

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2024

Item # 1 President Jacques called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Item # 2 R. Jacques led the Pledge of Allegiance

Item # 3 **Roll Call:** M. Buzan; C. Calloway; R. Jacques; M.A. Moreno (Z); M. Harper, District Counsel
Absent: C. Asrarynezami
Also: D. Patton (Z), T. Stratton (Z), Mike Krebs
Public: J.L. Stanneart, D. Farester, T. Cook

Item # 4 **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 06/17/2024:** C. Calloway moved to approve the referenced minutes, seconded by M. Buzan. Carried, 3-1 (abstain-M.A. Moreno).

Item # 5 **Financial Report:** The Gila County Treasurer reported \$332,946.97 in the TRSD account as of June 30, 2024.

Item #6 **Payment of Bills**

Name	Reason	Amount
NON-CoBANK REIMBURSABLE		
Robert Jacques	Meetings: Travel/Expenses, etc.	\$1,699.97
AVIX Accounting, LLC	Recurring Accounting Fees	\$416.67
AVIX Accounting, LLC	Recurring Accounting Fees	\$1,703.43
AVIX Accounting, LLC	Recurring Accounting Fees	\$2,394.62
Harper Law Offices, PC	General Legal	\$2,255.70
IBEW Building Corp.	Room Rental, Parking, Utilities	\$375.00
Deborah Patton	Outside Contract Services	\$4,258.90
NEXXUS Consulting	Advocacy	\$5,000.00
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AZ Silverbelt	Advertising/Legal Publication	\$456.59
Kai O'Driscoll	Social Media Contract Services	\$1,000.00
CoBANK REIMBURSABLE		
Harper Law Offices, PC	Project Legal	\$4,722.55
Harper Law Offices, PC	Rights of Way/Easements Legal	\$2,036.83

M.A. Moreno moved to approve payment of the above bills and file them for audit, seconded by C. Calloway. Carried, 4-0.

Item # 7 **Call to the Public re Agenda Items:**
J.L. Stanneart: J.L. Stanneart commented regarding the Board's answers to her latest set of questions which were posted to the District's website.

Item # 8 **Responses To Questions from Call to the Public from the June 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting:**

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- **Question from H. Farster: How is the assessment to be used for loans and taxes?** R. Jacques reported that the assessment will be used to pay off the bonds. T. Stratton supported this comment.
- **Question from H. Farster: Why are retired people paying more than working people?** R. Jacques reported that retired people would not be charged more than working people.
- **Question from T. Werner: What files were copied from the Board's former lawyer?** R. Jacques reported that, according to Oasis Printing, there were 8,000 pages of documents reproduced for TRSD. These are being worked through.

Item # 9 **Responses to Questions Related to the TRSD Project:** R. Jacques reported that these answers were posted to the website and can be reviewed there.

Item # 10 **Status of Phase 1 Interim Loan Financing Agreement:** T. Stratton reported that the interim loan was closed and as of today, we have it paid off. It was reported that the first interest payment to CoBank was made on the day of the meeting.

Item #11 **Request for Board Approval to Conduct a Rate Study by an Outside Consulting Firm.** This Item was tabled for the next Board Meeting on August 19th.

Item # 12 **Update on Workshops #1 and 2:** Mike Krebs and Robert Jacques reported regarding the first two workshops. Jolee Stanneart request that people be provided the hand-outs for the workshops.

Item # 13 **Request for Board Approval of BHP, FMI and AERR Pipeline Easements:** M. Harper reported on four existing easement agreements currently under negotiation between the District, BHP, FMI and Arizona Eastern Railroad. He reported the additional revisions were required as to the FMI easements (2) and the AERR easement, but that the BHP Easement was ready for consideration. M. Buzan moved to approve the proposed easement with BHP in substantially the form presented, and M.A. Moreno seconded. Carried, 4-0.

The Request for Board Approval of FMI and AERR Pipeline Easements was tabled and will be reviewed for response at the next Board Meeting on August 19th, if not earlier.

Item # 14 **Request for Board Approval for PACE to Expend Allowance Funds Included in the Phase 1 Engineering Estimate - Allowance Use Request #7:** R. Jacques presented PACE Allowance Use Request #7 and explained the allowance request and stated the AUR #& would not cause an exceedance of the Allowance Use budget. M.A. Moreno moved to approve Allowance Use Request #7 and M. Buzan seconded. Carried, 4-0.

Item # 15 **Request for Board Approval to Increase the Allowance Fund Limit Included in the Phase 1 Engineering Estimate - Phase 1 Engineering Agreement, Amendment #2:** M. Krebs explained PACE's request for an increase in the allowance fund limit in order to provide for work performed by PACE relating to grants. He explained that PACE looked at 20 different possible grants. They have submitted 12 to date totaling approximately \$55,000,000. M.A. Moreno moved to approve, M. Buzan seconded. Carried, 4-0.

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- Item # 16 **Request for Board Approval Enabling PACE to Pre-pay a Permit to be issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ):** M. Krebs presented a request for the District to authorize payment of a fee pertaining to an application for an ADEQ 401 Permit. This permit would permit the delivery of sewage to the plant. The fee begins the application process. M.A. Moreno moved to approve, and C. Calloway seconded. Carried 4-0
- Item # 17 **PACE - CoBANK Pay Request #3** R. Jacques presented PACE's CoBANK Pay Request #3, dated 07/18/2024, in the amount of \$92,165.66, which includes PACE's Pay Applications #31 dated 05/31/24 in the amount of \$18,593.30 and #32 dated 06/30/24 in the amount of \$39,079.50 was approved. C. Calloway moved to approve and M.A. Moreno seconded. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 18 **Request for a Policy Regarding Communications with Attendees at Board Functions:** R. Jacques presented a proposal that the Board generate a policy that all communication be recorded for transparency purposes. C. Calloway moved to begin preparation of such a policy, M.A. Moreno seconded. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 19 **Call to Public:**
J.L. Stanneart: Questioned that the TRSD Board seems to resent public scrutiny and respond inappropriately when the public exercises its right to scrutinize a government entity that has a significant ability to impact our lives and personal finances?
- Item # 20 **Executive Session:** M.A. Buzan moved to adjourn to Executive Session at approximately 6:15 p.m. C. Calloway seconded. Carried, 4-0.
- Item #21 **Items Discussed in Executive Session:** M.A. Buzan moved to adjourn to return to the regular Board Meeting at 6:45 p.m. C. Calloway seconded. Carried, 4-0.
- Item #22 **Announcements:** None
- Item #23 **Schedule any Topic or Issue:** Next regular board meeting will be August 19, 2024.
- Item #24 **Adjournment:** M.A. Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. C. Calloway seconded. Carried, 4-0.