

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes

June 1st, 2019

Held – Station 72 Whispering Pines Fire Department

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS AT THE AUGUST 17, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

A roll was called – Chairman Bruce Johnson (BJ), Parliamentarian Judy Scott (JS), Treasurer Ray Tanner (RT) and Secretary John Tanner (JT) were present, and a quorum was established.

District Manager: Don Ascoli (DA)

Public: Will and Megan Regg, Harry Jones, Larry and Mary Lou Culvert, Don Ervy and Gail Heath

RT moved that the minutes of the prior meeting be approved; JT seconded.

Minutes were approved.

RT motioned and seconded by JS, the Board unanimously accepted Dave McKibben resignation from RTDWID and appointed Will Regg to fulfill Mr. McKibben's unexpired term of office which ends on December 31, 2020. Will Regg was sworn in as new board Member. .

RT briefly reviewed the Treasure Report which is published on the website.

DA on District Manager report: For this last period, we had one ownership change at 296 E Box Elder (Bauer purchased Vandervoort home). There were 3 Blue Stake request. March 29th, we had 2 water line breaks resulting in an estimated 20,000-gallon water loss and a 3rd break on May 11th resulting in at least 20,000-gallon water loss. April 8th DA replaced a non-functioning district shut-off valve at 502 Belluzzi Blvd. On April 19th DA and BJ met with Public Works Director and Northern Gila County Public Roads Supervisor – they requested that we lower the valve boxes at the intersection of Bridge Rand Rim Trail Roads. DA is looking into ringing valve boxes with concrete to protect them from grader. May 1st Ferguson Waterworks installed new 3-inch AMR (Automatic meter reader) meter cap. FW provided training on the use of AMR meters and the hand-held receiver. They also delivered a new 3-inch AMR line meter along with one standard AMR service meter which will be installed this month. Meeting with ADEQ on June 5th for the Tri-annual water system inspection. District mapping effort is ongoing. DA reported last estimate that CC Cragin water will be turned on for supplying water to Payson in June 2019.

At 1:39 pm, meeting recessed for Budget/Rate Hearing

It was brought up by a member of the public, that we had to be cognizant of the requirement to post the budget rate hearing in 3 locations. It was noted that BRH Notice had been posted on website, filter plant and mailboxes. It came into question if the website qualifies for 3rd location. **It was noted to add to Agenda** item next meeting to verify the 3-location requirement and if the website qualifies.

One additional comment made by the public, going forward it is a good idea to schedule a "Work Study Session" to evaluate the budget needs for the upcoming year/s. HJ commented that the District Manager and Treasure could meet for a preliminary meeting, followed up by a full Board meeting just to evaluate and prioritize the needs of the budget, prior to the actual BRH.

The proposed budget showed a cash deficit of \$12,355. After much discussion about the budget and evaluating our immediate needs, RT moved to reduce the budget amount for "Turbidity Issue Resolution" TIR from \$85,000 to \$65,000 and change the TIR label to "New Well Acquisition". JT second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. One additional change was made to the Proposed Rate and Fee Schedule: Line E. (Assessment for Newly Created Lots Not Included in 1980 and 1984 District Bonding), JT motioned that we will add to this Line E. (*subject to Board Approval). JS second the motion – motion passed unanimously.

BJ motioned to accept the proposed budget and rates based on the two amendments listed above, JS second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

At 3:02 pm, the Board meeting was reconvened to Regular meeting.

The Board confirmed that our vote during discussion of BRH for approval of budget and rates still stands.

Regarding appointment of Engineer for the District as identified in AARS 48-913: Will Regg WR moved to authorize Sunrise Engineering as our District Engineering Company of record and authorize the president BJ to sign the contract. JT second the motion, motion passed unanimously. BJ ok to sign the agreement.

Update on RWAA ServLine Insurance Program for insuring against water leaks on owner side of meter for optional fee of roughly \$2.00/month per owner. Representative will be here for next meeting to further explain program for our consideration.

Regarding Hold Harmless Agreement with Gila County in order to clean out the culverts on Rim Trail Road. It was decided by the Board to table this discussion to do further investigation. DA to seek out discussion with County Manager Jim Menlove and Gila County Supervisor Tommy Martin to further evaluate the signing of this agreement.

Update on purchasing of new well: Based on latest test results from Aero Drilling on March 26th: well is 121' deep, 66' static level, ran test pump at 16 gallon/minute at 107' down. We had two different flow tests- one for 30 minutes on March 26th and a second flow for 4 hours on May 24th and recovery rate was very good with the pump running at 16 gallons/minute both times. Other concerns were brought up about timing of test, nitrate levels and verification or testing of subfloor resources. WR moved to authorize additional testing funds of \$1500, to evaluate Subfloor test, static sound levels, Conductivity, Isotopes and nitrates. BJ second the motion and motion passed unanimously. Ray to get with DA and BJ to evaluate the items on the next stage of test. DA to continue checking static levels on our current wells and proposed new well on a monthly basis.

Discussion on WIFA loan postponed until further determination of need.

Call to the public: HJ reiterated to start earlier on Budget evaluation and plan "work study program" to better gauge needs of proposed budget.

BJ noted he is working on getting dedicated email address for Board Members.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for 8/17/19 at 12:00 pm
Meeting adjourned 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tanner
Secretary