

**TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2019**

**President Buzan called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** M.Buzan, J.Chism (by phone), M.A.Moreno, Legal Counsel, W. Clemmens, Legal Assistant, R.Hadley, L.Valdez, Financial Advisor

**Absent:** S.Palmer, B.Tower

**Public:** M.Gonzalez, H.Farester, F.Barcon, D.Farester, T.Werner, Bill Marshall, J.Cornell, R.Cornell, A.Gameros, P.Jepson. C.Guerra, J.Stanneart, B.Newman, C.Tafoya

- Item # 1        **Minutes of October 21, 2019** were approved as sent by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by J.Chism
- Item # 2        The report from the County indicates \$187,676.68 in the District account. The financial report from K. Samuel indicates a balance of \$184,076.68, reflecting the \$3,600 check that has not been cashed by the Pioneer Title. The checks that were questioned by the accountant at the last meeting had been mis-applied. The error has been corrected and is reflected in this balance. M.A.Moreno moved to accept the report, seconded by J.Chism and carried.
- Item # 3        **Update** on Bridge Loan Financing for the engineering and certain incidental expenses for the TRSD Phase 1 project, including discussion of negotiations with RCAC and USDA regarding financing – L.Valdez reported that the District had received a commitment from USDA for a loan and grant. However, the District must obtain a temporary loan in the amount of \$1.5 million to pay for the engineering studies required to get the project to bid. The lenders to whom he has spoken are concerned that, if for some reason the District did not go forward with the project, how would their loan be repaid. The District Board is being asked to support a Resolution that would agree to levy a tax on property owners to pay off that loan should that scenario occur.  
He noted that he has been working with RCAC, various banks and Chicanos por la Causa. The challenge is if the project doesn't go forward, they might not get paid and that is the challenge. The concern is repayment. L.Valdez will continue to work to obtain bridge financing.  
  
Review and possible adoption of a TRSD position statement concerning actions by TRSD in the event the project does not move forward was tabled by motion of J.Chism, seconded by M.A.Moreno and carried. This issue may require a work session which will be scheduled, if necessary, and the public notified.. It was again pointed out by Mr. Valdez that this is a comfort issue for the lender(s)
- Item # 4        **Status on Vertical Heights withdrawal** from the boundaries of the TRSD – Resolution 19-003  
M.A.Moreno moved to ratify Resolution #19-003, seconded by J.Chism and carried. B.Marshall has the necessary petition documents and will obtain the signatures.
- Item # 5        **Status on request by owners of properties within Miami Gardens concerning de-annexation from the District boundaries** – no report.
- Item # 6        Discussion of a request from the City of Globe for payment for engineering work to describe the boundaries of the new TRSD DMA – Application in to CAG for 208 Plan, At the suggestion of the City of Globe, TRSD, the City and the Town of Miami is working with one engineer to establish unequivocal boundaries. Mr. A.Gameros reported that the matter is being reviewed by CAG and he has asked that it be expedited..
- Item # 7        Modification(s) to the TRSD website including revisions to the website to make the information more accessible to the public. Discussion of a statement on the TRSD website to reduce solicitations by various individuals / companies offering services.-  
Update by M.Gonzalez concerning work on the Citizens' Advisory Committee – will be meeting with Mr. Clemmens and is working with first responders at this time.
- Item # 8        **Office Hours and Staffing for the new TRSD office** – Update and steps to provide access to the public for the TRSD records – the process has begun and equipment and supplies are in place.

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- Item # 9      **Report on meeting with BHP and TRSD Staff** concerning the site for the TRSD Wastewater facility. Based on the existing Confidentiality Agreement with BHP. W.Clemmens reported that he had been meeting with BHP and the engineers and things are looking favorable for the project.
- Item # 10      Discussion of issues concerning wastewater treatment for residents in the area of Mill Street and contact by the Town of Miami – M.A.Moreno moved to table this item until the Engineer can be present, seconded by J.Chism and carried.
- Item # 11      Review and possible adoption of a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the TRSD Board of Directors approving the Impact Statement for the Withdrawal of Vertical Heights following the Public Hearing of August 19, 2019. Resolution # 19-003, approved by motion of (see item #4) by a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.
- Item # 12      Due to staff changes at the IBEW, discussion and possible action concerning the contract for use of the facility by TRSD with the new Business Manager, Domenic Mark Marcanti – R.Hadley has discussed the prior agreement with IBEW and the organization will bill the District for the outstanding months. Their new policy is \$75/meeting, the District to be responsible for room set-up, IBEW will take down.
- Item # 13      Payment of Bills:**  
**Attorney Clemmens** submitted a bill for services for the month of October, 2019 in the amount of **\$1,876.80**. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by J.Chism.  
**Ted Thayer** submitted a bill in the amount of **\$58.67** for website services for the month of October, 2019, including renewal of the TRSD Domain with GoDaddy.com. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by J.Chism.  
**Samuel Accounting Service** submitted a bill in the amount of \$67.50 for services through October, 2019. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by J.Chism.  
**USPS Claypool** requested Postal Box Rent of \$120.00 for 1 year, due by November 30, 2019. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by J.Chism.  
PACE submitted a bill in the amount of \$6,460.27 for continuing work on the Phase II P.E.R., Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by J.Chism.
- Item # 14      **Call to the Public –**  
Any member of the public desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT scheduled on this agenda may do so at this time, to members of the TRSD Board. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person and addressed to the entire Board. A “Request to Address the Board” Form should be filled out and submitted prior to the beginning of the Board meeting.  
  
F.Barcon – DMA question has been answered  
                  Engineer can answer next month  
                  Opportunity Zone map – The County Supervisors removed Miami and Central Heights, from the Zone which has implications for possible funding sources.  
                  He reiterated that he feels the District should hook up to the Town of Miami WWTP.  
Several individual:  
How many taxpayers are there in the TRSD?, How many are actually paying their property tax?  
How is taking Vertical Heights and Miami Gardens affecting the tax rolls/income for the District?
- Item # 15      Update list of addresses for e-mail notices of meetings and agendas –
- Item # 16      **Next Regular Meeting - Monday, December 9, 2019 at 5:15 at the IBEW Hall.**
- Item # 17      Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by motion of J.Chism, seconded by M.A.Moreno.