

**TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2024**

- Item # 1      President Jacques called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- Item # 2      M. Warbington led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item # 3      **Roll Call:** C. Asrarynezami; M. Buzan; C. Calloway; R. Jacques; M.A. Moreno; M. Harper, District Counsel; T. Stratton, Bond Counsel; Leo Vandel (Z), Financial Advisor  
**Also:** M. Krebs, PACE  
**Absent:** None  
**Public:** (Partial List) J.L. Stanneart; T. Cook; H. Farester; T. Humphrey (Gila Co. Supervisor); T. Werner; M. Warbington; M. Mejia; K. O’Driscoll
- Item # 4      Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 02/20/2024 and Special Meeting Minutes of 02/27/2024. C. Asrarynezami moved to approve the referenced minutes, seconded by C. Calloway. Carried, 5-0.
- Item # 5      **Financial Report** – the Gila County Treasurer reported \$549,399.05 in the TRSD account as of February 29, 2024.

Item #6      **Payment of Bills**

| <b>Name</b>                 | <b>Reason</b>                         | <b>Amount</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Robert Jacques              | Meetings: Travel and Copying Expenses | \$496.79      |
| ADEQ                        | Misc WFA Reimbursable Fees            | \$1,435.50    |
| AVIX Accounting, LLC        | Recurring Accounting Fees             | \$2,621.25    |
| Harper Law Offices, PC      | General Legal                         | \$5,209.23    |
| Harper Law Offices, PC      | Project Legal                         | \$6,236.65    |
| Harper Law Offices, PC      | Rights of Way/Easements Legal         | \$1,478.05    |
| Deborah Patton              | Outside Contract Services             | \$113.85      |
| IBEW Building Corp.         | Rent, Parking, Utilities              | \$225.00      |
| The Stratton Law Firm, PLLC | Phase 1 Representation                | \$3,060.00    |
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| HeinfeldMeech               | Audit Fees                            | \$13,600.00   |
| NEXXUS Consulting           | Advocacy                              | \$5,000.00    |

M.A. moved to approve payment of these bills and to file them for audit, seconded by C. Calloway. Carried, 5-0.

- Item # 7      **TRSD CAG 208 Plan Revision:** Mike Krebs reported that the EPC Committee met and approved the CAG 208 Plan Revision. The public comment hearing will likely take place in late May.
- Item # 8      **Development of TRSD Connection Policy:** M. Harper presented and explained a draft Connection Policy. The policy would require connection to the system but would provide those with functioning and legal existing systems to seek a waiver of the connection

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requirement. C. Calloway moved to finalize this policy no later than the May Meeting, seconded by M.A. Moreno. Carried, 5-0.

- Item # 9      **Letter of Support for City of Globe Grant Funding Request:** R. Jacques explained the proposed letter of support for the City of Globe request for grant funding to repair the failing infrastructure in the City. R. Jacques sought approval of the letter of support by the Board and approval to put the letter on TRSD letterhead. Approved by motion of M.A. Moreno, seconded by M. Buzan. Carried, 5-0.
- Item # 10     **Board Members on an Upcoming Trip to Washington, D.C.:** At the strong suggestion of NEXXUS Consulting, Inc., our strategic advocate, TRSD will send three Advisory Staff to Washington, D.C., from April 16-18, 2024, to meet with Congressional staff, USDA, EPA and others regarding potential funding and project concerns. T. Stratton, L. Valdez and M. Krebs will represent the TRSD. R. Jacques has asked to meet with C. Fernandez, State Director of USDA-RD, and her assistant prior to the trip to D.C. M.A. Moreno moved to approve sending the aforementioned individuals to Washington, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 5-0.
- Item # 11     **Board on Plans for a Community Outreach Program** –R. Jacques reported that he is looking for ways to make residents aware of the benefits of the system. He has reached out to Michael O’Driscoll who suggested his son, Kai. Kai O’Driscoll has made a proposal and the Board will be looking at his proposal. M. Buzan moved to authorize R. Jacques to move forward with this effort, seconded by C. Calloway. Carried, 5-0.
- Item # 12     **Recording of TRSD Board Meetings:** R. Jacques thanked people for recording meetings and placing the recordings on a social media site, thereby opening dialogue with District residents.
- Item # 13     **PACE-WIFA Pay Request #23:** Pay Request #23 dated 2/29/2024 in the amount of \$89,180.56, which includes Pay Application #28 dated 2/29/2024 in the amount of \$53,693.93. M.A. Moreno moved to approve Pay Request # 23 in the amount of \$89,180.56, seconded by C. Calloway. Carried, 5-0.
- Item # 14     **Respond to a Request for Information from the Public at the February 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting:**
- T. Werner had asked a question regarding a permitted septic system.  
An updated Policy, discussed earlier in the meeting, has been drafted which will answer that question.
  - H. Farester had inquired regarding the use of loan funds.  
R. Jacques and T. Stratton noted that funds could be moved from one Phase to another if necessary.
- Item # 15     **Call to the Public**
- Item # 16     **Executive Session:** None required.

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Item # 17      **Items Discussed in Executive Session:** NA

Item # 18      **Announcements:**

- T. Stratton announced that TRSD had been awarded a fully forgivable loan in the amount of **\$2.068 million** from WIFA.
- M.A. Moreno announced the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the opening of Bullion Plaxs School being held on March 23 from 11 am to 3:30 p.m. Complimentary food, entertainment and tours will be offered.

Item # 19      **Schedule any Topic or Issue** – The next Regular Meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2024, at the IBEW Hall at 5:15 p.m.

Item # 20      **Adjournment:** C. Calloway moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 5-0.