

**MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
12994 CENTRAL AVENUE
MAYER, ARIZONA 86333**

**Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Session
October 18, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER:

Joe Mish, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Joe Mish, Kevin Jones, Pat Champion and Rita Macdonald were present. Gordon Nelson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat made a motion to approve the minutes from August 9, 2012 and September 13, 2012. Kevin said he could not vote on the August 9th minutes, he seconded the September 13 minutes. Rita opposed both.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Margie Good stated that in the June 14th minutes Stephen O'Bresly had stated that he would take the Lucas well off line if customers didn't start conserving. Margie said she had a document dated June 4th 1992 from Phil Albins giving the District the well.

Paul Coe said last night's meeting had some rough spots but he would like to see everything work well and for folks to work together.

Kathy King thanked Joe for calling the meeting at 6:00 p.m. She said she is still having an issue with the rate increase being addressed properly.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager's report: Casey said they found 2 more valves that had been covered up. They re-roofed 3 pump houses. They have been clearing brush away from the District's facilities, roadways, meter boxes etc. They also repaired a broken meter box.

Office report: Rita said she wanted a list of the files for the audit. Heather said there was a statement made at the meeting last night about the District's finances. She said the District is in good financial shape even after completing the Fairmist project among other things.

Financial report: Pat made a motion to accept the financial report. Kevin seconded the motion. Rita said she was still not going to accept the financials. One no vote from Rita.

Discussion/possible action: Employee insubordination and possible disciplinary action. Rita made a motion to discuss employee insubordination. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Discussion/possible action: Lowering the fee for request for public records. Rita made a motion to discuss lowering the fee for requests for public records. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Discussion/possible action: Presentation by Richard Sinclair on arsenic treatment. Mr. Sinclair said he appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Board regarding this arsenic treatment

option. He said the company Isolex uses zirconium. He explained about the product. He said Mayer water is ideally suited for this type of treatment. He said it would cost around \$1000 with parts and installation and then about \$1000 per year to replace the cartridges. He said there is room in both well houses for this unit. Pat said it sounded simple. Mr. Sinclair said with this system there is no backwash. Rita asked how many of these systems did he sell a month. He said it depends but probably 7-8 systems a month. Joe said the Board will wait until Gordon was back to make any decision. Pat asked how long it takes to get the system. Mr. Sinclair said 4 weeks from the receipt of the order to installation. Joe thanked him for his presentation.

Discussion/possible action: Russell Wallace addressing landlord responsibilities regarding payment of outstanding water bills. Mr. Wallace said that he did not feel he should be responsible for his renter's outstanding water bill. He said the District has a policy that says the bills are due on the tenth. He said after that time the water should be turned off. He admitted he did let his renters' acquire \$4000 in back rent but doesn't feel he should be responsible for the water. Joe stated that it would be better to keep the water in the landlord's name. He said the District can't pass on the loss to the people of Mayer. Joe said to put this issue on next month's agenda. Mr. Wallace said it wasn't about the money it was more about the principle of it. Pat said she did understand his situation. Kevin asked if the tenant did pay. He was told, yes, a little at a time. Kevin said it was just like having a customer come in and pay the water bill with a bad check.

Discussion/possible action: Public comments. No comment.

Discussion/possible action: Rate increase. Pat said that the Board passed a resolution for an increase during an emergency situation. She said the State said that it was not done by procedure so the increase was rescinded. Rita said the Board covered it up.

Discussion/possible action: Changing the meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Rita makes a motion the change the meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion dies for lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT:

Pat makes a motion to adjourn. Kevin seconded. The Board voted, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.