## TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 28, 2023

Item # 1 President R. Jacques called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Item # 2 T. Stratton led the Pledge of Allegiance

Item # 3 Roll Call:, C. Asrarynezami; M. Buzan; C. Farr (Z); R. Jacques; M.A. Moreno; M. Harper,

District Counsel; T. Stratton, Bond Counsel

Also: D. Patton, Consultant (Z); L. Valdez, Financial Advisor (Z)

Absent:

Public: J.L. Stanneart, H. Farester, M. Warbington

Item # 4 -Approval of Regular Session Minutes of 6/20/2023, Special Session Minutes of 8/3/2023.

M. Buzan moved to approve the referenced minutes, seconded by C. Farr. Carried 5-0

-M. Buzan moved to table the Minutes of 8/24, seconded by M.A. Moreno. Carried

5-0

Item # 5 Financial Report – the Gila County Treasurer reported \$496,016.50 in the TRSD account

as of July 31, 2023

## Item # 6 Payment of Bills

Name	Reason	Amount
Robert Jacques	Meetings: Travel/Expenses	\$615.70
AVIX Accounting, LLC	One-Time Accounting Fees	\$1,579.50
AVIX Accounting, LLC	Recurring Accounting Fees	\$2,419.00
Harper Law Offices, PC	General Legal	\$6,821.10
Harper Law Offices, PC	Project Legal	\$10,104.68
Harper Law Offices, PC	Rights of Way/Easements Legal	\$6,589.43
Harper Law Offices, PC	Phases II/III Project Legal	\$180.25
The Stratton Law Firm	Phase I Legal	\$4,037.50
HeinfeldMeech	Audit Fees	\$1,750.00
Deborah Patton	Outside Contract Services –	\$738.90
	Consulting, Easement Technical	
	Support	
IBEW Building Corp.	Room Rental	\$150.00
Arizona SilverBelt	Legal	\$239.66

Approved for payment by motion of M.A. Moreno, seconded by M. Buzan. Carried 5-0

Item # 7 Response to Call to the Public questions raised at the 6/20/2023 Board Meeting:

<u>Clarify PACE's WIFA Request #18 dated 5/31/2023 in the amount of \$44,220.21</u>: This amount included work on easements, consultations with Harper Law and Stratton Law relative to acquisition of financing activities with respect to Phases I, II and III, Easements and modifying the Water Quality Plan.

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How will the District deal with the City of Globe? Were they aware of the plant location? If so, why was Miami aware as well? President R. Jacques suggested the member of the public meant that Miami had not been told. The District reached out to all - the Benefactor, Globe, Miami and Gila County – all were in agreement. All were told and asked to keep the information confidential since the District remains bound by the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

- Item #8
- Resolution 2023-004: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of TRSD to authorize the application for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from WIFA. T. Stratton elaborated on the request TRSD was making to WIFA. WIFA contacted TRSD to let them know about funds that were made available from the EPA as they knew the District was addressing the issue of cesspools and septic systems and felt the District would be eligible to apply for this funding. The award would be a Grant, but due to methodology required by WIFA, it is considered a loan. At the close, it will be forgiven. Funds will be disbursed annually in \$1,000.000 increments. M.A. Moreno moved that the Board President be authorized to sign Resolution 2023-004 to file this application, seconded by M. Buzan. Carried 5-0.
- Item #9
- Accounting Services: Consider renewing the existing contract with AVIX One Consulting to provide management advisory services to TRSD, including general accounting services as outlined in an engagement letter dated July 26, 2023. The proposed agreement will commence in FY 23/24 and automatically renew through FY 26/27 M.A. Moreno moved to accept the Agreement with AVIX One Consulting dated 7/26/2023, seconded by M. Buzan. Carried 5-0.
- Item # 10
- Call to the Public Questions:

How many cesspools are there in the District?

- Item # 11
- EXECUTIVE SESSION: M.A. Moreno moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m., seconded by R. Jacques. Carried 5-0.
- Item # 12 Items discussed in Executive Session: n/a
- Item # 13
- Announcements:
- President R. Jacques welcomed Charlotte Asrarynezami to the Board.
- The District, at a Special Meeting on 8/24/2023, approved Cloacina, a company from CA, for fabrication of the WRF. They will be issuing a PO for Shop Drawings.
- New Website: TRSDWatewater.org. The old website will be retired on 9/21/23.
- Item # 14
- Schedule any Topic or Issue: The next Regular Meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at the IBEW Hall.
- Item # 15 Adjournment: R. Jacques moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., seconded by C. Farr. Carried 5-0.