



Staff Report

Agenda Item: Verde River Basin Partnership Allocation Of Funds – Approval for allocation of \$100.00 to Verde River Basin Partnership.

Sponsored By: Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Staff Contact: Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

Meeting Date: January 12, 2010

Background: Town of Clarkdale is a member of Verde River Basin Partnership and Resolution #1271 had set Mayor Von Gausig as the Council's representative to Verde River Basin Partnership. Verde River Basin Partnership (VRBP) has requested all member organizations to allocate a voluntary donation of \$100.00 to provide minimal administrative operating funds for VRBP.

Representatives to the VRBP Coordinating Committee are currently paying for all administrative cost themselves, including such items as photocopying, postage, PO Box rental, Arizona incorporation, and website design.

The Town of Clarkdale collects \$0.32 per billing period per account for Yavapai County Water Advisory Council. Finance Department has confirmed that this account has enough funds to cover this request.

Recommendation: To approve allocation of \$100.00 to Verde River Basin Partnership.

VERDE RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP

<http://verderiverbasinpartnership.org>
Partnership Coordinating Committee
Edward W. Wolfe, Chair

November 29, 2009

Verde River Basin Partnership members:

At the November 2, 2009, annual meeting of the Verde River Basin Partnership agreement was reached to ask each of the Partnership's members* to give a voluntary donation of at least \$100 to offset expenses incurred in the Partnership's reinvigorated and continuing effort to win federal funding for its work under Title II. (*Members are organizations, both voting and non-voting, that are represented either directly or through a caucus).

This letter formalizes the Partnership's request for the above-mentioned donations.

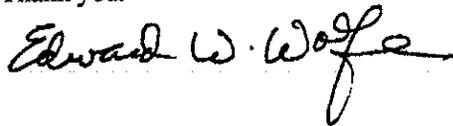
Members of the Coordinating Committee are currently paying with their personal funds the costs—amounting since August to about five hundred dollars—for such items as photocopying, postage, PO Box rental, Arizona incorporation, and website development. Clearly this is not a sustainable working arrangement for managing a vigorous campaign to generate citizen support in our quest for the federal funding promised in Title II.

These operating costs will inevitably continue over the coming year. Website costs including reimbursement for expenses already incurred are expected to be about \$1,000. The Partnership is solely dependent on the willingness and ability of Coordinating Committee members to provide such items as projectors for committee and Partnership meetings, and that situation should be corrected. Part-time clerical assistance would be most welcome. In-state travel costs for meeting with USGS counterparts, and to other meetings relative to Partnership concerns, including meeting with our congressional representatives, should be reimbursable.

The Partnership has negotiated a fiduciary agreement with the Verde Watershed Association to receive, manage, and disburse the Partnership's funds. Partnership funds will be accounted for separately from Verde Watershed Association funds, and an accounting will be provided quarterly to the Partnership members. The Verde Watershed Association is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) Arizona charitable/educational corporation; thus donations through the Verde Watershed Association to the Partnership are tax-deductible.

Voluntary contributions should be clearly designated as intended for the Verde River Basin Partnership and should be sent to: Chip Norton, Treasurer, Verde Watershed Association, P.O. Box 4001, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

Thank you.



Ed Wolfe, Chair, VRBP Coordinating Committee

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Dorothy O'Brien, Tom O'Halleran, Doug Von Gausig, Ed Wolfe