

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement Special District Board Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2021

Held via Zoom.

APPROVED AT THE 061921 BOARD MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM

2. Roll was called – Chairman Bruce Johnson (BJ), Treasurer Ray Tanner (RT), Secretary John Tanner (JT), Vice Chairman Will Regg (WR) were present, Parliamentarian Jeff Manley (JM) was absent, and a quorum was established.

District Manager: Don Ascoli (DA)

Public: (JS) Judy Scott

*JT pointed out that the Agenda sent to the Board to cover this meeting showed the wrong Dates under “Proposed Budget”, it should have read “Proposed for 2021-2022” in lieu of “2020-2021”. DA pointed out that only the Board received the incorrect dates on the Agenda and our original posting and info on website showed the correct dates. However, correction is noted and stands corrected.

3. Budget/Rate Hearing:

1. Treasure to summarize the Proposed 2021-2022* Budget, Rates and Fees

Ray proceeded to give summary of Proposed Budget for 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022. Ray used the Spreadsheet DA sent us prior to meeting. DA displayed it on the Zoom screen while Ray reviewed it during meeting. During Ray’s summary, he pointed out corrections that needed to be made on the spreadsheet under the area of “FY Capital Improvements & Projects”. Those items were not properly listed and were corrected during the Zoom meeting while it was being discussed. The error was in only DA’s spreadsheet sent to us and not in the Public Notices posted. Under the Capital Improvements RT questioned actual cost verse what was shown in budget for each item. DA pointed out that Budget amounts included the Project Officer cost and contingencies across the 4 listed projects, so the \$ figure shown in the budget amount does not reflect the actual cost of each project, that added roughly \$40k to the capital projects.

DA fully expects the actual cost of these 4 projects will come in \$20-30K less than approved WIFA Loan. Of which we could potentially submit an amendment to WIFA for additional needed 5th undeclared project. Bottom line we don’t get to pocket unspent loan amount, what we don’t use, we lose. RT also, pointed out the (*) next to 79% Paid by WIFA loan reflecting *Additional Board Review and Approval Required before expenditures made. RT questioned Board approval of the two current projects underway and wants to make sure everybody is on same page for what is stated on budget. BJ noted that that will have to cover that at another time, possibly in an Executive Committee meeting but this meeting is on the Budget and Rate meeting.

RT continued to review Proposed Rate and Fee schedule for 2021-2022. Primary change to the Rate and Fees is that the additional gallonage for people using over 6k gal. usage/month, the winter rate was \$8/1000, and it is changed to \$7. The summer rate was \$14/1000 gal. and it is changed to \$10.50. The other change is in the wording on the first (*) on bottom is a clarification on the charges for use of over 36K gallon/yr. Effectively when somebody exceeds the 36K gal. for the year, we do not go back and back bill, instead we will charge the customer the month in which they hit the 36K gal., we change their billing rate at that month and going forward from the lower water rate (\$70/month) to the rate #1 and #3 depending on time of year.

2. Public comment on proposed budget, rates and fees: No comments. BJ motioned that we accept the

Proposed Budget and Rate and Fee schedule provided by District Manager and this will be presented to the Board for ratification on June 19th. WR seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

4. Call to the Public: JS asked about showing a cumulative amount of use on water bill so user would have a chance to adjust their use habits so not to go over the net 36k gal./year. DA stated that that is a programming question and he will have to get back on the answer.

5. BJ would like to schedule an Executive Session this week with all Board members to discuss some personnel issues. It was determined to hold meeting on Wednesday 6/9 at 6:00 PM.

WR commented to Board- since we are launching a project to replace current meters with AMR meters, there is a high likely hood that some customers may be surprised in the new water billing. Due mainly because our older meters may not be working properly and not accurate. WR wants to discuss sending a notice to our water users addressing this new expectation and maybe adding points of water conservation. WR will work on putting this notice together and present to the Board and we will add onto Agenda for next meeting.

6. Schedule for next Board meeting on 6/19 at Rim Trail Fire Station #72 at noon: RT suggested moving it to Whispering Pines Fire Station. The WPFS has several advantages: internet access, capable of holding more people, there is no need to move the Fire Truck for the meeting, there are more chairs available, it has an overhead projector and it is air conditioned space for summer cooling and winter heating. BJ and DA will check into the WPFS availability for this meeting and meetings going forward and get back to us. RT also noted previous discussion of alternating meetings to the Phoenix area to accommodate most of the Board that lives in Phoenix area. BJ indicated - that to can be looked into for options in the Fall, winter and Spring months.

RT motioned to adjourn meeting; BJ seconded it: motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Tanner

Secretary