

**ICR SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**PO Box 1963 Prescott, AZ 86302**

**Budget and Rate Hearing**

**June 9, 2022**

**Date:** Thursday, June 9, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset Ave., Prescott, AZ.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** *Mr. Summers called the Rate Hearing to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.*
- 2. ROLL CALL** *Present were: Mr. Bob Summers, Board Chairman; Mr. Jerry DeSantis, Board Member; Mr. Jeff McLeod, Board Member; Mr. Bob Busch, District Manager (via teleconference); Mr. Bill Whittington, Legal Counsel; and Isabel Yribe, Clerk (via teleconference).*

*The following residents were in attendance: Mr. Mark Arnold, Mr. Jimmy and Mrs. Stoner, Ms. Eileen McGowan, Ms. Jan Robinson and Mr. Bob Hilb*

- 3. SUMMARY** *Mr. Summers summarized the changes made to the budget. He stated that the changes included the \$3250 Developer Lot Fees was increased to \$3500 and Credit Card Convenience Fees were added, therein.*
- 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** *Mr. Hilb wanted clarification on residential user fees. Mr. Summers stated that the residential user fees were calculated at \$15 per month and totaled \$45 per quarter.*

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Therefore, the Rate Hearing was adjourned at approximately 1:05 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** *Mr. Summers called the Budget Hearing to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.*
- 2. SUMMARY** *Mr. Summers gave a brief summary and stated that the proposed budget was approximately \$42K higher than the last budget. He also noted the changes that were proposed in the Budget. Those changes included adding \$25K to attorney's fees for Mr. Bill DeHaan for the bond election services he is providing, \$5K for the General Election as a seat will become vacant. Mr. Summers stated that there was an increase for Sludge Handling Fees as the former processor was no longer accepting our sludge bags and they were being hauled to a different facility for further processing. Mr. Summers stated that insurance, chemicals, and plant operator fees were also increased.*

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** *Mr. Bob Hilb asked if the change was made to line item 6130. Mr. Summers stated that the amount has been corrected to \$45. Mr. Hilb voiced his concerns over having a short term fix for the sludge handling process. Mr. Summers stated that there was a solution but at this time, the District was unable to handle that process. Mr. Hilb's asked about using reserves to pay for capital repairs. Mr. McLeod spoke briefly on the Use of Funds vs the Source of Funds to respond to Mr. Hilb's concerns. Mr. Summers stated that the replacement fund was overlooked for many years and the District did not add to that account. He stated that the District was trying to slowly add to that account. Mr. Summers clarified Mr. Hilb's concern regarding the addition of attorney's fees and stated that Mr. DeHaan was hired to assist the District with the Bond Election and WIFA loan process. Mr. Summers stated that there was money set aside for future sludge handling processes. Mr. McLeod also stated that a cost would be incurred for preparing engineering information as well as filing information for ADEQ/WIFA as it related to the expansion project. Mr. Summers summarized the following changes. He stated that line item 7550 reflected a decrease of \$30K down from \$50K to a total of \$20K. He also stated that line item 2470 reflected a decrease of \$30K down from \$60K to a total of \$30K. Mr. Summers stated that \$14K was removed from Other Deposits from Capital Accounts leaving the total of \$74K moving to Non Operating Expenses/Sludge Handling. He further stated that funds were not added but instead, reallocated within the budget. Mr. McLeod stated that the District's Total Net Assessed Value was \$43,679,00 for the upcoming year according to Yavapai County, which would lead to a tax ratio of 1.0289 vs the current ratio of 1.0117.*

**4. ADJOURNMENT** *Therefore the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.*