

Mayer Domestic Water Improvement District

Minutes of Special Meeting

July 20, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 4:31p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Chairman Joe Mish – Present, Member Kathy King – Present, Member Kevin Jones – Present, Clerk Ed Cocchiola – Present, Member Jacque Burruss – Present

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bruce Bennett - stated he bought a piece of property and there is a water line easement on the property, and it has been all washed out, he wanted to know if the Water District maintains it or County Flood Control. Chairman Mish replied he thinks it would be flood control. Mr. Bennett stated he read in the Courier about money being allocated to different towns and he did not read that Mayer received any funds. And asked if Mayer didn't receive any benefits from that. Chairman Mish stated that was a fact.

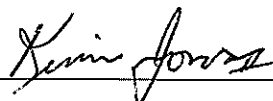
Joanne Coe - stated that 2 members are running for re-election and she hopes they do right by this District if they want to be re-elected. She feels like District is being dismantled wanting to give away our well or settle, we don't have the money we are taking things off the tower. Revenue being cut drastically. We are still in line to get the \$1 million dollar grant money, but that depends on the actions of this Board. She spoke with someone from the County and it is a variable as the actions of the Board determines whether we get the grant money for infrastructure or not. We need that money. You say you aren't going to raise rates but how can you make the needed improvements with out the grant. There are to many personal things going on and you need to do your due diligence as our Board. With the election coming up I think it is so important that we know that you are looking out for us and that we keep an asset that has been ours since the formation of the District we paid for it.

Rita MacDonald – The well has been ours since 1991 or 1992 and Stephen O'Bresly's name was never on any paperwork at all, that was our well. We have an easement to it. There are 2 wells. I don't know what you guys think you are doing. You can not give away our well. The community is going to have to do a class action suit, I don't see any other remedy unless we get you guys off the Board because you can't just give away our well. That's our livelihood that our water is not a luxury. We need it.

Kathryn Knight – There is money coming for the cell tower and the grant but it seems like you guys don't want to have either one of those. What are we supposed to do if we don't do that. We already say to conserve water. With that \$1 million grant you could drill more wells or something.

Don Fernwalt – He feels he is at a disadvantage as he was just made aware of the meeting, so he doesn't know to much about the situation. But stated we elected them (the Board) and it is their (the Board) duty to provide us (the community) with the water that we need. Doesn't have much information with regards to the litigation, but if we bought it, its ours. And the Board needs to find a way to reconcile it.

Shasta Guthrie – First meeting she has attended, and is coming in with limited information, but clearly



there are some issues of concern to the community with the Water District. Looking at the responsibilities of the Board, the Board must do everything on behalf of the District until all options have been exhausted. Mediation, various types of negotiations. With her understanding we are not there yet, there is a lot of gray area and things that are not clear cut. Her hope is that the Board will continue to fight for the people .served by the District as is their charge and to not take any binding actions until all methods have been exhausted and the community has been involved and represented.

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

5.1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Lucas Well Litigation

Member King motions to go into executive session, Member Burruss 2nds, Vote – Chairman Mish – Aye, Clerk Cocchiola – Aye, Member King – Aye, Member Jones – Aye, Member Burruss – Aye – PASSED

Member King motions to go back into special board meeting, Member Jones 2nds, Vote – Clerk Cocchiola – Aye, Member King – Aye, Member Jones – Aye, Member Burruss – Aye – PASSED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Member King motions to adjourn at 5:22p.m., Member Burruss 2nds, Vote – Clerk Cocchiola – Aye, Member King – Aye, Member Jones – Aye, Member Burruss – Aye – PASSED

