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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2000

- 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 Dick Diffenderfer.
- 3.) Chairman of the Board opened nominations for Chairman of the Board Mike King nominated Mike Schuhmacher to remain as Chairman of the Board, Duane Hines seconded there were no other nominations for Chairman of the Board. Nominations were closed, the Board voted and Mike Schuhmacher was voted in as Chairman of the Board. Nominations for Secretary were opened Mike King nominated Duane Hines Walt Diskin seconded there were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, the Board voted and Duane Hines was voted in as Secretary.
- 4.) Mike King made the motion to approve the minutes for December 9, 1999 meeting, Duane Hines seconded, the Board voted, the motion carried.
- 5.) **MANAGER/OPERATOR REPORT**
 - A.) Frank Soto informed the Board that there was a leak behind Wishbone, and it was necessary to call for a backhoe to help in the repair.
 - B.) Frank Soto also reported on a leak on Fourth Street which after dug up was never found. The pipe that was leaking was old galvanized pipe that seems to be slowly seeping water. Manager and Board agreed this section of galvanized pipe would have to be dug up and replaced with new 6" pipe. Manager also informed the Board Mr. Bias's driveway had to be dug up and district would need to replace some of the material that was lost.
 - C.) Frank Soto updated the Board on AZ Step line replacement. Manager reported the plans have been approved, and he is trying to get AZ Step to approve more money than originally promised for this project, since the cost of pipe and materials is going up all the time.
 - D.) Frank Soto reported on a problem with drainage exposing a waterline on his property and Mike Kings driveway. After discussion the Board advised the Manager to take what ever action he felt necessary to correct the problem either purchasing material to build up driveway and/or put in culvert to reroute drainage.
 - E.) Manager then reported that Mr. Samsil's rock wall has been fixed except for the concrete cap that they need to put on it.
 - F.) Frank Soto reported on Mr. Babcocks progress on acquiring Easements. At this point he has all but two ready to be completed.
 - G.) Manager reported on meeting with the other districts about the Statutes and what was necessary for the districts to comply and any possible changes the districts could work together to make it better.
 - H.) Frank Soto reported having problems again with the water truck this time it was in the wiring. Mike King suggested putting discussion on purchasing a newer water truck on next months agenda and the Board agreed.

- I.) Manager reported on meeting with the surveyor concerning the Easement with Mayer Unified School District. He also reported the school was considering sharing the cost of the survey, which was on the Agenda of the School Board meeting tonight, which he was asked to attend.
- J.) Frank Soto informed the Board of his mother having health problems and asked the Board to approve some time when possible to spend with her. Board agreed that whenever he needed or wanted to take time off was no problem.
- K.) Manager reported using the credit card to purchase waders and an Airsaw. Board agreed these were necessary purchases.
- L.) Manager asked Board's approval to attend Focus Future update on Highway 69 corridor in Springvalley, the Board agreed.

6.) **OLD BUSINESS**

- A.) Review and Discussion on Employee Manual was Tabled until next month's meeting.
- B.) Manager reported that the Hydrology report from Mr. Manera had to do with acquiring 4 well sites on YMCA property. He reported about the possible purchase of four, five acre parcels for future well sites but the YMCA doesn't know if legally they can sell the property. Manager then introduced Attorney Lee Storey which explained her background and qualifications. Then explained several Water Right issues and Manera's findings on this property. After the discussion Attorney Lee Storey suggested considering the option of a long term lease on the YMCA property. Manager reported that YMCA was having a Board Meeting on January 24th at 11:45 a.m. and he and any of the Board Members were invited to attend, and Mr. Babcock was planning to attend. CAP fund was discussed by the Board and Attorney Lee Storey and changes that she would help the district make since at the present time the costs on this fund the way it is are too expensive.
- C.) Manager brought the Board up to date on the sublease on the cell tower. Contract from Voicestream was received today but several terms and language in the lease concerned the manager. This was discussed with the Board and it was decided to have Attorney, Mr. Whittington look it over and make the obvious changes. Then bring it before the Board for their approval. Manager also asked Boards permission to go to American Tower and negotiate possible lease options if the contract with Voicestream doesn't go through. Board agreed.
- D.) Mike King reported on the way Verde Lake Water manages thier system as another alternative. They have two full-time employees, one is an Office Manager and the other is a Systems Manager, they also have three or four part-time employees with no guaranteed hours. These employees are used as needed. Manager asked the Board what they wanted to have to deal with and gave them his idea as to what he could do for the Board if they hired him as a Management Firm. After the Board discussed the alternatives they asked Frank Soto to come before the Board with a figure and what he would do for that figure. The Board would take Mike King's report and consider it also.

7.) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) The Board discussed hiring Attorney Lee Storey for Water Rights issues. Duane Hines made the motion to hire Moyes and Storey Law Firm to handle the Districts Water Rights, Walt Diskin seconded, the Board voted, the motion carried.
- B.) Frank Soto explained to the Board that there was a mistake made on his tax deduction in the past having to do with a tax deferred SEP IRA. The Board discussed the situation being a past mistake not of his doing and that the district should reimburse Mr. Soto for this error. Duane Hines made the motion to reimburse Frank Soto for SEP IRA payroll deduction error of \$1,042.65, Walt Diskin seconded, the Board voted, the motion carried.

- C.) The Board decided since February Board Meeting would be at the same time as the ASUA Conference which one of the Board Members and the manager were to attend, the meeting would be rescheduled for Saturday February 5th at 9:00 a.m. The Manager also scheduled a tour of the Water System as part of the meeting.
- D.) The Board was presented with Gary Hansen's letter of resignation. Gary Hansen was present and stated his personal situation had changed and he would be available to train a new employee as well as be there to help whenever his new situation allowed. Walt Diskin made a motion to accept Gary Hansens resignation, Duane Hines seconded, the Board voted, the motion carried.
- E.) The Board discussed a replacement for Gary Hansen. The Board directed the Manager to advertise and interview for a replacement with possible backhoe experience.
- F.) The Board discussed line extension for Charles Baker. Duane Hines made a motion to grant the line extension contingent on Easement, Walt Diskin seconded, the Board voted, the motion carried.
- G.) Mrs. Baker called the Mayer Water District and asked to have all the old abandoned Grapevine water lines removed and cleaned up from her property. The Board discussed the situation and it was decided to negotiate clearing the exposed pipe. The manager added he would like one of the Board Members to look at the property and pipe being discussed.
- H.) Manager and the Board discussed Mayer Water District becoming a Registered Lobbyist. To have any legislation passed or talk to the senators you must be a registered lobbyist. To become a registered lobbyist for the district each person representing the District must be registered. Walt Diskin made the motion that the Chairman of the Board, Mike Shuhmacher, Secretary Duane Hines, and Manager Frank Soto, register to represent Mayer Water District as Lobbyist, Mike King seconded, the Board Voted, the motion carried.

8.) **COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

9.) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike Schuhmacher adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.