

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement Special District Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

Held via Zoom.

**APPROVED AT THE 6-19-21 BOARD MEETING**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM
2. Roll was called – Chairman Bruce Johnson (BJ), Parliamentarian Jeff Manley TBI (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 (JD)
3. Discuss and Take Possible Action related to:
  - a. Approval of WIFA Borrowers Authorization Resolution on \$225,000 loan

BJ opened and introduced DA to lead discussion on Authorization approval. DA explained, the \$225k loan is proposed for 3 projects that the money is to be used for: Rehab of the 35,000-gallon storage tank, replacement of the Whitetail Knob 10,000-gallon tank and replacement of all our water meters with Automated Meter Reading AMR meters. The loan allocations would be \$64k for rehab of \$35k tank, \$71k to replace WTK water tank and \$60k to replace water meters. The Board needs to approve a borrows resolution authorizing or notifying WIFA that we understand this to be a loan and we pledge to pay it back with drinking water revenues. Current interest rate is shown at 3.2% however it could be as low as 2%. WIFA Loan could close as early as this Friday but each week we postpone getting signed docs to them, it delays closing by one week, loans only close on Friday. We will not know rate until loan closes. We still need Exhibit G (Legal Opinion Letter) by an independent Law firm. JM commented, it was not cost effective for his firm to do opinion letter and recommend that “Ryley Carlock (RC) firm” handle the letter. (RC was the firm that wrote letter back in 2009 for the last WIFA loan we executed for the District.) RC law firm handles many water issues and are more versed at this type of work. RC will get back on cost estimate and confirm when they can get this back to us. BJ asked if the expense of letter is in budget and DA indicated that this expense will be covered by the WIFA loan. JT asked about access for funds from WIFA for the expenses, DA indicated that the District submits expenses and WIFA electronically transfers funds to pay bills. Beginning of repayment of loan begins immediately upon Loan approval and payments will be made twice/year. RT asked if we would go thru the documents, RT pointed out on the main document that it shows DA listed as a primary signatory on it and he is not officer of District and it should be a Board member or DA and a Board member as the main signatory. Preference of Board was to have BJ as the main signatory. DA will confirm with WIFA on revising the main signatory.

JM made a motion to approve that the Chairman BJ is authorized to sign the one-page resolution as well as the loan agreement which authorizes the RTDWID to enter this WIFA loan. WR seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

RT pointed out there are some necessary corrections (typos) or the wrong name mentioned in signatory in loan document and these should be corrected. BJ suggested and Board agreed that RT and DA make the editorial change together outside of Board if it does not affect the essence of the document.

Discussion followed on obtaining Opinion letter and cost there of: Expense of Opinion letter to come out of Loan. In 2009 the letter cost \$1,500, it was not clear what the estimate would be, and RC did not give JM any idea.

BJ made a motion that the Board authorize DA and BJ engage the services of a law firm to prepare the Opinion Letter, on their signature not to exceed \$4,000 in expenses, if it is more than that, then we reconvene the Board for a vote on it. JM seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Comment from public: JD asked if we had chosen a vendor for the Engineering. None have been selected and once loan is obtained, efforts will begin is obtaining the vendors. Also, he asked about how long the project will take. DA indicated that it should not take longer than one year pending any acts of God.

JT made a motion to adjourn meeting, BJ seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tanner

Secretary