

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2024

- Item # 1** President Jacques called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm
- Item # 2** R. Jacques 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, D. Patton(Z), M. Krebs, PACE
 Absent: M. Buzan
 Public: J.L. Stanneart, M. Mejia, K. O’Driscoll, S. Stapleton, A. Flores
- Item # 4** **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 07/22/2024:** M.A. Moreno moved to approve the referenced minutes, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.
Approval of Executive Session Minutes of 07/22/2024: M.A. Moreno moved to approve the referenced minutes, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 5** **Financial Report:** The Gila County Treasurer reported \$521,995.91 in the TRSD account as of July 31, 2024.
- Item #6** **Payment of Bills**

Name	Reason	Amount
NON-CoBANK REIMBURSABLE		
Robert Jacques	Meetings: Travel/Expenses, etc.	\$394.18
AVIX Accounting, LLC	Recurring Accounting Fees	\$2,860.41
Harper Law Offices, PC	General Legal	\$3,236.78
IBEW Building Corp.	Room Rental, Parking, Utilities	\$300.00
Deborah Patton	Outside Contract Services	\$3,292.50
NEXXUS Consulting	Advocacy	\$5,000.00
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	\$5,301.93
Harper Law Offices, PC	Rights of Way/Easements Legal	\$4,089.10
Harper Law Offices, PC	Phase II and III Representation	\$78.28
CoBANK EXPENSES PAYABLE UNDER INTERIM LOAN		
PACE Engineering	Construction in Progress	\$229,388.47
Cloacina	Construction in Progress	\$463,990.03

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

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- Item # 7** **Announcement:** R. Jacques explained the format for questions or comments on an agenda item. Members of the public are asked to submit a card (provided) with the agenda item noted and submit it to the Board. A response will be e-mailed from the District's e-mail at TRSDWastewater@gmail.com.
- Item # 8** **Call to the Public re Agenda Items for Residents of the District:** J.L. Stanneart noted that she had asked for a clarification on Definitions in August and had yet to receive an answer. She also questioned the Policy for getting an item on the agenda; And who is going to answer her questions?
- Item # 9** **Advisory on Board Member Resignation:** R. Jacques read the letter of resignation submitted by C. Asrarynezami, effective at the end of this meeting. M.A. Moreno moved to accept C. Asrarynezami's resignation with regret, seconded by C. Calloway. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 10** **Possible Authorization of an Alternate Board Member to Sign Project Documents when the Board President is Absent or Abstains:** M. Harper noted this is not necessary, as it can be managed whenever the issue arises.
- Item # 11** **Request for Board Approval of an Outside Consultant to Conduct a Project Rate Study:** The District pursued a procurement process in soliciting applications for a firm to conduct a Rate Study for the TRSD Project. Three bids were received. The firm Raftelis was recommended with a bid not to exceed \$49,980.00 due to its experience and independence from any prior association with the District. C. Calloway moved to approve engaging Raftelis, seconded by M.A. Moreno. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 12** **Monthly Interest Payment to CoBank:** The District closed on an interim loan with CoBank on June 6, 2024. The Interest on that loan, in the amount of \$27,008.91, for the month of July was paid by the District.
- Item # 13** **Request for Board Approval for Cloacina to begin Fabrication and Delivery Phase of its Water Reclamation Facility Equipment Supply Contract:** PACE is seeking Board Approval to issue a Notice to Proceed for Fabrication and Delivery of the Water Reclamation Facility equipment. M.A. Moreno moved to authorize PACE to provide a Notice to Proceed to Cloacina to begin fabricating the Water Reclamation Facility, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.
- Item # 14** **Easements – BHP, FMI (1), AZER complete, the second FMI easement should be completed by the end of the month.**
- Item # 15** **Call to the Public re Agenda Items for Non-Residents of the District:** There is confusion regarding a vote vs the assessment process. Why is there a split between the resident/non-resident comments.
- Item # 16** **Executive Session:** M.A. Moreno moved to convene Executive Session at 5:51 p.m. and resume regular session when complete, seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.

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M.A. Moreno moved to close the Executive Session at 6:10 p.m., seconded by C. Asrarynezami and carried, 4-0.

Item # 17 **Items Discussed in Executive Session** - No action necessary.

Item # 18 **Announcements**

Item # 19 **Next Regular Meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.:** If anyone has an item they wish to add to the Agenda, please submit an e-mail to robertbjacques@gmail.com and mjh@harperazlaw.com no later than 10 a.m. on the 4th day prior to the scheduled meeting day.

Item # 20 M.A. Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m., seconded by C. Asrarynezami. Carried, 4-0.