

# BRDWID Chairman's Report

May 16, 2024

1. Budget
  - a. We notified the County BoS of our rate increase and provided them with our approved budget for 2024/2025, as we are required to do.
  - b. The updated Rate Structure will be sent-out with the June invoices. The base rate increase is effective May 1 and will be reflected in the June 1 invoices.
2. WIFA Loan Update:
  - a. As a follow up to our meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>, on April 27<sup>th</sup> I notified Scott Connelly of WIFA that we had passed our budget for 2024/2025 and that we had included a \$20 per month increase in the base rate.
  - b. Scott committed to send me the Restated Repayment Schedule which I am still awaiting.
  - c. We committed to provide a financial update in July.
  - d. We are planning a face-to-face meeting in October after our Board meeting on October on the 17<sup>th</sup> which will include a review of our annual financial review that will be done by our CPA.
3. District Manager
  - a. Our efforts to-date have not yielded any viable candidates. I think we need to expand our search:
    - i. Reach-out to professional organizations, e.g. Rural Water Association; Arizona Water Association
    - ii. Advertise the position in the newspapers (Flagstaff, Payson, others?). Post the position on our website
    - iii. Engage our partners, SUM & A-Quality Water
4. Three Board positions will be on the ballot in November for qualified electors in the District. Please consider running. We need more than 3 candidates to put the Board positions on the ballot. Please consider running.
5. Second "from the Chairman's desk" email sent on May 2. I wanted to make the community aware of the opportunity to self-nominate for the open Board position; to participate in the Infrastructure Committee; to encourage folks to run for the Board; to solicit candidates for the District Manager

position; and to share that the 2024/2025 Budget was approved with the \$20/month base rate increase. We want to be as open and transparent as possible.

6. Arizona Special Districts Alliance summit in Flagstaff on May 23. I will be attending.
7. I continue to participate in the Rural Groundwater Working Group, advocating for local control of groundwater when it is threatened.