

TRI-CITY REGIONAL SANITARY DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2017

President Zache called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

PRESENT: M.Buzan, J. Chism, R.Horta, M.A.Moreno, R.Zache, Legal Counsel, W. Clemmens, Legal Assistant, R. Hadley, Also A. Hullinger and S. Eden of UofA Water Resources Research Center

Public – Keith Brekhus of Congressman O’Halloran’s office, Jessica Asbill-Case of the US Bureau of Reclamation and Joanne Zache,

- Item # 1 **Minutes of October 23, 2017** - Approved as sent by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by J.Chism.
- Item # 2 Treasurer’s report – **Beginning balance \$193,409.20**, ending balance on 31 October -**\$222,733.15**
M.A.Moreno moved the report be accepted and filed for review, seconded by J.Chism and carried.
- Item # 3 **Presentation and Letter of Support** for the Watershed Project – Ashley Hullinger submitted several documents regarding the research she and her colleagues had done in the Globe-Miami area regarding local water resources. She is asking for support from the District as well as many other entities in the area to apply for a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to create a “Watershed Partnership” for the communities that transcends political divisions to determine and develop strategies for water use and resources for future generations. The grant is for \$100,000 over 2 years and would most probably be utilized for a co-ordinator/director. Ms. Hullinger and the WRRRC are looking for letters of support from stakeholders who are willing to work together for regional planning. The application is due by January 31 and Ms. Asbill-Case noted that these grants are competitive among 17 Western states so there is no guarantee of funding. Board member questions included– how is the Partnership board selected? What would be the composition of this board? Ms. Hullinger noted that the members of the Partnership would need to make that decision and suggested the Graham-Greenlee Watershed Partnership could be a resource to answer some of those questions. She indicated she would transmit contact information of members of that group in order that the District Board can obtain more information. President Zache thanked her for her presentation and indicated the Board would discuss the requested Letter of Support.
- Item # 4 Report by PACE on progress on amendments** to Phase 1 of the PER submission to USDA-RD and possible timing for the issuance of a Letter of Conditions. Report on the meeting held with USDA-RD on November 14th – R. Zache, W. Clemmens and M.Krebs met with Jeff Hays, Community Programs Director who indicated he would write a letter telling us the District would be receiving funding. The Letter of Conditions should be produced by March.
- Item # 5. **Update on communications** with BHP re the Bechtel Tract wastewater treatment. Status of draft proposed agreement setting forth the major terms for review by BHP; Non-disclosure agreement – BHP has signed the non-disclosure agreement.
- Item # 6 **Update on contacts** with City of Globe and Gila County re parcels of real property not included in the tax rolls for the TRSD – List had been sent, Attorney Clemmens sent a letter to Sue Pontel asking for a meeting – W.Clemmens met with the Assessor’s entire staff. The AZ DOR needs to be involved and it is up to the District to contact them. The Assessor also noted that the District’s boundaries aren’t accurate. M. Krebs has been advised. Attorney Clemmens will report at the next meeting.
- Item # 7. **Schedule Future Work/Study Meeting** with RCAC Staff to prepare for informational meetings concerning the TRSD project and the Assessment District Process – Awaiting the Letter of Conditions from USDA..
- Item # 8 **Review of reasons for and use of a Resolution of Intention** concerning funding of the TRSD Wastewater project – tabled pending the Letter of Conditions from USDA.
- Item # 9 Report by M.Krebs and recommendations re preparation of the 208 Plan Amendment for the TRSD. Discussion of schedule for the completion of this Amendment – Amendment to the PACE contract supporting an adjustment to the 208 Plan Amendment submission schedule – tabled.
- Item #10 Status of response to letter received from the Arizona State Treasurer re report on Bonded Indebtedness.

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L.Valdez has taken care of the matter.u

- Item # 11 Status of renewal for System for Award Management (SAM) – Renewal has been submitted,
- Item # 12. Report on revised application for funding with USDA-RD – President Zache authorized the following designees : R. Zache, William Clemmens,, M.Krebs and M.A.Moreno R.Zache, M.Krebs and W. Clemmens have been authorized. M.A.Moreno's is pending.
- Item # 13 Follow-up re TRSD Colonia Status – L.Valdez reported at USDA-RD that the District is a Colonia
- Item # 14 Update on efforts to involve Gila County in support of the TRSD Wastewater Project – R.Zache hasn't met with Supervisor Humphrey as yet.
- Item # 15 **Payment of Bills** -Wm. Clemmens submitted a bill in the amount of \$1,925.00 for legal services through October 31, 2017. Approved for payment by motion of M.A.Moreno, seconded by M.Buzan. T.Thayer submitted a bill in the amount of \$70.17 for Website services for the month of September, Approved for payment by motion of J.Chism, seconded by R.Horta. Application for the renewal of the Post Office Box for one (1) year in the amount of \$116 was approved for payment by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by J.Chism R.Zache requested reimbursement for mileage, parking and lunch in the amount of \$129.88 for the meeting on November 14 with USDA. Approved for payment by motion of M.Buzan, seconded by R.Horta.
- Item # 16 **Update List of Addresses** : No new addresses.
- Item # 17 **Next Regular Meeting- Monday, Dec 18, 2017 at the Tri-City Fire Station at 5:15 p.m.**
- Item # 18 Call to the Public – Mr. Brekhus wished everyone a wonderful holiday
- Item # 19. M.A.Moreno moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by J.Chism at 6:24 p.m.