

PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting
Thursday December 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
PSWID Administrative Office
6306 W Hardscrabble Rd.
Pine, AZ 85544

1. CALL TO ORDER

Alan Kleinman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Alan Kleinman

3. PRAYER Offered by Tammy Albright

4. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Conducted by Alan Kleinman: Board members present: Alan Kleinman, Sharon Hillman, David Wilson, Tammy Albright and Larry Bagshaw. A quorum was present. Robert Arbuthnot was also in attendance.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

I. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INTERVIEWING THE APPLICANTS AND SELECTING THE CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Alan Kleinman. Two of the seven candidates were in attendance. Cory Ellsworth was attending via phone. Alan had each candidate introduce themselves and give a three minute synopsis of their experience and reasons for wanting to serve on the board. Raymond Headings has a background in biological science, safety management, and also environmental health. He is now a full time resident of Strawberry. Cory Ellsworth has a second home in Strawberry, but has been coming here for over fifty years. He currently lives in Mesa. His experience is in business management and finance. Roger Childers lives in Pine and has experience in sales and marketing for the semiconductor industry, and taught high school science. The board decided it would like to hear from the other candidates before making any firm decisions as to the selection of board members. David Wilson also announced he would be resigning from the board effective Dec. 31, so there will be also a two year board position available.

II. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE WATER MODELING STUDY TO SUNRISE ENGINEERING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00.

Sharon Hillman. Sharon, Bob Arbuthnot, Alan Kleinman, and Paul Hendricks attended a WIFA/USDA team meeting on Dec. 2 during which both EPS Group and Sunrise Engineering

gave presentations regarding the water modeling project. After discussing the presentations, they decided to award the project to Sunrise Engineering, which had prepared a similar study for Alliant Gas Company for Payson, Pine, and Strawberry. Sharon Hillman moved that the board award and approve the contract to Sunrise Engineering for the water model project at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. David Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Sunrise will hold a workshop tomorrow morning at 10:30 for anyone that is interested in attending.

III. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS BASE WATER RATES. Sharon Hillman. Discussions about the board potentially charging the commercial base rate for residential businesses – particularly Airbnb and VRBO – have proliferated on Nextdoor Pine-Strawberry. Some think they should pay the higher rate and about the same number think it would be discriminatory if all home businesses were not charged the higher rate. Since the board cannot determine if a property is a home business, any residential property that is registered in the owner’s name will only be charged the residential rate. The commercial rate will be charged to any property that is listed as a corporation or LLC as decided at the November 19, 2020 board meeting with the verbiage that was approved to be added to the Rules and Regulations. Sharon Hillman moved that no further action be taken on this matter and the decision made on Nov. 19 stands. Tammy Albright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN. David Wilson moved the meeting be adjourned. Tammy Albright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.