

Rim Trail Domestic Water Improvement District Board Meeting Minutes  
December 22nd, 2018  
Held – Station 72 Whispering Pines Fire Department

**APPROVED AT THE 3/16/19 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

Board Members present: Bruce Johnson, Ray Tanner, John Tanner, Judy Scott Via phone

District Manager: Don Ascoli (DA)

Public: Mario Ascoli, Harry Jones

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

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

Minutes were approved.

Ray Tanner briefly reviewed the budget which was published on the website.

Don Ascoli gave a District Manager's report, referencing the printed notes he distributed at the meeting and via email. There was one property ownership change at 497 Rim Trail. There have been 3 Blue Stake requests since last meeting. Ascoli reported that there were three major leaks in the last quarter amounting to a combined loss of 10K gallons. Two of the leaks were caused by 3<sup>rd</sup> party. November was the first time the new operator had read the water meters. It was found that 12 meters were identified containing water in meter glass making it difficult to read. A more thorough review/evaluation of these meters will be made during the December readings. Well #2 water level is ranging from 24.5' to 26.5' and Well #3 is running from 50.5' to 52.25'. Collected first data from new Conductivity instrument, setting up a standard sampling on a monthly basis to track this parameter at the river, well #2 and well #3. Our Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule readings are on a downward trend. Since the last Board meeting the average has fallen from 124 to 93. ADEQ has put us into a reduced sampling plan for Lead/Copper testing. We can now test on an annual basis and only required to sample 5 taps ILO of 10 taps. Currently working on District mapping clean up identifying all valves in the water system. A new revision will be printed Q1 2019. DA attended webinar hosted by WIFA sharing with us rule changes that increases their ability to fund projects. DA reported the Payson Water Line (CC Cragin) latest estimate is the Filter Plant will be turned on for testing in April 2019 and will be put into production May 2019. It is the intent of PWL to run 8 months on and 4 months off.

A) Appointment of Board member to fill Dave McKibben vacancy: Two Volunteers stepped forward to fill the vacancy for interim Board Member, Harry Jones and Gordon Dillow. RT pointed out that we shouldn't be in a rush to fill this vacancy and BJ confirmed that there was not a 30-day time frame to do so, as originally believed. With input from the public (Harry Jones) and RT it was pointed out we should look for someone that could fill a need of the Board such as an IT man or legal (lawyer) authority. It was decided that Board should pursue additional recruits and make appointment later. RT moved to table discussion until next meeting, BJ seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

It is noted that RTDWID and the community remains ever grateful for Dave McKibben's many years of volunteer service to the Water Board and District. Dave, you will be missed as a Board member and a neighbor.

B) District Website: DA indicated Dave McKibben is willing to continue the District Website support for a nominal monthly fee. RT moved to keep Dave McKibben as Website Administrator for \$30/month. JT seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C) Renewal membership with Rim Country Chamber of Commerce: Harry Jones suggested that thru our membership in prior years that a 10% discount for District insurance was incurred. DA was not sure that still applied and will report at next Board meeting. The Board agreed to table this discussion until next meeting.

D) HACH Instruments maintenance agreement: DA pointed out that water filtration instruments need calibration. Board discussed a choice between a one-time calibration fee of \$1738 or an annual maintenance agreement for \$3000/yr. It was determined that through some substitutions there would be funding in the budget for the year and for this upcoming year it would be best to make the annual agreement. JT Made motion to accept the \$3000 maintenance package, BJ seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

E) Evaluation of the new Water Operator, Rim Country Water Testing: DA received a resounding approval from the Board.

F) Water Treatment Plant Options: The Pros and Cons were discussed for 3 Turbidity Solutions. 1) Update water treatment plant to include a flocculation process. 2) Move the E. Verde River pickup point to just above the SRP generation station and Mail Creek. 3) Purchase a new well and land. Through much discussion between the Board members, consideration of time sensitivity and cost, it was determined to further pursue the Option #3. BJ made a motion for Board to spend \$1500 to further investigate the potential of a Well #4. JT seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no additional input from Call to the Public.

Call to the Staff and Board: Add agenda item for next meeting, RT stated there is no requirement for quarterly meetings and we should eliminate Board meetings between Thanksgiving and Christmas, tb discussed next meeting.

There was no Executive Session.

BJ adjourned meeting at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tanner  
Secretary