

**TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, September 19, 2022**

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

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Duane Buzan

**Roll Call:** D. Buzan, Malissa Buzan (via Zoom), R. Jacques, M.A. Moreno (via Zoom), Cameron Farr, M. Harper, District Counsel, Tim Stratton, Bond Counsel, Mike Krebs, PACE

**Present:** In Person - H. Farester, Dalton Farester, Tom Werner (joined late)

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for the June 21, 2022 Executive Session Meeting were presented for approval. M. Moreno moved to approve. C. Farr seconded. Vote passes 5-0. Minutes for the August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. M. Moreno moved to approve. R. Jacques seconded. Vote passes 5-0. As to the August 31, 2022 Executive Session Minutes, a Motion was made by R. Jacques to table approval until the next meeting. D. Buzan seconded. Vote passes 5-0.

**Financial Report.** R. Jacques stated that Gila County reported \$353,610.05 in the District Account.

**Payment of Bills.** The following bills for the period from August 31, 2022 through September 12, 2022 were presented for possible approval:

Axix statement ending 9/12/2022 – \$2146.50  
IBEW – \$300.00  
Debra Patton – \$872.00  
R. Jacques cost reimbursement – \$417.12  
Harper Law Offices (project work) – \$4,722.55  
Harper Law Offices (general representation) – \$1,977.60  
PACE (Invoice A-128) – \$21,257.25  
PACE (Invoice B-708) – \$78,812.53  
Ted Thayer – \$50.00

D. Buzan moved to approval payment of all bills. C. Farr seconded. Vote passes 5-0.

**Update Regarding Phase I Design.** Mike Krebs provided the report. PACE is working with Arizona Eastern to have the design submitted. There was an insurance issue that arose, but has now been resolved. PACE plans to publish notice in the Arizona Silver Belt. PACE is working on 90% plans for collection system and lift stations. They are also working on the easements required for Phase II. On this issue, PACE is actively seeking the assistance of Gila County. As to the treatment site, PACE anticipates being able to provide the location of the site in October.

Also, residential hookup plans are moving forward. R. Jacques asked if the utility companies have had a chance to look at the design. M. Krebs said that materials have been submitted to the County, Arizona Water and Southwest Gas, but he has not heard back yet. These are plans at the 60% level. USDA has also been provided with a set of the plans. As to the equipment Request for Proposals, PACE has received comments back from USDA. The Request for Proposals will be submitted to USDA for its final approval.

**Update on IGA between TRSD and Town of Miami re Bechtel Tract.** M. Harper reported that the Agreement had recently been approved by the Town of Miami Town Council. R. Jacques reported that he was at the Council meeting. He reported that there was little discussion regarding the District Agreement, but some discussion regarding the Town of Miami and BHP, which have a separate agreement. BHP agreed it would provide a written addendum to that agreement.

**Update regarding selection of a qualified engineering consulting firm re Phases II and III.** M. Harper provided a form of RFQ for the Board's consideration. T. Stratton raised the issue of funding and noted that the RFQ would need to provide for a similar funding disclaimer that was included in the Phase I RFQ for engineering service. D. Buzan moved to approve the RFQ with the addition of the funding language and modification of the District's website address. R. Jacques seconded. Vote passes 5-0.

**Funding for Phases II and III.** T. Stratton reported that he has been speaking with Dan Dialese with WIFA on this issue. T. Stratton requested an agenda item on the next Board meeting to present a resolution authorizing submission of an application to WIFA. He reported that he is working on the question of whether WIFA funds can be used to purchase materials. He also reported that he is investigating whether WIFA has any programs to provide assistance to residents. He is attempting to coordinate the closing of the WIFA loan with the Letter of Conditions for these Phases. M. Krebs asked if they had thought more about the shop drawings and whether those could be funded. The shop drawings, if paid for, can allow PACE to advise the contractors when the fabrication and delivery may occur, which is very helpful to the contractor. M. Krebs indicated that he did not see any resistance coming from USDA-RD on this issue. M. Krebs also stated that he believed this orchestration would save money on the project. T. Stratton clarified that WIFA assistance being investigated for funds which may cover possible needs inside of the house, which are not repairs to which the Colonia funds would apply.

**Update on Reinstitution of the TRSD SAM Account.** R. Jacques reported that on August 31, 2002 at 12:46 he was notified that the District's SAM account had been reinstated. The individual responsible for this was Debra Patton. R. Jacques praised Debra's efforts. Debra Patton, on Zoom, thanked the Board and stated that it was a pleasure to work with Robert and the District. R. Jacques reported that the Reinstitution of the SAM account triggered the release of funds that have been held by USDA-RD pending the restitution of the SAM account. USDA-RD moved quickly to release the funds.

**Update re 9/6/22 Site Visit by Congressman Tom O'Halleran and Stakeholders.** R. Jacques reported regarding the visit by Congressman O'Halleran and noted that the attendance to the meeting was restricted at the request of the Congressman. He noted that there were multiple attendees from the City of Globe, the hospital, Miami High School and representatives from the County, including District 2 Supervisor, Tim Humphery. Congressman understands that inflation is an issue with respect to the project. R. Jacques reported that there was a request for the attendance of the people at the meeting. There was discussion between H. Farester and R. Jacques regarding the persons invited to the meeting. R. Jacques again stated that the invitations extended were limited at the request of the Congressman.

**Consideration of Allowance Use Request #4 from PACE.** M. Krebs summarized a request to reallocate certain funds in the budget to address needs for environmental investigation. R. Jacques questioned whether the additional allowance was beyond that which had been approved and asked if the project was still within budget. M. Krebs said the project is still within budget. The request is to move money from the geotech allowance in order to bring the environmental investigations line item to \$25,000.00. R. Jacques moved to approve reallocation funds. D. Buzan seconded. C. Farr asked if the District was in danger of going out of budget in the Geotech line. M. Krebs said that the District was not. Motion passes 5-0.

**Call to the Public.** Tom Werner commented on the O'Halleran visit. The meeting returned to that agenda item. R. Jacques stated that it was Congressman O'Halleran's idea to come visit. There were initially some discussions regarding him coming to a board meeting. The Monday before, we were notified that he was coming and had 1 and a half hours of time to offer. They planned to do a driving tour, then a meeting with local stakeholders to answer questions. Congressman O'Halleran expressed his support for the project.

Dalton Farester stated that he was disappointed in the Congressman based upon comments made by him at the last meeting he attended.

**Executive Session.** R. Jacques moved to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session. D. Buzan seconded. Motion passes 5-0. The board moved into executive session and the public departed.

**Items Discussed in Executive Session.** No items were considered.

**Announcements.** The next Board Meeting will be October 11, 2022. M. Moreno noted that Old Dominion Day is coming up.

**Items to Schedule.** No items were scheduled.

**Adjournment.** M. Moreno moved to adjourn. C. Farr second. Vote passes 5-0.