

**PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Special Meeting and Public Hearing**  
**Thursday January 13, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.**  
**PSWID Administrative Office**  
**6306 W Hardscrabble Rd.**  
**Pine, AZ 85544**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Raymond Headings called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Conducted by Raymond Headings

**3. PRAYER**

Offered by Larry Bagshaw

**4. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Conducted by Raymond Headings: Board members present: George Gorkowski, Raymond Headings, Cory Ellsworth, Tom Reski, and Larry Bagshaw. Tammy Albright was present via Go To Meeting. A quorum was present. Paul Hendricks, EUSI, David Dickinson, the General Manager, and Sharon Hillman, the Finance Manager were also present. Riley Snow, the district's attorney was present via Go To Meeting.

**5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

**6. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE RCAC WATER RATE STUDY.** Raymond Headings.

**A. Motion to open the public hearing.** George Gorkowski moved that the public hearing be opened. Larry Bagshaw seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Public Hearing on the RCAC Water Rate Study including a proposed adjustment to water rates and the reasons and water availability.** Karl Pennock from RCAC had a PowerPoint presentation which is posted to the PSWID website. PSWID will need additional revenue through FY 2027 to cover operating costs, debt, reserves, and proposed capital improvements. The analysis identifies that a 6.3% average adjustment in rates will be needed in FY 2023. It is recommended that the board consider a rate structure based on meter size (Option 3) which is in the presentation. Both board members and the public had questions about the study. Larry Bagshaw suggested that since inflation is currently running at 7% that both 7% and 10% adjustments should be included in the next public hearing on January 27. Karl Pennock was pleased that PSWID had been proactive in its rate adjustments in the last couple of years and the current rates weren't far off from

the proposed adjustments.

**C. Motion to close the public hearing.** George Gorkowski moved the public hearing be closed. Cory Ellsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. ELECTION OF 2022 PSWID OFFICERS.** Raymond Headings. Ray suggested that the current officers be retained for 2022. The board was in concurrence with his suggestion.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**I. APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE WATER ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE, SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE AND PERSONAL ADVISORY GROUP.** Raymond Headings. Ray appointed Chris Ray to the Water Enhancement Committee, and Tom Reski to both the Support Services Committee and Personal Advisory Group.

**2. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE GUIDEBOOK.** Raymond Headings. Changes to the Employee Guidebook were tabled in the prior Executive session pending further study. George Gorkowski moved that this item be tabled. Tom Reski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. IDENTIFY POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON JANUARY 27,2022 at 4 p.m.**

- I.** RCAC Public Hearing on Rate Study at 3 p.m.
- II.** De-annexation petition
- III.** Changes to Employee Handbook
- IV.** Task Order for Apache Underground for Pine Creek 2 project

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN.** George Gorkowski moved the meeting be adjourned. Cory Ellsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.