

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2020

Held – Telephonically

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM

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

District Manager: Don Ascoli (DA)

Public: Harry Jones (HJ), Jay Jenson (JJ), Matt Patterson (MP), JT Driscoll (JTD), J Mouer (JM)

3. BJ moved to approve minutes from 5-30-20 Board meeting, JT seconded. Minutes were approved

4-1). RT reviewed the Treasure Report – ending July 2020 one month into Fiscal Year, Total Income we are \$541 over Budget at 7,350 rounded, Administration Expenses under Budget \$16.27 at \$2312, Water Operations over Budget by \$1093 over Budget at \$5283, on Ordinary Income under Budget by \$535, Balance Sheet – cash in the bank was \$80,278 compared to last year \$106,592 and that's a decrease of \$23, 313 for the most part that is the expenses involving the new well. If need more detail, it is posted on the website.

4-2). DA on District Manager report: a) District Activity: For this last period, we had two ownership changes since last Board Meeting: 172 Rim Trail Rd. (Mark and Tara Menghini) and 312 Whitetail Knob Rd. (Sylvia Faszczewski). We had one-meter installation at 292 N. Rim Trail Rd. (Joseph Lutrario). b) There were seven Blue Stake request since last meeting. c) Repairs and Upgrade Projects: Due to the seriousness of our water shortage starting in early June, we expedited the approval of Well #4 for construction, installation and production for the District. We were granted emergency permission by ADEQ, new well #4 was put into production July 17th. As of 8/26 the new well has pumped 85,000 gallons into our water distribution system. We are consistently maintaining water levels in our tanks over 80% of capacity. The new well #4 is holding steady at 69.2 feet. On July 19th a customer leak was discovered at 342 Rim Trail Rd. (owner mistake in leaving drain valve open) and estimated loss at 15,000 gallons. The contractor working at 402 N Rim Trail Rd. discovered by accident one of our missing shut off valve boxes, now it is properly located on District Water map. The new water line and meter was installed at 292 N Rim Trail Rd., it was difficult and time consuming to locate because of the nonferrous 3" PVC line. d) Reminder of District Election November 3rd: Candidates for the Board of Directors are J.T. Driscoll, Jeffery Manley, Matt Patterson, William Regg and John Tanner. DA to send out Early Ballot Form via email. (See also 5a) RT volunteered to formulate a Question/Interview sheet to be distributed to the new Candidates for the District Board to fill out and then RT can send out to every property owner, so owners know for whom they are voting. No update on the water treatment plant, all DA's time has been directed in getting Well #4 up and running. RT suggested DA include in his report the static levels of all the current wells going forward on a monthly basis. DA agreed and will do that.

5a) DA introduced procedure for electing three new Directors to the District Board on November 3rd. Most owners are not full-time residents and will need to request early mail in ballot in order to vote in the Rim Trail District election. DA can provide the request form, or you can contact the Gila County Department of Elections at 928-402-8708 for the Early Ballot Request Form

5b) Discussion of bids and cost sharing to remove fallen tree behind the lift station: It was verified that bidders were licensed and bonded. After much discussion; WR Motioned to approve Ewing Land Management LLC at \$1955, split three ways with JM and JM's neighbor and the District. JS seconded. The Board voted agreed contingent upon the 3rd party accepting the 3-way split. If someone takes the wood, the \$1955 is reduced by \$162 and split 3-ways.

5c) Update on Well #4: Tuff Shed will be delivered on 9/1 and installed. The water line has been connected to the District system and operating. DA taking bids for new driveway. DA reached out to four electric contractors and only two responded. Currently clarifying the bids on electric. Engineering firm is working on the drawings and we are looking to have the Well #4 (Pending no surprises) completed and certified by ADEQ and the County in November. FYI it is pumping 10 gallons/minute. Regarding storage shed, it may have a little bit of room for storage, the chlorine will be stored outside the storage area so not to be an issue.

5d) Consideration of purchasing (\$149/yr.) Zoom video for Board meetings: After discussion of pros and cons, MP suggested looking into Google Hang-Out or Google Meet which is free and accessible to everyone. DA and BJ to explore both alternatives before next meeting and bring suggestion to Board.

5e) No update on procuring WIFA loan for upgrades to the water system. During this last period, energy has been directed to Well #4 and getting it up and running.

6) Call to Public – no public input

Meeting Adjourned at 1:14 PM and moved to Executive Session.

7) Executive Session was called to order at 1:17 PM

8) Executive Session was adjourned as of 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Tanner
Secretary