

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

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Regular Session  
September 13, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Joe Mish, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Joe Mish, Kevin Jones, Pat Champion and Rita Macdonald were present. Gordon Nelson was absent. Joe also noted that Manager Casey Boone was absent and Heather Pressley was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Pat made a motion to accept the minutes from August 9, 2012. Kevin abstained due to he was absent. Rita abstained, said she needed more time to look it over. Motion dies for lack of a second. Joe said it would be placed on next month's agenda.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Kathy King, 12300 E. Jacobs Rd., wanted to address comments on tonight's meeting. She said she still feels that the meeting time should be changed from 5:00 p.m. as it was an inconvenient time for the working public. She said that regarding the rate increase the process was not followed properly. She said the article in the Big Bug newspaper was misleading. She said the Board should have voted on giving the customers' credit in a public meeting.

Joanne Coe, 12855 E. Border, stated that she had a couple of concerns about the agenda items. She said the items were not stated clearly about what was to be discussed. She said regarding the meeting time it should say what time the Board was considering changing the time to.

Paul Coe, 12855 E. Border, stated that he had been following the meetings for quite a while even before this Board was in office. He said there has always seemed to be confusion about procedures on how to post agendas and what to put in the minutes. He said there is a book put out from the Attorney General's office, The Arizona Agency handbook that gives rules on open meeting law and other topics.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Rita said that a while back she had tried to call a special meeting and that Joe Mish, Board Chairman, told her she couldn't and so she didn't. She said she was told that whatever she wanted to talk about would be on the next agenda and it wasn't and that violated her rights as a board member. She said she the wanted the rate increase put on the agenda. She said she had 24 hours left to post it. She said Casey called her and said the packets had already gone out and she said she didn't care, she wanted that on there and if she had to go down and post it herself she would. She said she sent a letter to Heather regarding this incident. She said she called Heather and asked if she had posted it and Heather said "No I have not". She then asked Heather if she was going to post it and Heather said "No I am not". Rita said she then contacted the Attorney General. Rita said she wants employee insubordination put on next

month's agenda for possible disciplinary action. She also wants next month's agenda to have the issue of lowering the \$25.00 fee. She feels it is too high. She said people had a right to come in and ask for information. Kevin pointed out that now that the District's website was up and running this wouldn't be much of an issue as most everything has been posted on it. Kevin said that what the District is doing to improve the water system is very important. He said that knowing that he is sitting on the Board and doing what is best for the community it the most important to him. He said the community needs to stick together as water is very important. Pat asked if she could comment on a report that was already given. She said there are five members on the Board and two members of staff. She said that if everyone came in to the office and hurled orders there would be chaos. She said the staff has a job to do. She feels the need to discuss, as a Board, what the staff is required to do. Pat also feels there needs to be a chain of command and that needs to be followed. Pat said she doesn't feel it right to have people coming in and ordering staff around. Rita said she did not order Heather, she asked her for three June financial reports. Kevin said to put the issues of procedures on next month's agenda. Joe said that there are 5 members on the Board and that they are all here to serve the public, on their free time, he commended all members for their work. He said members do not get compensated for this. Rita asked to say one more thing, she said she was never informed about the article in the Big Bug and she should have been informed. Joe said if Rita had felt she had been wronged to go and file the appropriate charges. Rita said she already had.

#### REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager's report: Stephen O'Bresly read the Manager's report: He said the inventory was done and the District has \$103,259 in pipe, fittings and tools. In 2010 the District had \$97,174.00. He said the District had an ADEQ inspection on August 23. This was a result of a complaint filed from Poland Junction, yet when the inspector came out the District passed with flying colors. Stephen said that Casey had done 1 meter change-out and repaired a run over meter box. Rita asked what the difference was between a meter change-out and a relocation of a meter. She also asked if the customers are charged for the new meter box. She was told that only if the box was damaged due to negligence would the customer be charged. Stephen went on to say that they also relocated a meter out of a driveway to a safer place. He said that the pump and the control box had been replaced at the Lucas well. This was most likely due to a lighting strike, its cost to repair was \$9,200.00. Stephen also said that the well levels were getting better. Pat voted to accept the Manager's report. Kevin seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

Financial report: Pat made a motion to accept the financial report as written. Kevin seconded the motion. Rita said that she will not vote on any financial reports until she understands it. Joe asked if the reports weren't getting out early enough for her to read them. Rita said she read them but has too many question. She said Heather did ask her why she voted on them if she didn't understand them. Kevin asked if we charged interest or past due customers and is a flat rate. It is interest.

7. Adoption Pat-Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> of resolution 2012-9-13 All.

8. Rita said the financial statement and system totals report are not the same month. Did not care about the financials until Casey egged her on to read them and she asked Heather and Heather said if you don't understand them why are you acting on them and then she went to Pat and Pat said she didn't understand them-and she wants to understand them. And she is now asking Kevin if they can get together and go over them and see if any other alternatives and any other way they can be done. She does not want to go and look for receipts if she doesn't have to. She wants them all right there in front of her. Pat said the only receipts that aren't there in front of you are the ones that pertain to the debit card and when the debit card is used they all

go into an envelope. Joe asked Kevin if he would work with Rita and figure out a process to go over the financials. Kevin said we have a system with the accountants for years and it had been. Rita felt there was something going on. She said no, but she thinks there is a better way to do this and she said Kevin is more laid back and she gets emotional and if she can understand it she is good with it. Kevin said he would do what he could to help her look through the financials. Pat replied to Rita that she had told her that if Margie Good had a better accounting system that she would go and look at it if it was better than what we had been doing for years. Pat said there is a difference between doing something wrong and doing something different. Pat went on to say that the way items were put on the agenda is that Heather could not get any more of a description from Rita as how to state it. Rita said she was not a savy board member until now and now she was going to work her damndest to be a savy board member. She did say that she looked this topic up in open meeting law and she did say she apologized to Heather as she should have given more information on the topics. But she didn't know it because she was stupid, and the correlation she doesn't know it either, she has to understand it. Kevin said that he had spent 2 years on the board and not to feel intimidated by all the info. Rita said she was not intimidated, she just wants to learn. Kevin said he would do whatever he could to help and Rita said that's all she was asking for was help understanding. Rita said she admits for over the first year she was not a good board member she never had any questions.

9. No action- Joe taken on this issue.

10. Changing the meeting time. Has been hearing about this for a while. So what he is going to do and recommend to the board have the next meeting at 6:00pm. If it doesn't work the next meeting will revert back to 5:00pm. Rita said as in regards to the public comments she wants that on the next agenda because it is important. She said she didn't realize that things that the public brought up could be put on the agenda. And she feels that is important. The public needs to be heard.

Kevin motion Oct. 6pm, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will see how it works- move stipulation the 3<sup>rd</sup> wk in Oct.- Getting everybody's agenda involved. All motion carried.

Pat, Kevin, adjourn-  
Meeting adjourned.-