

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement Special District Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021

Held via Zoom.

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:14 PM
2. Roll was called – Chairman Bruce Johnson (BJ), Parliamentarian Judy Scott (JS), Treasurer Ray Tanner (RT), Secretary John Tanner (JT), Vice Chairman Will Regg (WR) were present, and a quorum was established.

District Manager: Don Ascoli (DA)

Public: JT Driscoll (TJ), Jesse Richards (JR)

BJ opened the meeting and turned over to DA to introduce purpose of meeting.

DA explained the need to eliminate the reimbursement cost of Well #4 land from new WIFA grant/loan. WIFA loan application requires that no more than 5% of all iron products and 1% of all Steel products come from foreign countries. Note, everything is underground now. In addition to comply with the Davis Bacon act, DA would have to go back to each contractor, get the names of the employees who worked on the project and verify each of their wages via interviews to see if they were paid the DB wages. If wages did not comply, we would have to go back and pay them the difference to be compliant to DB. To comply with these requirements, it would take extraordinary time and will further delay getting our WIFA application submitted.

After much discussion and comments from everyone on the Board:

A motion was made by WR to remove Well #4 reimbursement request from the WIFA grant/loan application. Our loan request would reduce to \$195,000 from \$225,000. BJ seconded the motion. Motion passed 2- no, 3 yes.

During our discussion DA pointed out that there are entities that provide the service to document these kinds of WIFA project requirements. One suggestion was to hire them to look at our Well #4 project expenses and find out what it would take to meet all the standards. We get an estimate from them and possibly get it done to apply for a second WIFA grant/loan to cover Well #4 expenses.

In reference to this, BJ made a motion to investigate a WIFA recommended entity to look at our Well #4 expenses and possibly give us a quote to go back and document the products and DB compliance requirements. If this is possibly and reasonable, go back at that time and submit a second WIFA grant/loan application for Well #4. WR seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DA will find out the WIFA recommended entity to meet WIFA app requirements and RT volunteered to follow thru with them to look at Well #4 expenses.

DA made numerous references to WIFA loan. RT commented that he understood we were primarily applying for a grant and not a loan although a loan may be a part of the package. DA commented that we were applying for a loan with the expectation of WIFA providing us with a high percentage of forgiveness (grant) which would greatly reduce the amount of the loan that needs to be paid back from District funds. RT asked what percent of total amount would be a grant. DA said it was based on household income in our area of Gila County and the amount of loan forgiveness (grant) should be about 80%.

No comments from public.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tanner

Secretary