

Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2019:

A meeting of the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority was convened at 2:00 p.m. in the Pinal County Offices in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Directors Present:

- Bill Collings, Papago Butte DWID
- Bryan Hartman, Maricopa-Stanfield IDD
- Chris Michie, Central Arizona IDD
- Jake Lenderking, Water utilities without a CAP Water Subcontract
- Fred Schneider, Water utilities with a CAP Water Subcontract
- Dick Powell, City of Casa Grande
- Stephen Q. Miller, Pinal County
- John Anderson, Town of Florence (by phone)
- Keith Brown, City of Eloy (by phone)

Also Present:

- Joe Singleton, PCWAA Executive Director
- Stephen Cooper, PCWAA Attorney
- Mitch Basefsky, Central Arizona Project

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bill Collings called the meeting to order at 2:00.

PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR LOBBYING SERVICES:

Joe Singleton described the process through which the Authority published notice soliciting statements of qualification and interest from potential lobbying entities. Singleton said that notice was published in the Capitol Times and Casa Grande Dispatch as well as sent directly to several individuals and firms, with responses due back to the PCWAA by September 6, 2019. Singleton said that he and the PCWAA executive committee evaluated the applications and had a consensus recommendation. Bill Collings indicated that he felt that time was of the essence in selecting an applicant who could then prepare to work on the Authority's issues. He said that in terms of the timing of a legislative session, it was getting late to get started.

Fred Schneider asked if any applicant had claimed a relationship with Arizona homebuilders. Collings said that they had not, but indicated that the guidelines in the statement of qualifications had not asked for it either. Dick Powell moved to proceed with negotiations with the leading candidate for PCWAA lobbying services. John Anderson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE AUTHORITY:

There was a call to the Authority. Fred Schneider said that the House Ad Hoc Committee on groundwater Supply in Pinal County would meet on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 1:30 and would be chaired by Rep. David Cook. Bill Collings said that he had spoken to Statewide AMA Director Einav Henenson, and that she had told him that the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council was in the process of forming subcommittees to assist in their work.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There was a call to the public. There was no response.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on October 8, 2019 at 7:00 a.m., 820 E. Cottonwood Lane, Suite A-1, Casa Grande.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


William Collings, Chairman


Marvin L. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer