

20200TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2014

President B. Zache called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Zache, M.Buzan, K. Kenney, M.Malkovich, M.A.Moreno, Interim E.D, W. Clemmens

Also present; Alan Urban, CAAG, J. Heatherly, Town of Miami, J. Barnes, City of Globe

Public - J. Zache, Autumn Giles, R.Canizales, A. Gameros

Item # 1. **Minutes of November 24, 2014-** Approved as sent by motion of M.Malkovich, seconded by K.Kenney.

Item # 2. **Financial Report** - Balance as of November 30, 2014 -\$144,314.99
Report on submission of the required notarized statement to Chase Manhattan Bank - will be taken care of.
Question arose regarding D & O insurance. M.A.Moreno will check with Oasis Insurance/Phillis Blake

Item # 3. **Update on proposal from the City of Globe and Town of Miami re wastewater treatment** -
Item ties in with Item # 9 - see Item #9 .

Item # 4. **Determination of the best possible course of action re funding w/USDA or other sources** -
No report.

Item # 5. **Action on amendment to the PACE Engineering contract** - Meeting will be scheduled with F. Rosenfeld, W. Clemmens and M. Krebs to finalize the amendment for Board action.

Item # 6. **Update** on alternate location(s) for the TRSD wastewater treatment plant. Additional review of possible sites. (B.Zache contact M.Pastor re variances)-See Item 10

Item # 7. **Grant Application** for FY2015 WIFA Planning and Design Assistance Grant Program - USDA might have some funding available for the PER revision. The possibility of applying for a Freeport Community Foundation grant was discussed - Applications open on January 1.

Item # 8. **TRSD Website** - Link to Gila Co. Website and resources to provide additional information to the public - no additions at this time. Review of questions (FAQs) for the website. K.Kenney and M.A.Moreno reviewed questions and recommend the following be added to the website - attached

Item # 9. Report on meeting with USDA-RD and representatives of the Town of Miami - J. Heatherly, R. Hilgart, L. Valdez, M. Krebs and B. Zache attended, facilitated by M. Leuker, USDA - numbers are being developed and a follow-up meeting will be scheduled. B. Zache reported the meeting was productive, dialog was good and the Town staff will be providing additional information. There will probably be a meeting with the City of Globe as well.

Item # 10. Report on meeting held with BHP staff regarding sewer service to Little Acres Mobile Home Park - B.Clemmens report on conversation with J. Brunskill re siting a plant at their existing Bechtel Tract leach field. W. Clemmens stated they are looking for an agreement similar to the one the District made with Cobre Valley Plaza - J. Brunskill wanted to know why the District isn't interested in using a plant that is only operating at 40% capacity.

Item # 11. **Update list of addressees for e-mail notices of meetings and agendas:** No new names.

Item # 12. **Payment of Bills:**

Ted Thayer submitted a bill for website services for November in the amount of \$50.00. Approved for payment by motion of M.Malkovich, seconded by K.Kenney.

B. Zache submitted a request for 222.08 - for mileage and parking for 2 meetings with USDA. Approved for payment by M.A.Moreno, seconded by M.Malkovich.

Item # 13. **Next meeting** - January 5, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at Cobre Valle Country Club

Item # 14. **Call to the Public** - M.Malkovich stated that this was his last meeting on the Board. He appreciated being able to assist in the process to date, was sorry his other obligations made it impossible for him to continue his service and wished the District and the Board members the best in the future.

Item # 15. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Frequently Asked Questions / Answers

1. WHAT IS AN EDU?

This term refers to an average household. Wastewater flow from an average household is calculated as 2.5 persons living in an EDU, generating 70 gallons of wastewater per person per day - so 1 EDU = 175 gallons of wastewater each day.

2. How many connections are there in the District?

The engineer estimates there will be approximately 2500 connections.

3. Why do we need this project?

The District has significant issues with numerous cesspools(illegal) and substandard septic systems creating both public health concerns as well as economic hardship.

4. If cesspools are illegal, why are there so many of them?

Most of the homes with cesspools had them before the law was passed in 1976. When they failed, most homeowners just dug another pit rather than pursue a permitted septic system.

5. What does a septic system that meets code require?

A 1,000 gal. tank, 8 ft. long, at least 2 - 20" openings, 10 ft. from building foundations and water mains, 5 ft. from home water lines and driveways and 100 ft. from any well. Full regulations can be found in the Arizona Administrative Code R18-9-A314.

6. How much would one of those systems cost?

Given that the lot is large enough for a legal system, cost could be as little as \$2,000 or as much as \$15,000.

7. If a home has a non-compliant sewage treatment system, what happens when the homeowner wants to sell it?

Gila County will not allow expansion or remodeling of any home served by a cesspool, and banks throughout Arizona have been declining to lend on homes served by a cesspool. A number of properties in the District have been abandoned or are being used for storage due to water being turned off to the property.

8. Will my property value increase?

Yes, especially properties with cesspools and substandard septic systems. Installation of sewer lines provides an opportunity for development of land that is not suitable for septic systems

9. What does the project include?

At this point the project includes a treatment plant as well as nearly 175,000 linear feet of collection lines throughout the District. including the line to the house, decommissioning (closing and filling) the cesspool/septic tank and restoring the home's landscape disturbed in installation of lines.

10. Who is designing the system for the District?

PACE Engineering is a water resources civil engineering firm established in 1987 with headquarters in Fountain Valley, CA and a branch office in Scottsdale. They have been the principal design engineer for numerous wastewater infrastructure facilities throughout Arizona, California Idaho and New Mexico.

11. Why is the Sanitary District Budget so high (\$6,795,071)?

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By law, the only funds the District can spend are those that are budgeted. The FY2015 budget includes grants and loans from WIFA, USDA-RD and RCAC that might be forthcoming because the District could not use them if they are not in the budget. Actual expenses the past year amounted to \$33,000

12. How long will this project take to complete?

Once all funding is approved it will take 3 to 5 years for the project to be finished.