

Mayer Domestic Water  
Improvement District

July 2, 1992

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:34 PM

ROLE CALL: Present Bert Tesky, Robert Houser, Walter Diskin, and Duane Hines, absent Gary Sandy. Motion by Diskin, second by Duane Hines that minutes be accepted. Approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Joe Smith of the Bureau of Reclamation, Central Arizona Conservation District and Frank Barrios of the Arizona Department of Water Resources discussed water service contracts and transfer of water allotments.

They indicated that we don't have a clear cut legal right to sell our allocation. They were questioned as to how the water allocations were determined. It was determined in about 1978, when the Department of Interior went along with the State's recommendation. There was a question as to what is surface water. It is not clear what is and how you determine it.

A discussion followed on surface water using bright line calculation to determine the difference between surface and ground water. Mr. Smith questioned us as to our ability to drill more producing deep wells. The answer was, probably not much capacity left.

Reference was made as to the Yavapai, Prescott Water Exchange Bill. If we sign the Contract, we become liable to pay for our water allotment on a rising sliding scale. Discussion referred also to the back taxes due if we accept our allotment. The period due is now 1983 to 1992. Question by Mr. Smith as to our intention to sign the contract or not. We don't know. If we do sign, we become liable for back taxes and future water costs. If we don't, we lose the allocation along with any opportunity to deal. Deadline to sign is up in October. We can appeal the time limit if we can show cause.

Bill Dunham reported we must make sure that all the papers are signed, transferring all water rights from Mayer Water Company to us. Bill Dunham will meet with Attorney Chet Lockwood on July 8th in regard to finalize transfer of water rights from Mayer Water Company. Discussion followed on various alternatives. Options for use of funds to acquire a new water supply.

Several possible options are to buy water rights from others, to build a dam or to dig new wells. No action was taken.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Financial sheets were distributed covering June. The water demand is rising now that the weather is dry. We are trying to get the repairs done on the Grapevine line. Paul Hines backhoe is broken down and so it is on hold until the repairs are made.

We received a letter of compliance from ADEQ. We received a notice from New Hampshire Insurance that they are going out of business and we will have no coverage. Dunham said he will look for other insurers.

The contracts for access to Cliff and Gate wells have been written and signed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: APS is putting in a line from D & R well. Cross Connect Ordinance was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolutions 92-1 and 92-2, authorizing elections in conjunction with the county election in November were distributed. Moved by Houser, second by Diskin to accept 92-1. Passed. Moved by Houser, second by Diskin to pass 92-2. Passed.

A letter introducing Chlorination of the system will be composed by Dunham.

Grapevine line repairs: Paul Hines will do the work to bury the line at a cost of \$1800. Diskin reported that Gary Bell didn't want to bid. He also reported that Gene Bennett says he has a lifetime lease in the area we need for a right of way. It was suggested that we might ask Gene to make a bid. The item was tabled until next month.

A discussion on the condition of the wells followed. Poland Junction level is so low that we are getting most of the water from the Grapevine wells.

The Budget for 1992-93 was presented. The budget is taken from last years budget with additions to take into account this years growth. It amounted \$151,000.00. Moved by Houser, second by Diskin to accept the budget as presented. Passed.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: none

Adjourned at 10:13 PM