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MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Board Meeting of December 2, 1993

1. Chairman Bert Teskey called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
2. Members present were Bert Teskey, Walt Diskin, Gene Grizzle, Gary Sandy and Duane Hines.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**-Gene made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4 and November 18. Gary seconded and it passed.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**-A letter from Mr. Orme stating that he has taken the CAP paperwork to the courts to be validated. They must be in the courts for 60 days then a court date will be set, probably in January, then the Water Co. can sell their CAP allotment

5a. **OLD BUSINESS-Jennifer Loomis (proposed subdivision)**-Jennifer Loomis reviewed the proposal for a subdivision at Poland Junction. They are currently in the process of drilling test wells on the property and looking into other options for procuring water for the property. Looking for options they have from the Board on securing water for their first phase. Understands that there is not a whole lot of water in the area. Tested old well on the property and found is to produce about 11 gals. a minutes. Drilled test well and found nothing. Went 438 ft. came to bedrock. Learned a lot about the area and how deep to drill. Tested the Massey well. Only cased with 5 inch casing so was unable to put large pump down the well. Found it static at 68 feet, crystal clear indicating an underground stream. Could not pump more that 40 gals. a minute. Indicated that there is water in the area so will start drilling their next test well on Monday and will report back to the Board the results. They are delaying all plans for the project until the water issue is resolved. Willing to work with the Water District to find water off site. Also working with the BC Ranch to find water in the area. Have decided not to put in golf course. Have checked into drilling on Forest and State Land and found it just too involved. Still getting info on BLM. Suggested that the Board purchase privately owned wells in the area. Frank is concerned about the testing wells coming on the system would need. Testing is getting so expensive. Will not go forward with zoning until at least 100 gallons a minute is found. Will give the District money to explore for water if the District will give her the commitment to provide water.

Walt made motion to move 6a after 5a. Gene seconded and it passed.

6a. **New type of meter and meter reading device**-Frank introduced Dan Short from Kepner and Ardell Dobson from Sensus Technologies (formerly Rockwell International). Mr. Dobson made a presentation about new meters and meter reading devices that can be used when heavy snow is on the ground such as was here recently. He showed the Board a hand held computer with a wand that reads a new type of meter. The hand held computer is designed to be worn on a belt and can be used to read the conventional meters now in use. The old meters would not have to be

changed in order to use this system. It is compatible with the TABS billing system that Jan uses. Reads the meter in 2 seconds. The new meters can be converted to be read by radio. SR2 (meters that are in place now) cost \$41.97. SR2 with touch read is \$92.00. The cost of the computer about \$5100, the soft wear about \$3600, the wand \$220, to get started would be under \$9000. \$450 annual fee which entitles to all upgrades. \$8000 to convert to radio. It is an all water proof system. There is a company that leases this system at 5 3/4%.

Walt made motion to go back to 5b on the agenda. Duane seconded. It was voted on and passed.

5b. Backflow survey discussion & decision-Frank and Jan did a paper survey looking at businesses and property with livestock. There were some they figured that they could survey themselves instead of having the company that was chosen do it, saving the Water District money. There was no problem with Mr. Whitting. There was a conflict as to whether a device had to be installed if a well on the property was disconnected from the system. Mr. Whitting said no. Mr. Williams said definately. If the Board decided to do otherwise there would have to be a letter stating that fact to protect Mr. Williams company. Irrigation systems were discussed. Certain types should have device. Jan had a list of businesses in town and had stars beside the ones that can be surveyed by her and Frank. She also had a list of the people who has a well and or livestock. Frank brought up the question of liability. Ultimately the district is responsible if anything contaminated gets into the system. Gene made motion for Jan and Frank to survey the businesses that have stars on the list. Walt seconded it and it passed. Jan is to turn the number over to Mr. Williams for a bid. Frank feels there could some hidden charges with Mr. Williams. Gene made motion to give Jan the authority to select the one to do the survey. Gary seconded and it passed.

5c. Sale/Lease CAP contract-Jan checked with Mr. Orme about leasing the CAP allegation instead of selling it. He doubted it. He had never heard of it. Most of the towns looking to buy are doing so for the future and would not want to lease short term.

5d. Pipeline relocation Grapevine-Brusher has had some breakdowns so is not finished yet. Did enough to measure at 3250 feet. Frank got an estimate of \$1.18 a foot for the pipe. The backhoe \$1 a foot. The cost of the state lease cannot be take out of FEMA money. Final inspection is the final survey. Ron Lips cost is \$65 an hour and he thinks it will take about 8 hours. Paul Hines gave Walt an estimate of \$1.60 a foot or by the hour. He will work with the Water Board for what they can afford. Frank will talk with Paul to get an updated figure. Walt made a motion to let Frank have at it [engage backhoe]. Gary seconded and it passed.

5e. SEP/IRA-A SEP/IRA account has been set up for Jan and Frank although it is not in the computer yet. Gene made a motion to make it retroactive to hiring at 7 1/2%. Duane seconded and it passed. It will be paid tri-monthly.

6b. NEW BUSINESS-Emergency Plan-Frank brought up the need for an emergency plan in the event of another sever snow storm such as we had recently. He stated that ADEQ requires some sort of plan. The Grapevine and Terrell wells were out during the storm. The need to be able to obtain a generator quickly during an emergency was discussed.

6c. Road Work Repair-Railroad Ave. to the sand filter is getting holes in it and is in need of material to be hauled in to fill them. Will ask Ron Lips to repair some of the roads to the wells. Gene made motion to allow Frank to get material to fix Railroad Ave. Gary seconded and it passed.

7a. MANAGERS REPORT-The income is down, operating expense is down, plant expense is up due to the drilling of the well at Poland. Total P&E expense is down, office expense is up due to legal expenses. Total operating expense is up \$3300 due to meter and security deposits. Net profit is up about \$4000. The check listing was reviewed. On the balance sheet, current assets are down as is current liabilities. Turned off the customer who was behind in her late charges. She was not happy. Received back part of Chaffee-Lotenberg test. Part of the tests went out of date so will have to do them over at their expense. ADEQ assured Jan that there would be no problem with being out of compliance. Sent out estimated bills this month because of the snow. Have had no complaints.

b. OPERATORS REPORT-Received 4 phone calls from customer who had her service disconnected for late charges. Talked to Randy Blake from ADOT, he said that the section between Mayer and Poland to be widened is 3 to 4 years away. The section in Mayer is 1 to 2 years away. The permits to relocate the lines will be no problem. The state will not pay for the relocation. Might have documentation that some of the lines were in before the highway. He said that the contractor might put in a conduit under the new highway that the line could go into. This would have to be engineered into the job. Frank had a company from Texas to demonstrate another hand held system. He liked it better. Jan talked to NACOG to see if a grant was available. They said no.

8a. Public-None

b. Board-Bert commented on a couple of articles in the Republic and the Courier concerning CAP rights. Board to pay Gene's dues of \$25.

Gene made a motion to adjourn. Duane seconded and it passed.