

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2024

- Item # 1 President R. Jacques called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
- Item # 2 J. Menlove led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Item # 3 **Roll Call:** C. Asrarynezami; C. Calloway; R. Jacques; M.A. Moreno; M. Harper, District Counsel; T. Stratton, Bond Counsel
Also: L. Valdez (Z); D. Patton(Z); A. Rivera (Z)
Absent: M. Buzan
Public: J.L. Stanneart; D. Hays; T. Cook; H. Farester; D. Farester; T. Werner; T. Humphrey, District Supervisor; J. Menlove, County Manager; D. Sowders, AZ SilverBelt
- Item # 4 **Possible Effort to Remove a current Board Member:** R. Jacques noted that he had been made aware of the possibility of a Recall of a member of the Board due to the possible appearance of a conflict of interest. R. Jacques stated TRSD has a Conflict of Interest policy and there is no indication that it has been violated. He did suggest the Board consider adopting a Code of Ethics Policy.
- Item # 5 **Report to the Board Regarding Recent Treatment of TRSD Board Members by the Public:** R. Jacques reported that he had received information that a Board Member or Board Members had been verbally confronted by members of the public. He reported that such actions are unacceptable and he is investigating options to correct the situation.
- Item #6 **Acknowledgement of TRSD's Approved Grant Funding Application:** R. Jacques reported that the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Board has approved a TRSD Application for EPA Grant Funding in the amount of \$2.068 million. WIFA characterizes this award as a Loan. It is actually a Grant, in that the Loan is fully (100%) forgivable. Repayment will not be required unless the funds are not expended for approved uses.
- Item # 7 **Possible approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Loan Agreement with WIFA - Resolution 2024-001 (using American Steel and paying Davis Bacon wages).** T. Stratton TRSD's Bond Counsel explained the resolution. M.A. Moreno moved to accept Resolution 2024-001 approving the WIFA fully forgivable loan referenced in Item #6, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 8 **Authorize the TRSD Board President to Seek a Firm to Undertake a Rate Study and Assessment:** T. Stratton noted that it is standard to have a 3rd party establish a methodology for setting assessments, O&M rates, and reserve funds. It is prudent for the Board to retain an independent entity, a firm that is not associated with the District and its engineers, to undertake this action. The process will take several (3-4) months. M.A. Moreno moved to authorize the Board President to seek a firm to provide a Rate and Assessment Study for the District, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 9 **Executive Session:** None needed.

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Item # 10 **Items Discussed in Executive Session: n/a**

Item # 11 **Announcements:**

- VFW will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
- Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum will be celebrating the Centennial of the Opening of Bullion Plaza Elementary School at 11 a.m. on March 17, 2024.

Item # 12 **Schedule any topic or issue:** The next Regular Meeting of the TRSD Board will take place on March 18, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at the IBEW Hall.

Item # 13 **Adjournment:** M.A. Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m., seconded by R. Jacques. Carried, 4-0.