

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement Special District Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

Held via Zoom.

APPROVED AT THE 6-19-21 BOARD MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM
2. Roll was called – Chairman Bruce Johnson (BJ), Parliamentarian Jeff Manley (JM), Treasurer Ray Tanner (RT), Secretary John Tanner (JT) were present, Vice Chairman Will Regg (WR) was absent, and a quorum was established.

District Manager: Don Ascoli (DA)

Public: Judy Scott (JS), Harry Jones (HJ)

3. Discuss and Take Possible Action related to:
 - a. Approval of revised WIFA General Debt Authorization Resolution

BJ opened and introduced DA to lead discussion on Authorization approval. DA explained, the change in scope of the original WIFA Loan amount. The District became aware of defective water line on Whitetail Knob (WTK) and WIFA considered it an emergency and because we had not gone very far on the loan, we could add the replacement cost to our current application. This changed the scope of the loan to include the WTK water line replacement. DA received 3 bids and the estimated cost was established of \$45k, bringing the revised WIFA Loan amount to \$270k. The WTK water line replacement includes approximately 1,000' of 2" water line. Of which 70% of it is on Tonto National Forest TNF and the other 30% is on Rich Eneim property. DA indicated during this process he would like to approach TNF for the additional access to keep the line off private property and make it more accessible for future repair. The revised scope of the WIFA loan reads to include Repair/Replacement of Storage tanks, new AMR meters, and replace a portion of the WTK main water line. The new replaced portion of the water line could be either Pex or HDTP. If we get this back to WIFA, they can approve it on 4/28.

RT questioned whether the changes had been made to WIFA loan document and DA indicated RT requested changes were completed. DA pointed out the one exception that they would not do prepayment of loan in less than ten years. RT also brought up how we originally wanted to include well in WIFA Loan and when Ray had spoken to Allen Urban at CAG, he had indicated at that time we did not need DB Act and American Iron and Steel on it. That it was an existing well and that it is a real-estate transaction and that we would not need those things to qualify. DA indicated he had asked Lindsay Mills at WIFA that same questions and her original answer was no, and DA believed it would be the same answer today. RT will call Allen back tomorrow to clarify, but suggest we approve the WIFA loan amount for two different amounts in the event we can add the well property on to loan. DA will ask Lindsay same question. To verify, we are talking about adding \$30k to loan to include property of well number 4, bringing total loan amount to \$300k.

First motion by JM to increase General Debt Authorization Resolution from an amount not to exceed \$225k to an amount not to exceed \$270k. BJ second the motion. No discussion. BJ, RT, JM and JT all voted yes. Motion passed.

Second motion: by JT Motion to approve General Debt Authorization Resolution from \$225k to \$300k, assuming WIFA approves adding the well #4 property into the loan. JM seconded it. No further discussion. BJ, RT, JM, JT voted yes – motion passed.

- b. Hiring Project Officer to manage the WIFA loan projects.

BJ introduced agenda item and DA explained he was willing to carry on as our Project Officer – bidding, awarding contracts, over seeing working with WIFA and seeing to the end the 5 projects that are part of the loan. To clarify budget amounts included in WIFA loan: WTK pipe replacement \$45k, Rehab tank \$59k, Replace WTK tank \$66k, AMR meters \$60k, Contingency \$30k, Project Officer \$10k. And if we get the WIFA approval to add the land from Well #4, then we add additional \$30k to loan bringing balance to \$300k. DA clarified that these are the budget numbers. RT asked who would be installing AMR meters and DA indicated he will be getting bids but he will be submitting a quote as well. Clarification on AMR meters; quote does include a computer reader for the automobile, tank sensors.

After much discussion:

JT made a motion to Approve DA as Project Officer at \$50/hour rate not to exceed \$10,000 pending approval of WIFA Loan by WIFA. BJ second motion: BJ, JM RT, JT yes – motion passed.

BJ made a note for Board to review and approve details of the Budget in this WIFA Loan. RT confirmed we needed details of budget and whatever other quotes or bids we will get on the projects of WIFA loan. RT would like the Board to see bids on everything.

DA to resend Loan docs and latest budget to board.

Comments from Public: HJ requested copies of whatever would be available in public records on the loan and what goes before the WIFA board. HJ would be happy to look thru it offer any suggestions.

BJ brought the meeting to a close

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tanner

Secretary