



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Water Utilities Community Facilities District

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Tuesday, August 15, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Schroeder, Boardmember Cross, Boardmember Heck, Boardmember Johnson, Boardmember Nesser, and Boardmember Soller

Staff in attendance:

Bryant Powell, District Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant District Manager
Jennifer Pena, District Clerk
Joel Stern, District Legal Counsel
Mike Loggins, District Director
Charles Briggs, Water District Project Manager
Stacy Ramirez, Utility Billing Supervisor
Rita Vineyard, Senior Administrative Assistant
Leslie DeReche, District Treasurer
Connie Chow, District Controller
Evie McKinney, Deputy District Clerk
Al Bravo, Public Information Officer
Robert Wisler, Management Analyst

C. Agenda Items

1. [23-411](#) Approval of meeting minutes of June 20, 2023.

Boardmember Soller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the June 20, 2023, meeting. Boardmember Nesser seconded the motion.

2. [23-412](#) Presentation, discussion, and consideration for approval of a construction agreement with Garney Companies, Inc. for the installation of 5,205 linear feet of a 16" Bi-directional transmission main to be installed from the Apache Junction Water District in the amount of \$1,155,007.17.

Boardmember Heck made a motion that the construction Agreement between Water Utilities Community Facilities District and Garney Companies, Inc. for the installation of 5,205 linear feet of a 16" bi-directional transmission main using the cooperative use portion of the City of El Mirage Job Order Contract Water and Wastewater Projects – PW19-JOC02 for a total not to exceed \$1,155,001.17, be approved. Boardmember Nesser seconded the motion.

District Director Mike Loggins presented an overview of a construction Agreement with Garney

Companies, Inc. for the installation of 5,205 linear feet of 16" bi-directional transmission main to be installed from the Superstition Area Water Plant to the Apache Junction Sewer District (AJSD). The pipe was purchased in Fiscal Year 2023 and the installation of the pipe was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024. Initially, the main will be used to pump Central Arizona Project (CAP) water to the AJSD for recharge and in the event the CAP water is not available, then changing the direction of the flow and using effluent water from the AJSD as direct potable reuse, using advance filter or advanced purification facility. This is a project that has been ongoing for the last couple of years and once complete, it will tie the two Districts together. The project is approximately \$1.1 million, and due to the increase costs of labor and material the amount is slightly over the original budgeted amount of \$800,000.

D. District Manager Report

No report.

E. District Director Report

3. [23-413](#) Presentation, discussion, and update on Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona Water Conservation Grant.

Mr. Loggins presented an overview of the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Water Conservation Grant that the District applied for in May, 2023. The grant, in the amount of \$1,065,845.00, will be used for an Advanced Meter Infrastructure Project that will allow for the installation of radios on every meter in the District, and towers that will transmit hourly meter reads as opposed to every 30 days. This will assist with water conservation by notifying the District sooner when there is a leak. Another benefit includes tracking water loss throughout the system. In July, Mr. Loggins had a meeting with WIFA's grant committee. At that meeting, the committee recommended the District for approval and moved the grant to the WIFA board for consideration. Mr. Loggins said he would be attending the board meeting on August 16, 2023, to find out if the District was approved for the grant. If approved, the project will take approximately one year to complete.

4. [23-414](#) Presentation, discussion, and update on Utility Billing software.

Mr. Loggins presented an update on the new Utility Billing Software implemented the beginning of August. The District sent post cards and flyers to customers to keep them informed of the changes. Customer feedback has been positive, and office staff is working with the customers who need assistance.

5. [23-415](#) Presentation, discussion, and update on District wide water system.

Mr. Loggins presented an update on the water system. The Superstition Area Water Plant has been pumping at capacity since April. The increase in demand is due to the construction in the state land area. Production at Well 5 has dropped and the pump is being pulled to see why this is occurring. Well 6 is being used to support with peak demands while Well 5 is down. Construction continues on the water campus 3 with a completion date of January or February of 2024. The District has taken over the transmission and distribution lines from the developer.

District Manager Bryant Powell introduced the presentation of the One Water Our Water video. The video explains who the water service providers are in Apache Junction, where the water they provide comes from and how it is distributed to our citizens.

F. District Treasurer Report

No report.

G. Adjournment

Chairperson Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND DISTRICT BOARD OF THE WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT, (CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA).

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
District Clerk

WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT MINUTES CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, held on the _____ day of _____, _____. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

JENNIFER PENA
District Clerk