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

# Board Meeting Minutes Regular Session January 13, 2011

## 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, Patricia Champion and new members Gordon Nelson and Rita Macdonald were present.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes of December 9, 2010. Pat seconded the motion. Kevin Pat and Joe voted to accept the motion.

## CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Kathy King, 12300 E. Jacobs, read a letter to the Board. She stated that she did not feel that Pat Champion was in a position to serve on the Board as her husband, Owen, was an employee of the District and that it wasn't ethical. She did not feel that Rita Macdonald should serve on the Board as she was renting the house from the District. She felt she should either resign or find a new place to live. She also said her understanding of why the Mayer Water District was formed was to better serve its customers.

Margie Good read another letter to the Board. She stated that she was livid that any portion of the money she pays to the District would be used to maintain and manage rental properties instead of going into system improvements. She feels the primary focus of the District's board and staff should be toward water issues only. She also wanted to know why, on the financial report, promotion/advertising column increased from \$200 last year to \$900 this year.

## **BOARD REPORTS:**

Kevin said he has been out in the Grapevine area and taken some pictures of the trash that people have been dumping out there. He said that this trash has been accumulating for quite some time. He said past employees did not make an effort to pick up trash, unlike Casey and Owen. Kevin said that the trash problem can not be ignored and the clean up situation must be addressed now. Kevin said he was going to install some cameras to catch the people dumping the trash.

## REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager's report: Casey said he and Owen repaired 11 leaks, 9 of which were on Jefferson St. They did 5 meter change-outs and 5 meter resets. Casey said there was no time lost due to accidents in 2010. Casey also thanked all the volunteers for their time this past year. Casey said that on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> there were 28 service calls that he and Owen responded to. These leaks were on the customers' side but they responded anyway. Casey said both income properties that the District owns were now rented. They are bringing in \$700 income per month which is equal to 27 meters at \$25.50. Pat made a motion to accept the Manger's report. Gordon seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

Financial report: Pat made a motion to accept the financial report as distributed. Kevin seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers: Kevin made a motion to leave Joe as Chairman and Patricia as Clerk. Rita seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

Vote to put Joe Mish, Kevin Jones, Patricia Champion, Gordon Nelson, Rita Macdonald and Casey Boone on the Yavapai County warrant account. Pat made a motion to put Joe Mish, Kevin Jones, Patricia Champion, Gordon Nelson, Rita Macdonald and Casey Boone on the Yavapai County warrant account. Gordon seconded the motion. The board voted, all in favor.

Changing the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.: Kevin made a motion to change the meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., subject to modification. Rita seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

Presentation by Frank Soto on the Open Meeting Law: Frank explained to the Board that he was a past manager of the Mayer Water District. He said he lived in Poland Junction. Over the years he has had the opportunity to become very versed in open meeting law. Frank spoke on various subjects regarding open meeting law. One of which was the call to the public. He said the public was allowed to attend the meetings and speak during the call to the public but during the rest of the meeting the public was not to speak and carry on a dialog with the Board. Frank spoke about executive session and explained the topics that can be talked about in executive session. He also spoke about conflicts of interest. The Board told Frank that Owen reported to the Manager and the Manager reported to the Board. Frank said that if there were any direct decisions that the Board would have to make in regard to Owen, Pat should just recuse herself. The Board thanked Frank for his presentation.

Margie Good to speak with the Board regarding rental properties, conflicts of interest and the arsenic problem: No discussion as Margie abruptly left the meeting before Frank Soto's presentation.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Pat made a motion to adjourn. Gordon seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:53~p.m.