board on August 19. There are no guarantees but staff appeared confident that the application would be approved. L.Valdez concurred with Mr. Stratton's report
- Item # 12 **Water Quality Management Plan** - The C.A.G. group met and approved the Plans of TRSD, the City of Globe and the Town of Miami. The meeting was attended by representatives of each organization as well as representatives from A.D.E.Q. The Amendments will now proceed through the process: acceptance by ADEQ, followed by review and acceptance by E.P.A. Once that occurs a letter will be sent to ADEQ at which point other necessary permit activities may begin.
- Item # 13 **Phase II/III Contract with PACE** - USDA-RD encouraged the TRSD Board to combine the Phase II P.E.R. with that of Phase III in order to have the project ready to proceed should Infrastructure funding be forthcoming from the Federal Government. In response to an inquiry from the public, the Phase II PER agreement had been signed. It is now being re-negotiated to include Phase III as recommended by USDA-RD. Once that has been finalized it will be brought to the Board for action.
- Item # 14 **Miami Gardens De-Annexation** - M.Harper, District Counsel, reported that he had submitted and Impact Statement to the TRSD Board that outlines the financial impact of removing the Miami Gardens parcels from the District. He complimented the staff at the Gila County Assessor's office for their assistance in the process. The financial impact is negligible. He explained that once the Impact Statement is accepted a public hearing must be advertised and posted, the Board of Supervisors notified, following which hearing the residents will petition for the action. A member of the public noted that this process is different than that of Vertical Heights. Mr. Harper replied that the process outlined is following statutory language.
M.A.Moreno moved to accept the Impact Statement as presented, seconded by D.Buzan and carried, 5-0
M.A.Moreno moved to establish the date of the Public Hearing as September 7, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. contingent on the availability of the IBEW Hall, seconded by C.Farr and carried, 4-0. President Jacques abstained.
Mr. Harper agreed that his office would take care of the necessary notifications and publications. President Jacques will post the physical notices in the Miami Gardens neighborhood.
- Item # 15 **PACE Request for Allowances** - as part of the approved Contract, PACE is identifying each element with pricing. This submittal includes amounts for Assisting with Funding, \$2,600, Aerial Design \$185,200.20, and GeoTech Services \$48,400.00. No action is required at this time.

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- Item # 16 **Questions Posed by the Public** - President Jacques reviewed the documents received from members of the public since June, 2021 and responded to each inquiry. Mr. Harper provided the number of parcels in the District obtained from the Assessor's Office, the valuation of the District (\$14+ million). Information on the number of exemptions and delinquencies can be obtained from the County, however, M.A.Moreno had checked earlier on exemptions and delinquencies. The collection rate, according to the Gila Co. Treasurer, is 96.8%. Exemptions are collected as part of the general fund and back taxes must be paid when property is auctioned for non-payment before title can be issued. The loan for Phase I has been guaranteed by the Letter of Conditions, Phases II & III have not. Location of the Treatment Facility is contingent on BHP and continues to be governed by the Confidentiality Agreement between BHP and TRSD. Payment is also up to BHP. Lift station location will be determined by the site provided by BHP. Amounts claimed to be owed to PACE will be addressed at a future meeting.
- Item # 17 **Executive Session** - Not Necessary
- Item # 18 **Items Discussed in Executive Session** - Session not held
- Item # 19 **Announcements** - The Board will be meeting with the Gila County Board of Supervisors on August 31 at 10 a.m. at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room.
- Item # 20 **Schedule Any Topic or Issue - The Next Regular** meeting will take place immediately following the **Public Hearing on the Miami Gardens De-Annexation** on September 7 at 5:15 p.m. at the IBEW Hall.
- Item # 21 M.A.Moreno moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m, seconded by M.Buzan and carried.