

**Minutes
of the
Regular Meeting of Board of Directors of
The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Gila
(the “IDA”)**

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Gila County Courthouse
Supervisors’ Hearing Room
1400 E. Ash Street
Globe, AZ

Presiding: Fred Barcon

Present: Fred Barcon (telephonic), Cliff Potts, Mac Feezor, Tim Grier, Bill Bennett, Stan Gibson

Absent: Lisa Brazil, Bob Pastor, Trena Grantham

Administrative Manager: Sandy Palmer

Guest Present: Cameron Davis, Razor Thin Media

Fred Barcon called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Authority to order at 10:12 a.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD HELD ON JUNE 18, 2018.**

On motion made by Stan Gibson and seconded by Cliff Potts, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2018 were approved as submitted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER 2018.

On motion made by Cliff Potts and seconded by Tim Grier, the Treasurer’s Report for second quarter 2018 was approved as submitted.

Fred Barcon mentioned the meager returns on the cd’s and suggested if the funds were included in the Revolving Loan Fund, it would increase the return on investment.

Tim Grier said the IDA would have to consult the State Statute for guidelines on the fiscal responsibility of political subdivisions.

The topic will be included as an information/discussion item on a future work session agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION PREVIEW OF THE COUNTYWIDE TOURISM AND MARKETING WEBSITE PROJECT BY CAMERON DAVIS OF RAZOR THIN MEDIA.

Cameron Davis highlighted the process involved in bringing the website project to fruition, and gave a presentation navigating the progress to date of the DiscoverGilaCounty.com website. The website serves as an extensive tourism directory and resource.

Cameron Davis said the website won’t be monetized immediately. The first step is to develop a marketing plan and build value for the business owners.

The County cannot own and manage the website due to legalities; therefore, the County is planning to form a Visitor’s Bureau type non-profit committee to own and maintain the website.

Discussion ensued.

IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE TRI-CITY WASTEWATER PROJECT BY FRED BARCON.

Tri-City Regional Sanitary District requested the IDA’s assistance in moving their project forward in October of 2015. Since that time, Fred Barcon, has been attending the TCRSD meetings and reviewing engineering documents. The TCRSD board and engineer have been very secretive, refusing to provide vital information such as the Preliminary Engineering Report

(PER) and the 208 Amendment document. The meetings do not cover any pertinent information, the TCRSD board enters executive session to discuss the details of the project.

Without any vote or warning, the TCRSD board hit the District with a 41.6% tax rate increase to cover administrative expenses.

Fred Barcon said he was finally able to secure a copy of the 208 Amendment from City of Globe Mayor, and CAG President, Al Gameros. Within the pages of the 208 Amendment, Fred Barcon said he discovered numerous issues, discrepancies, and misleading statements.

Discussion ensued.

TCRSD is aggressively pursuing this project without the consent or support of taxpayers.

On motion made by Tim Grier and seconded by Mac Feezor, motion to withdraw support from TCRSD passed by a vote of (6-0).

On motion made by Cliff Potts and seconded by Tim Grier, motion to write a letter in opposition to the TCRSD project addressed to Congressman O'Halleran, USDA and TCRSD. Letter to include long-term ramifications and economic development impediments resulting from the over-priced project, motion passed by a vote of (6-0).

TASK LIST UPDATE

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION AS DETERMINED RELATING TO THE TASK LIST UPDATE.

Mac Feezor provided an update on the broadband efforts in the Rim Country, and gave an update on the Navajo-Gila County E-Rate project. The Navajo-Gila County project award to Red Rock Communications has raised numerous red flags and caused dissention with the state. Gila County has been advised to pull away from Navajo County and prepare an independent proposal for the upcoming E-Rate funding cycle.

Broadband discussion ensued.

Sandy Palmer read the task list document included in the board packets.

Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM THE BOARD

VI. CURRENT EVENTS

No current events discussed.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting of the IDA board adjourned at 11:29 a.m.