

## Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement Special District Board Meeting Minutes

November, 17 2022, Held via Zoom

RTDWID Minutes APPROVED at next Meeting

1\_The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

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

District Manager: Mario Ascoli (MA) and Dan Utz (DU)

Public: JT Driscoll (JTD), Harry Jones (HJ) and Judy Scott (JS)

3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting on 9/24/22: BJ motioned to accept minutes and WR 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – motion passed unanimous.

4-1 Treasurer Report: MA explained the delay of Treasurers report because of transition of computers and accounting system. Not Reported today.

4-2 MA had minor report referencing prior meeting on Well depths report: MA reported and displayed with graph, with recent rains we gained in all three of our wells and especially Well #4 showed higher recovery despite its heavier use.

RE: WIFA loan update we are currently showing \$177,440 remaining in account after tank reconditioning and WTK pipeline improvement. MA also reference questionnaire on annual insurance update. MA is currently in Chandler and working remotely. DU is taking care of day-to-day operations for the district. DU reported delivery of replacement tanks being held at RT's ranch. DU completed replacement of Mark Pond meter box but identified leak at meter and will require backhoe to repair (Carl Harden BH operator can help DU with this). DU also fixed leak at M Plough's house.

5 Discuss and take possible action related to:

- a. Finalize the District Manager and Operator Contract: RT commented that we received the DU contracts just last night and noted there are changes that none on the Board have had a chance review. These changes include cost increase not included in the budget. RT also pointed out that new contract doesn't reflect any savings that could be reflected with addition of AMR meters. DU had eliminated the \$350 bookkeeping and reflected an increase in the management cost. It was determined that due to the lack of time for board to study the contracts, DU will get a Word version to JM of original documents and new documents, JM will format contracts in a 'Red Line' copy in such a way to reflect the changes and more easily discernible evaluation of contracts for board to review. JM will get those 'redline' versions back out to board members. RT and Du will get together to work out best solution on accounting questions on who and how it will be handled. The board will take this item up on next meeting. RT moved that the Board approve DU taking over MA's District Mgr and Water Operator contracts as written on a month-to-month basis until DU's modified contract can be approved, BJ second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Review AMR meter Bids: MA had proposals for AMR suppliers from Mueller, Badger and Neptune. All suppliers gave a couple of months' time frame for meters, but Badger will require an extra year to get antennas. HJ (from public) commented that his recent experience of replacing meters in community he works and was able to replace and install meters at a better price than what we are currently looking at. HJ suggested board reevaluate these proposals and consider using "Master Meter" for a meter option and consider looking into Raleys irrigation and meter systems. HJ offered his help and advice if we are interested. After much discussion and feedback from the board and public it was decided to table this decision to get more concise information and obtain one additional bid from supplier. DU will take a closer look at replacement meter issues including antenna system, installation problems, integration with billing system and how drive by system works and come back to the board with suggested options. RT suggested DU take this over at this point, JM and WR suggested looking into additional "Master Meter" option, also consider not have the antenna requirement and possibly. BJ made motion to have DU take over this project has manager to review the AMR meter replacement bids and make recommendations. RT second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. DU enquired and has to boards preference and BJ responded with a preferred totally integrated system, without the antenna issue and changing all meters to be the same.
- c. WIFA loan projects (WTK tank and Meter replacements) MA reported the tanks are currently located at RT ranch and ADEQ drawings still need to be done. ADEQ gave us a grant to pay for the engineering drawings and it would only cost us \$800/tank for drawings, \$1,600 total. MA to ask Paul W of Primary to draw up

sketch of water path and provide ADEQ with info they need to complete engineering drawings. Once we get the engineering drawings, we can then complete contract and proceed with WTK tank replacements.

- d. WTP facility as general topic and possible actions: DU has had discussions with Mike Plough on the plant and possible causes of high turbidity and one is that the pump is over sized and trying to push water through the sand filters too fast. One solution is slow down water to plant creating a tunneling effect in sand media. (RT suggested there is an existing valve at pick up plant that could reduce volume rather paying to replace pump – you might try that first). Another concern is the high iron in the Cragin water may be causing the problem and could be filtered out. Another suggestion of RT was to relocate the intake above the plant to eliminate Cragin water all together. The was questions about the viability of this because we were blocked by Forest Service and SRP water rights issue. RT pointed out previous verbal approval from Forest Service and it still may be available depending on the current ranger. Another point was made to just replace the sand media and DU was going to get an estimate to do that. After much discussion, the board agreed that we would have DU focus on the AMR meter replacements and WTK tank replacement for time being and after those are resolved, we could have a special session on WTP and attack those challenges.
  - e. General discussion on water rights action with SRP and the determination on the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA): RT reported in reviewing SRP discussion from 5 or 6 years ago, he identified the NDA only had a 2- or 3-year termination period on it. RT sent DNA agreement to JM and JM agreed with that, so there is really no reason we can't public discuss the water rights/claim discussion with SRP. RT suggested that he and BJ get together and establish what documents are relevant and share it with the board at next meeting when we have something in front of us that we could talk about.
  - f. Follow up on previous meeting questions: Questions were covered in meeting above.
  - g. Repair roof of Well #2: DU informed us about roof leak on Well #2 building and working with in his pre-approved spending limit, DU will proceed with this repair (rough estimate one day of labor at \$30/hr for Carl and \$3-400 of material).
  - h. Preliminary unofficial results of Board Election 2022: New elected board members were JT Driscoll and Ray Tanner. The unofficial results are shown below. Continued thanks for JTD and RT volunteering spirit and congratulations on the elections. Thank you, Joe Lutrario, for throwing your hat in the ring.
6. Call to Public: No comment from public JTD, JS or HJ. JTD appreciates info on SRP. HJ request more face to face meetings.
7. Call to staff and Board for non-agenda updates and recommended topics for future meetings:
- a. WTK tank contract, AMR meter bids
  - b. Finalize the District Manager and Water Operator Contract once it is submitted
8. No Executive Session
9. Potential schedule for next Board Meeting: Saturday 12/17at 12:00 PM at possible Phx. location. We will follow up with email to confirm.
10. BJ suggested we have reviewed the current agenda and we will adjourn meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

John Tanner

Secretary

Summary Results Report  
2022 General Election  
November 3, 2022

Unofficial Results  
County of Gila,  
State of Arizona

**Board Member Rim Trail DWID**

Vote for 2

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Early	Election Day	Provisional	Out of District
DRISCOLL, J.T.	127	49.61%	26	11	0	90
LUTRARIO, JOSEPH	31	12.11%	10	0	0	21
TANNER JR., RAY	98	38.28%	17	9	0	72
Write-In Totals	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Votes Cast</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183</b>
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	14		5	2	0	7
Contest Totals	270		58	22	0	190