

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2021

- Item # 1. Call to order: By President Jacques at 5:15 p.m.
- Item # 2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by R.Jacques
- Item # 3 **Roll Call** - M.Buzan(via Zoom), R.Jacques, M.A.Moreno, M.Harper,
Counsel for the District, T.Stratton, Bond Counsel
Absent: D.Buzan, C.Farr
Others - L.Valdez, Financial Advisor(via Zoom), Mike Krebs (via Zoom), James
Menlove (via Zoom)
Public - H. Farester, T.Werner, D.Farester
- Item # 4 **Call to the Public**
T.Werner - Regular meeting minutes amounts claimed to be owed to PACE?
How will the \$5.5 mil. be paid in January?
How is TRSD going to bill each house?
HF -
- Item # 5 **Approval of Meeting Minutes of:**
September 7, 2021 Public Hearing on De-annexation of Miami Gardens and **Regular Meeting** - Approved by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried, 3-0 via roll call.
- Item # 6 **Financial Reports** - End of September Report from Gila County shows \$293,463.78 in the District account.
- Item # 7 **Payment of Bills**
IBEW submitted a bill in the amount of \$150 for Hall Rental for 2 meetings through 10/11/2021. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno. seconded by M.Buzan, 3-0 via roll call.
T.Thayer submitted a bill in the amount of \$50.00 for website services. Approved for payment by M.A.Moreno, seconded by M.Buzan. 3 -0 via roll call.
President Jacques submitted a bill in the amount of \$310.98 for travel and expenses through October 11,2021. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by M.Buzan, 3-0 via roll call
M.Harper submitted a bill for General Representation in the amount of \$4,932.34 Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by M.Buzan, 3 -0 vial roll call.
M.Harper submitted a bill for Project related expenses in the amount of \$9,900.88 Approved for payment by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by M.A.Moreno, 3 -0 via roll call.
Arizona Silverbelt submitted a bill for publication of the Notice re Miami Gardens in the amount of \$282.35. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by R.Jacques, 3 -0 via roll call.
Samuel Accounting - table until next meeting -
Gust Rosenfeld submitted a bill in the amount of \$145,000 for services as Bond Counsel R.Jacques moved to pay \$145,000, seconded by M.A.Moreno

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Following discussion, R.Jacques moved to withdraw the motion to pay, seconded by M.A.Moreno, Motion carried 3 - 0 via roll call.

R.Jacques moved to re-visit this invoice when we make the first draw from WIFA, with the caveat that this take place after the deannexation of Miami Gardens, seconded by M.A.Moreno. Carried 3-0 via roll call

- Item # 8 **Update on Miami Gardens De-annexation** -M.Harper met with Mr. Gore prior to the meeting. Mr. Gore will be circulating those petitions. When the petitions are returned they will be submitted to the County for verification and another Public Hearing will be scheduled when that verification is received.
- Item # 9 **Update regarding the WIFA Loan for Phase I Design Engineering - T.Stratton** reported that WIFA had closed on the loan at 1% for Phase I engineering. The loan does not cover Phase 2 & 3 nor does it cover construction. The WIFA loan for engineering services does not require adherence to the Davis-Bacon Act.
- Item # 10 **Status Report regarding the development of a Request for Qualifications to retain a firm to manage the District's Financial Audit requirements** -T.Stratton e-mailed an RFP draft to Attorney Harper for review to send to qualified auditing firms to assist the District in performing required audits. Attorney Stratton is anticipating a number of firms to respond. Motion made by M.Buzan to direct the attorneys to move forward, establish dates in consultation with R.Jacques and to submit the refined document for the November meeting for action by the Board, seconded by M.A.Moreno. 3-0 via roll call.
- Item # 11 Update regarding securing a TRSD Office Site -The offer of space at 1100 Monroe St. was removed due to serious damage to the space due to the summer storms. By consensus it was decided to remain with the office at the County complex on Apache Street.
- Item # 12 Update regarding possible retention of clerical assistance for the District - M.A.Moreno met with JaLin staff who will attempt to find qualified candidates. She will follow-up.
- Item # 13 Update regarding possible retention of an accountant for the District - R.Jacques would like to meet with the Finance professional at Pinetop/Lakeside and ask if he would act as a consultant to our accountant . M.A.Moreno moved to direct R.Jacques to meet with K.Samuel regarding this possibility and proceed with Mark Eberer if she is agreeable, seconded by M.Buzan and carried, 3-0 via roll call
- Item # 14 Update regarding meeting with Globe City Manager Paul Jepson and Mayor Al Gameros -on 9/16, R.Jacques and M.A.Moreno met with Mayor Gameros and Manager Jepson. The Mayor had some concerns with the way meetings had been conducted in the past and discussed the potential about sharing savings once all facilities are operational.
- Item # 15 **Consideration of request for reimbursement of labor costs incurred by PACE** to provide Preliminary Engineering Services necessary to secure a Letter of Conditions from USDA-RD that funds Phase I of the TRSD Wastewater Collection/Treatment System -

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R.Jacques moved to table this item until the next meeting, possibly next week, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried, 3-0 via roll call.

- Item # 16** **Consideration o f PACE Pay Application # 1 - Phase I Engineering Efforts -**
R.Jacques moved to table this item until the next meeting, seconded by M.A.Moreno
and carried, 3-0 via roll call.
- Item # 17** **Status Report** regarding Lift Station location discussions -M.Krebs and R.Jacques have met with J.Menlove, County Manager, regarding easements, and learned via the County. assessor that the properties in question were actually Freeport property. M.Krebs and R.Jacques met with Bryce Mares and Jordan Mann who appeared very receptive. FMI is developing an easement agreement. R. Jacques noted that he Antidipates having the agreement within the week. It was a very positive interaction.
- item # 18** **Consideration relating to the possible opening of a TRSD Bank Account with Great Western Bank (1st Interstate) -** M.A.Moreno met with Great Western Bank who indicated they would be able to provide a checking account for the District with a deposit of \$25.00. L.Valdez suggested the District open two (2) accounts, a Project Account and an Operating Account.
M.A.Moreno moved to authorize R.Jacques to sign a Resolution establishing 2 or more accounts at Great Western bank for the TRSD, seconded by M.Buzan and carried , 3-0 via roll call.
M.A.Moreno moved that District President R.Jacques and Secretary M.A.Moreno be designated as signatories on any of those accounts, seconded by M.Buzan and carried 3-0 via roll call.
- item # 19** **Executive Session** pursuant to ARS 38-431.03, A,1 and ARS 38-431.03, A,3
None
- Item # 20** **Items Discussed in Executive Session**
Not held
- Item # 21** **Announcements**
Looking at a meeting on October 20, 2021 to resolve the tabled items providing
D.Buzan and C.Farr are available.
Apache J'ii will take place on Saturday, October 16th.
- Item # 22** **Schedule Any Topic or Issue**
The Next **Regular** Meeting will be Monday, November 8, 2021. If anyone has an item they wish to add to the Agenda, please notify the district no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.
- Item # 23** Adjournment - M.A.Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m., seconded by M.Buzan and carried, 3- 0 via roll call

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