### TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**December 17, 2020** 

Secretary Moreno called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

Present: R.Jacques via Zoom, M.A.Moreno and S.Palmer in person.

Also Present: M.Harper, Esq., F.Shipley, Notary, D.Buzan, D.Farester, H.Farester and T.Werner in person, F.Barcon, M.Buzan, D.Marcanti and CTafoya via Zoom

- Item # 1 E.Miranda submitted his resignation as President and Board Member. S. Palmer moved to accept the resignation, seconded by R. Jacques and carried.
- Recommendations for members of the TRSD Board with the necessary qualifications to Replace John Chism and Ernie Miranda for the balance of their terms of office. M.Buzan, Former President and Member of the Board and resident of the District has agreed to serve; Duane Buzan, a resident of the District has also expressed a willingness to serve. R.Jacques Moved to accept these two individuals to serve the remainder of the terms of J.Chism and E. Miranda, seconded by S.Palmer and carried.
- Item # 3 S. Palmer moved to elect M.Buzan and D.Buzan to fill the unexpired terms of J.Chism and E.Miranda, seconded by R. Jacques and carried. Chair Moreno administered the Oath of Office to both individuals. F.Shipley notarized D.Buzan's signature, M.Buzan will have her Oath notarized at her office. M.A.Moreno welcomed both individuals to the Board.
- Item # 4 Election of a replacement for the office of President M.A.Moreno nominated R.Jacques. Motion died for lack of a second. S. Palmer noted that new Board members had not met or worked with Mr. Jacques and moved to defer this action to the next meeting, seconded by D.Buzan and carried
- Item # 5 William Clemmens resigned as District Counsel. S.Palmer moved to accept the resignation, seconded by M. Buzan and carried.
- Item # 6 Contract for services as Legal Counsel for the District with Michael Harper, Esq. Mr Harper introduced himself to the new Board Members and the public and reviewed his experience with respect to Sanitary District representation. R.Jacques moved to accept this contract, seconded by S.Palmer and carried.
- Item #7 Minutes of September 21, 2020 had been approved at the October 26 meeting the October 26, 2020 minutes will be added to the next meeting agenda for approval.
- Item # 8 Financial Reports the Gila County Treasurer reports \$306,441.02 in the District account on November 30, 2020. R.Jacques moved to accept the report, seconded by S.Palmer and carried.
- Report on meeting with USDA-RD, R.Jacques, M.Harper and M.Krebs R.Jacques reported the meeting was scheduled to introduce M.Harper and himself to J.Hays and R.Lanford of USDA-RD and to bring them up to date on the situation with the District and its Board. R.Jacques felt it was a very positive meeting and that USDA-RD is very interested in seeing this project proceed to completion. M.Harper stated that he agreed with Mr. Jacques and that USDA-RD is willing to extend the time frame identified in the Letter of Conditions provided certain benchmarks were identified and met. M.Harper is working on that document.
- Item # 10 Basic Board Training offer by Deborah Patton following discussion it was decided to explore other alternatives. Attorney Harper noted that he had information on the subject

he could provide.

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Item # 11 Discussion of possible action regarding contact with accounting firms that perform audits for Public agencies – E.Miranda had agreed to research this item. M.Buzan volunteered to contact the firm that performed the audit for the G-M United Fund. She will also contact M. Krebs for contacts at projects his firm completed in the state. M.Harper noted that the Payson Sanitary District used the firm Eide/Bailey.

## Item # 12 Payment of Bills:

**IBEW** submitted bills for use of the meeting hall on December 15 and 17 in the amount of \$75 each. Approved for payment by motion of S.Palmer, seconded by R.Jacques.

**Samuel Accounting** submitted a bill in the amount of \$225. Approved for payment by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by S.Palmer.

**Ted Thayer** submitted a bill for Website services in October in the amount of \$200 and November in the amount of \$50. Approved for payment by motion of S.Palmer, seconded By R. Jacques.

**William Clemmens** submitted a bill in the amount of \$4,979 for services through October 19. Approved for payment by motion of S. Palmer, seconded by M.Buzan.

**Michael Harper** submitted a bill in the amount of \$9,843.38 for services through November. Approved for payment by motion of R.Jacques, seconded by M.Buzan.

**Mary A. Moreno** submitted a request for payment in the amount of \$149.50 for an annual License for the TRSD with Zoom. Approved for payment by motion of R.Jacques, seconded by S.Palmer.

### Item # 13 Call to the Public

T.Werner – 1. No notification of the meeting posted at the Claypool P.O.

- 2. Since records at office are off limits until a request is ordered and the one time I had access to review it is not organized. Would it be to much to ask if the original Contract for Phase I be brought to a meeting along with applications for payment from PACE.
- 3. At September meeting Legal Counsel Bill Clemmens said there was no signed contract for Phase II yet Miss Moreno said there was. Is there a signed contract for Phase II.
- 4. If PACE Engineering has submitted \$950,000.00 for Phase I would the rest of the Engineering for Phase I be cost plus including individual owner hook up locations, Underground utilities. Also where is plant location and lift station.

Harley Farester – Status on request of Mimi Gardens concerning withdrawal from boundaries. No statement from Attorney Clemmens revise of impact statement.

Vertical Heights. Also evidence of indebtedness. The still remain subject to taxes, special assessments or fees levied or collected to meet the contract. 48-262.

- Item # 14 Update list of addresses for e-mail notifications of meetings and agendas D.Buzan
- Item # 15/16 Set date, time and location of the next meeting. Following discussion S.Palmer moved the TRSD Board meetings be scheduled for the second Monday of each month, seconded by D.Buzan and carried.

The next meeting of the TRSD Board will meet on January 11, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at the IBEW Hall and will be live-streamed via Zoom.

- Item # 17 S.Palmer moved to recess and convene in Executive Session for legal advice at 6:25 and reconvene in regular session following the Executive Session.
- Item 18 Regular meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

Item 19 S.Palmer moved the regular meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by D.Buzan and carried.