

Mayer Domestic Water Improvement District

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 15, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 5:01 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** Chairman Joe Mish – Absent, Member Kathy King – Present, Member Kevin Jones – Present, Member Jacque Burruss – Present, Clerk Ed Cocchiola – Absent

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments from the public

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1. Approval of October 2022 financials

5.2. Approval of November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Jones motioned to approve the consent agenda, Member Burruss 2nds, Vote – Member King – Aye, Member Jones – Aye, Member Burruss – Aye – PASSED

6. **ADMINISTRATION/STAFF REPORTS**

6.1. & 6.2 Manager/Office Report -By Manager Mardi Befort

- I didn't add to my written report that I was going to present 2 plaques to Joe and Ed because I wanted them to be surprised. I am disappointed they did not attend tonight's meeting. Here is the plaque I was going to present to each of them. It says "Thank you for your service on the Mayer Water District Board."
- We had 2 blue stakes as of today.
- We had 1 main line break after a contractor hit our waterline.
- I met with the David McAtee and Marty Brennan from the County regarding the ARPA Grant so we can make sure we are all on the same page and that everyone is doing things correctly. One of the most frustrating things has been all the changes to what and how we can do things. They explained that the Federal Government has changed the rules several times which is why this has happened. Unfortunately, it looks like we are not going to be able to be creative with how we use funds like we normally do. We have to open everything up for bid to everyone especially disadvantaged businesses. It is going to be worth it in the end. I just have to keep reminding myself we received million dollars for improvements. It was a very good meeting and I was able to get some much needed clarity on the entire process.
- Archie had surgery on Tuesday he will be out for possibly a month. I am currently working on a list of backhoe operators I can call in to help the District in case of an emergency.
- Oakhills update:
 - No Update
- Racetrack well:
 - No Update
- Sandfilter update:
 - In your packet is the concept from the engineers for the waterline across the wash. The concept is a single precast girder that spans the wash on drilled shafts for support. I received this on Tuesday and have not spoken to the County regarding the concept and possible funding for the girder, as soon as I have more information, I will add it to the agenda for discussion and possible action. I just wanted you all aware that project I still moving forward. I will also be talking to the county about the watershed in Mayer and other areas of concern.

- Water Turn Off's/Past Due Account
 - December there were 10 people on the shut off list. We had one person pay the past due balance on 2 accounts so they would not be shut off. When one of those customers came in to pay what he thought was 2 months of water and found out someone had paid his past due balance he asked to pay the past due balance for someone else on the shut off list. 5 people paid over the weekend or the morning of to avoid shut off. So, we ended up having 3 people on the shut off. **They are all back on. The last one came in around 1pm to pay the bill in full. ~~1 is still off.~~**
 - There are 2 customers with high water bills on the shut off list. They have applied for assistance with DES Department of Housing (DOH) to have their bill paid off in full and the next 3 months of bills paid as well. I have spoken with Representatives with (DOH) Department of Housing and verified the applications were filed and they are being paid. DOH has requested that we not shut off their water as it can take a few weeks to get the checks sent out.
- We are reading meters today and tomorrow and the bills will be mailed out on Tuesday.
- Website usage
 - In the past 30 days our website has had 374 views (refers to the number of times the website has been visited) and 219 unique visits (Actual number of people who have visited the website). Example: if a customer goes onto our website 10 times in 1 day it will show there are 10 views and 1 unique view.
- Water usage this month
 - Because we haven't finished reading meters, I do not have water usage numbers for this month.
- This month's direct deposit check for the Bank of the West account was \$6,350.83.
- Correspondence in your packets.
 - There is one Facebook comment in your packet. Someone did not appreciate the reminder of payments due and shut off day. Felt it was off-putting. I shared our post on a local Mayer area Facebook page in hopes of reaching people who are on the shut off list. I know a few of our customer are on the local Facebook Page and I believe the payments that came in over the weekend were a result of the Facebook post.

Member Jones Motions to accept the Administration/Staff Reports, Member Burruss 2nds, Vote – Member King – Aye, Member Jones – Aye, Member Burruss – Aye - PASSED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Member Burruss motions to adjourn at 5:11 p.m., Member Burruss 2nds, Vote – Member King – Aye, Member Jones – Aye, Member Burruss – Aye - PASSED