

Mayer Domestic Water Improvement District

Minutes of Working Session Meeting

October 22, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 5:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** Chair Joe Mish – Present, Member Dennis Chambers – Present, Member Kevin Jones – Present, Member Jacque Burruss – Present, Clerk Kathy King – Not Present
- III. **WORKING SESSION DISCUSSION ONLY ITEMS**
 - a. Discussion/Presentation with representatives from Yarnell water on operation maintenance contractors. Jerald Postema and Terri Denemy from Yarnell Water Improvement Association came and explained why they went with a management company and how it all started in 2012 when the entire staff and board walked out and tried to wipe the computers and were 18 months behind on payments to USDA, employees were being paid but none of the bills were being paid. The water company was at risk of being taken over by the USDA or become a District and losing local control, So between trying to get the revenue turned around and fixing all of the issues with the distribution lines, to losing over 100 paying customer during the fire in 2013 & fire and flood in 2016 to now COVID they have had an uphill battle. The reason they initially went with a contracted operator to begin with is because while Jerald had 30 years' experience as an operator and Terri had experience in utility billing, they both worked full time jobs and could not run the water system. They started out hiring a contractor to run the operation side of the water system until they could get a RFQ (Request for Qualifications) out to the public to hire a contractor with a signed agreement. Once they did the RFQ and found a contractor they wanted to go with they negotiated the cost and signed a 1 year contract to make sure this is the route they wanted to go. They have a contract for the operation side and a separate contract for the billing side. They decided to have both sides of the organization contracted out side of the Yarnell WIA and do nothing in house. They have been doing this since 2012 and are going to continue doing it. Both contractors report to the board and Jerald is the point of contact for all operation concerns and approvals that may need to be made.
 - b. Discussion on Rates and Fees Was not discussed
 - c. System update Was not discussed
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Jones motions adjourn at 5:59pm, Member Chambers 2nds, Vote – Chair Mish – Aye, Member Chambers – Aye, Member Burruss - Aye, Member Jones – Aye – PASSED