

**TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**October 20, 2021**

- Item # 1           The meeting was called to order by President Jacques at 5:17 p.m.
- Item #2           Mary Anne Moreno led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Item #3           Roll Call: M.Buzan via Phone and Zoom, C.Farr, R.Jacques, M.A.Moreno, District Counsel M.Harper, Bond Counsel, T.Stratton, Financial Advisor, L. Valdez (Zoom), M.Krebs, P.E., PACE (Zoom)  
Absent: D.Buzan  
Public Present: H.Farester, D.Farester, T.Werner
- Item # 4.         Payment of Bills  
**K.Samuel** submitted a bill in the amount of \$237.80 for services through 9/13/21. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by C.Farr, via roll call. 4-0  
**Arizona SilverBelt** submitted a bill in the amount of \$614.83 for the display ads regarding the Miami Gardens de-annexation. The District had remitted \$282.35 following the last meeting R.Jacques and carried via roll call. 4-0  
Financial Advisor Valdez of MSM submitted a bill in the amount of \$68,750.00 for services leading to the WIFA funding. R..Jacques moved to table this bill until the Miami Gardens de-annexation is completed, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried via roll call 4-0.
- Item # 5         **Discussion regarding the District's approved assessment process** and the funding of a \$12 million loan for Phase I of the project. H.Farester e-mailed President Jacques noting that on Oct 25, 2019, J.Hays of USDA stated that the District debt will be approved or disapproved by the Tri City Residents; however if the residents decline to approve the debt through the proposed assessments then the funding will be de-obligated without a resolution to the failing septic/cesspool systems and the funds would be taken and given to other projects.  
Bond Counsel Stratton stated that the Board went through the Assessment District Process according to the Statute - there were not enough negative responses to stop the process, the District has the authority to go forward with the project.
- Item # 6         **Consideration of request for reimbursement of labor costs** incurred by PACE to provide preliminary engineering services necessary to secure the Letter of Conditions from USDA-RD that funds Phase I of the TRSD Wastewater Collection/Treatment System. Pre-engineering \$950,000,  
R.Jacques reviewed history of PACE involvement with TRSD.  
The original agreement encompassed 3 key elements:  
1. Review and, if necessary, amend the AMEC Preliminary Engineering Report  
2. Obtain funding (assistance), I.e. the USDA Letter of Conditions  
3. Prepare the Water Quality Management plan  
There was contingent language regarding payment additional work -  
There was significant additional work due to additional requirements of USDA and changes to criteria. Beyond that, USDA requested the project be funded in 3 Phases and when the Town of Miami proved reluctant to reach an agreement, USDA suggested PACE and TRSD include a Wastewater Reclamation Facility in the Project.

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Additional time was spent on the Assessment Process, Public meetings, and different alternatives.

The project, initially expected to take 3 years stretched into 6 and now 9 years.

The Scope of work increased dramatically that were not well defined , \$950,550.00 by the end of 2018.

PACE has provided information on costs associated with all of the tasks they performed . R.Jacques and Attorney Harper reviewed all billing, found no problems regarding the information provided by PACE. USDA has no negative opinion \$950,++

2018-2020 Prepared the Water Quality Management Plan, worked on water

The total of \$1,065,550.00 is justified based on the materials provided.

Funds will ultimately be paid for from the Loan funds authorized by the USDA-RD.

C.Farr moved to remit \$1,650, seconded by M.Buzan. Motion failed via roll call, 4-0 noes.

C.Farr moved to approve the work performed by PACE in the amount of \$1,065,550.00 but table payment until various parameters are met to make funds available, seconded by M.Buzan and carried via roll call, 4 ayes - 0 noes

- Item # 7      **Consideration of PACE Pay Application # 1 - Phase I Engineering Efforts**  
Payment to PACE in the amount of \$130,195.00 to USDA- RD who will approve and draw from Colonia funds  
All documents were reviewed by R.Jacques regarding the tasks and the time and dollars.  
M.Krebs requested the use of funds approved with the proviso that, if funds need to be M.A.Moreno moved to approve the funding request in the amount of \$130,195 to USDA-RD, seconded by C.Farr via roll call- 4-0
- Item # 8.      **Executive Session -**  
None
- Item # 9      Items Discussed in Executive Session**
- Item # 10.      Announcements -
- Item @ 11      Schedule any Topic or Issue**  
**Date/Time of next meeting Monday, November 8, 2021 Thursday, 5:15, at IBEW Hall.**
- Item # 12      Adjournment: M.A.Moreno moved to adjourn at, 6.27 p.m., seconded by R.Jacques and carried. 4-0.