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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 1999

- 1.) Chairman Mike Schuhmacher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2.) Chairman of the Board Mike Schuhmacher called the roll and all Board Members were present except Mike King which came at approximately 6:35 p.m.
- 3.) Dick Diffenderfer made the motion to approve the minutes for the November 9, 1999 meeting. Duane Hines seconded, the Board voted, the motion carried.
- 4.) **MANAGER/OPERATOR REPORT**
 - A.) Frank Soto informed the Board that there were five leaks this month. Four in Mayer and One in Poland Junction.
 - B.) Frank Soto reported on AZ Step waterline project the plans were lost by ADEQ and had to be resubmitted. He also stated prices on pipe are going up and we should consider buying pipe as soon as possible.
 - C.) Frank Soto also reported that he attended the Department of Commerce CBEG conference in Pine-top for 2 days where he spoke to other communities about AZ Step and he appreciated the opportunity to go there. CBEG paid his expenses. He also went with Paula Scott to a meeting of the Board of Registrar of Contractors.
 - D.) Frank Soto reported the Water Truck was down for about 6 days. He stated he honestly didn't know what the problem was. He thought it was a combination of things. Mike King asked if he considered taking it to Mike from Mayer Truck and Auto. Frank stated he had taken it there before and it didn't work out to well. He also stated he had looked into other trucks but felt they know more what has been replaced on this one already and should stay with it for now.
 - E.) Chairman of the Board, Mike Shuhmacher brought the Board up to date on Don Owen situation. Mr. Owen called him and asked him to notify Mayer Water District to shut off his water service. Mr. Schuhmacher called Frank and the water was turned off the same day.
 - F.) Frank Soto reported on a Generator at the State Surplus big enough to run 3 phase pumps, Walt and Frank went down to get it and it was missing a starter. They went ahead and took it with the understanding if they couldn't get a starter they could return it. Frank checked into starters and the only place that had one wanted \$820.00 for it. It was discussed by the Board and decided to keep checking into starters since the generator with an air compressor would only cost \$500.00 which would be a good investment.
- 5.) **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A.) Mike King made a motion to Table review and discussion on employee manual until next month, Walt Diskin seconded, Board voted, motion carried.
 - B.) Manager stated he was not able to make contact with Mr. Babcock this week to find out what was happening. He also stated that the State is trying to appropriate money for a watershed study themselves but it would be at least 3 years before they got the money and no telling how long after that before the study could actual begin. The Board agreed Mayer Water District should go ahead with their own Hydrology Study.

- C.) Manager brought Board up to date on the sublease on the cell tower. Chairman of the Board, Mike Shuhmacher stated he would like them all to come before the Board and tell them exactly what would be going on the tower before a decision is made. Mike King stated his concern is the length of time the lease would be for. Manager asked for permission to negotiate with the companies on the subleases. The Board agreed.

6.) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) Susan Coatney presented the line extension the Neil Morrison was asking for, which was approx-1400 feet. Jeanne Morrison stated they needed to know the approximate cost. Manager explained that they would have to get with the ones that would do the work. It would depend on cost of pipe, Booster pump etc. The Manager explained Payback and No Payback to them. It was decided they could decide this at a later date. Susan Coatney asked if Manager could provide a letter and a proceedure list to the Morrison's, Manager agreed. Mike King voiced his concern for how many meters could be added to this line at no cost since the property it would run through belongs to Mr. Albins. Manager stated the revenue from the water would still come to the District. Walt Diskin made a motion to approve the line extention for Neil Morrison, Duane Hines seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.
- B.) Manager explained to the Board that each January the District is required to pay ADEQ for testing in turn when it's the Districts turn to test they will pay for some of the testing. Board discussed the \$1,817.66 bill and decided to pay under protest. Mike King made a motion to pay the ADEQ bill for test UNDER PROTEST, Dick Diffenderfer seconded, Board voted, motion carried.
- C.) Manager explained the District's Attorney needed this agreement signed since Mr. Brown was paid in full the District would need this Lein Release signed by both the District and Mr. Brown. Duane Hines made a motion to approve the Resolution to Approve Agreement for sale of Easement with James Brown Trust 1989, Walt Diskin seconded, Board voted, motion carried. Chairman of the Board Mike Shuhmacher signed Agreement.
- D.) Manager discussed hiring a management firm to take over the district. Mike King suggested considering having 2 managers, a Business manager to take care of the paperwork, and a Maintenance Manager to take care of the system. Manager feels the District is right on the line to small for 2 full-time people and to big for one full-time person. He was concerned with keeping another full-time person busy. The load for one manager is getting to great as well as having problems taking any time off. Manager would like to be an independent so he can handled somethings better and take some of the small problems off the Boards hands. He also felt he could deal better with his own employees in ways that the District is not able to. Manager didn't feel he could justify hiring another full time person at the present time. Mike King voiced his concern of something happening to manager no one else is able to take care of everything he does. Manager stated there are other management firms they should consider also. The Board agreed to consider these suggestions and Table this decision to be discussed more at the next meeting.

7.) **COMMENTS**

- A.) Dick Diffenderfer reported that St. Vincent DePaul's Account had \$161.00 in it at this time. Manager recommended the district leave the policy up to St. Vincent DePaul as to who and how much money is donated.

8.) **ADJOURNMENT**: Mike Schuhmacher adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.