## TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024

Item # 1 President Jacques called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

Item # 2 M. Buzan led the Pledge of Allegiance

Item # 3 Roll Call: C. Asrarynezami; M. Buzan; C. Calloway; R. Jacques; M. Harper, District Counsel

Absent: M.A. Moreno

Also: D. Patton (Z), Leo Valdez (Z), Mike Krebs (Z), K. O'Driscoll

Public: J.L. Stanneart, M. Mejia, T. Cook, H. Farester, D. Farester, A. Flores,

M. Warbington, G. Madrid (Z), F. Barcon (Z)

Item #4 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 05/20/2024 and Special Board Meeting

Minutes from 05/31/2024: C. Callaway moved to approve the referenced minutes,

seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.

Item # 5 Financial Report: The Gila County Treasurer reported \$547,124.21 in the TRSD account

as of May 31, 2024.

## Item #6 Payment of Bills

Name	Reason	Amount
NON-WIFA REIMBURSABLE		
Robert Jacques	Meetings: Travel/Expenses, etc.	\$855.95
Mary Anne Moreno	Supplies	\$59.35
AVIX Accounting, LLC	Recurring Accounting Fees	\$1,503.74
Harper Law Offices, PC	General Legal	\$3,460.80
IBEW Building Corp.	Room Rental	\$150.00
Deborah Patton	Outside Contract Services	\$684.00
Oasis Printing	Printing and Copying	\$1,642.44
NEXXUS Consulting	Advocacy	\$5,000.00
WIFA REIMBURSABLE		
Harper Law Offices, PC	Project Legal	\$7,894.95
Harper Law Offices, PC	Rights of Way/Easements Legal	\$1,369.90
The Stratton Law Firm	Phase I Representation	\$7,930.00

C. Callaway moved to approve payment of the above bills and file them for audit, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.

R. Jacques stated all invoices will be in one of two categories moving forward, non-WIFA reimbursable and WIFA reimbursable.

Item # 7 **Public Hearing on the TRSD Proposed FY 24/25 Budget:** The Board voted to adjourn out of regular meeting and into the scheduled Public Hearing. C. Callaway moved and C. Asrarynezami seconded. Carried, 4-0.

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The Proposed FY 24/25 Budget was posted on TRSD's website on Friday, June 24, 2024, and was published in the local newspaper, The Silverbelt on June 12, 2024. There were no questions or comments from the public. The budget was also discussed at the May 20, 2024. TRSD Board meeting.

- C. Asrarynezami moved to adjourn back into regular session and C. Callaway seconded. Carried, 4-0.
- Item #8 **Possible Approval of the TRSD Proposed FY 24/25:** After receiving no **c**omments from the public, M. Buzan moved to accept the TRSD proposed FY 24/25 Budget. C. Callaway seconded. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 9 **Call to the Public Agenda Items:** There were no comments or questions on specific agenda items.
- Item # 10 Responses To Questions from Call to the Public from the May 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting:
  - Question from J. L. Stanneart: Please define the terms used by the project for the public as they are confusing. i.e.: Tax Lien, Assessment, Encumbrance and Transparency. This is the second time asking. R. Jacques responded that they will be on the website by the August board meeting and that the terms will also be answered at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Workshop in just a few days.
  - Question from L. Mata: Regarding the budget, will there ever be a delineation of the money spent? R. Jacques responded we will be providing money spent verses what was budgeted for to provide information on the money spent.
  - Question from H. Farester: Will there be a vote on the Bond Interest Rate? R. Jacques responded there will be no vote on the bond interest rate, it is not a requirement.
  - Question from H. Farester: Will the Board post the information on the Proposed TRSD FY 24/25 Budget on its website? The TRSD Budget was posted on its website on May 24, 2024, and published in the local newspaper on June 12, 2024.
  - A. Flores and T. Cook made statements during the Call to the Public.
- Item #11 Response to the Questions Related to the TRSD Project: The answers to the questions were completed and published to the website on June 14, 2024.
- Item # 12 Status of Phase 1 Interim Loan Financing Agreement: The loan closed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June as reported by L. Valdez.

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Item # 13 Amendment to AVIXONE's existing contract with TRSD: Approve an amendment to AVIXONE's existing contract to provide financial management services to TRSD. The amendment revises AVIXONE's labor classifications and labor rates for FY 24/25. Question: When do these new rates go into effect? R. Jacques stated that they go into effect July 1st of this year.

Procure Technical Services From Deborah Patton and Assoc., LLC (DPA): R. Jacques advised the Board that he is seeking to "sole-source" the extension to this existing agreement because it is in the best interest of the project. A resumé of DPA's capabilities and experience has been circulated to board members. Based on the wide-ranging, TRSD project-related services offered by DPA, it is in the best interest of the Project to retain its services. He stated he would work with AVIXONE on this approach. C. Asrarynezami moved to approve. C. Callaway seconded. Carried, 4-0.

Item # 15 Call to the Public

H. Farester: How is assessment going to be used for Loans and Taxes?

Why are retired people paying more than those working?

T. Watson: What files were copied from the Boards former lawyer?

Item # 16 Executive Session

None

Item # 17 Items discussed in executive session.

None

Item # 18 Announcements

TRSD Workshop to be held at the IBEW Hall from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. on June 25, 2024.

Item # 19 **Schedule any Topic or Issue:** 

Next Regular Meeting will be Monday July 22, 2024

Item # 20 Adjournment – C. Asrarynezami moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. C. Calloway seconded.

Carries, 4-0.