

**MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
13193 CENTRAL AVENUE
MAYER, ARIZONA 86333**

**Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Session
May 13, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

Joe Mish, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Joe Mish, Rick Ziegler, Pat Champion, Kevin Jones and Mike King were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes from April 8, 2010. Pat seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

BOARD REPORT: (Joe Mish moved out of order)

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Paul Coe, 12855 E. Border St., stated that he has lived here a number of years. His meter is 500 feet from his house. He is still waiting to have his meter moved on to his property. He feels the rate increase would be prohibitive if he had a leak. He has concerns with how much money the District is going to raise and why the District needs it and what it would be used for. He is concerned with the economy the way it is.

Zeke Lame, 12960 Main St., said if the Board isn't answering any questions right now what was the good of the meeting. Joe Mish said questions would be answered during the discussion of old business. Mr. Lame then stated that a couple of years ago when the water line was extended to the satellite company rates were raised. When are the improvements to the 70 year old water system going to start?

Elizabeth Davison stated she has five properties and horses on two of those properties. She wanted to know where is the money going that the District would raise? Where are the new meters? Where are the new water lines going? She stated that we are all in a depression and why would the Board want to make the area more depressed? She said she has issues with the rate of pay people make. She said the maintenance man makes \$22.00 or \$24.00 an hour and the office girl makes \$15.00 or maybe it's \$12.00,

she didn't know. She also has issues with the District buying a new piece of property. She said the old place has been sustainable so far, why change now.

Lynn Turley stated that it has come to her attention that the water company has accused her and her husband of stealing water. She will be contacting her attorney. She will not allow anyone on her property.

Joanne Coe said she has a few things she is concerned about. She said the Board is appointed to work for the District and for the community. She is against buying the property. She said that is not representing the people properly. The Board needs to consider the people of the community. She said if the Board passes the rate increase she will start a recall election against the Board.

Maria Arthur, 13084 Main St., said she would like to see the reasoning behind the figures. She has heard rumors about the District buying property. She has also heard about people getting a dollar an hour raise. She wants to know if the rate increase is money motivated or water motivated.

Steve O'Bresly, 10745 S. Hwy 69, stated that the last rate change was 13 years ago and this rate increase would be about conserving water. He said water delivery is not free. He said a well pump that had to be replaced recently cost \$6000. He has seen 5 wells drilled recently, three were dry, one was not producing and one was a thousand feet that produced 15 gpm and tested for arsenic. He said Board does make decisions in the best interest for the community. He stated that years ago he gave a well on his property to the District, that the District relies on now.

Alison Atwater, 12260 Agua Fria, stated that she was a past Board Chairman for the District. Her concerns are do the decisions have any concrete basis. What lead to 7,000 gallons as the cut-off? She understands about things like pumps going out but can the District show concrete figures for the dollar figures? She said people who are going to pay are going to feel better with the facts.

Zeke Lame stated that he has a problem with the water quality, that there is too much chlorine in concentrated amounts.

Jerry Santangelo, 13084 Main St., asked is the rate increase purely for conservation and how much did the District expect to conserve?

Elizabeth Davison said that as far as conservation, people are going to use what they are going to use regardless of the cost.

Lynn Turley said she has her own well. She said she had a meter but didn't like the Mayer Water District. She heard rumors that she was stealing water. She said she is deeply hurt over the accusation.

Zeke Lame said that he would love to have grass and trees and roses but he doesn't water his yard, he can't afford it.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager's Report: Casey Boone stated that he and Owen Champion did 2 meter resets and repaired 3 leaks. Casey stated that after repairing a leak he has to super-chlorinate to kill cryptosporidium. Casey had gravel brought in and built up the steep ramp leading to the Tower site which had been eroded and impassable. They located a

blow-off valve on Onyx, which had been covered up, replaced the valve, raised it and the valve box level with the grade and blew it off. They cut out 2170' of dead pipe on Hwy 69 and installed a blow-off. Casey said they re-franchised a meter for a customer and when re-establishing service they found a neighboring property had been hooked up to the meter, which is registered to this particular customer. They dug up 40' of this line and disconnected it. Casey said the District now has a caretaker at the Grapevine well site thanks to Joe Mish. He said the nitrates for the Chimney #1 well were 1.5 and for Chimney #2 were 2.0. Casey said he lost the indicator float on the Tower tank and installed a new float and a cable. Rick Ziegler made a motion to accept the Manager's report. Kevin Jones seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

Financial Report: Pat Champion made a motion to accept the financial report. Rick Ziegler seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rate Restructure: Joe Mish said, as he has stated to the newspaper that the rate restructure is not about money, it is about conservation. He quoted usages on different usage groups. Joe read off usage from June 2009 with 572 accounts.. He said zero usage was 35 accounts. 0-999 was 64 accounts. 1,000-1,999 was 58 accounts. 2,000-2,999 was 57 accounts. 3,000-3,999 was 54 accounts. 4,000-4,999 was 45 accounts. 5,000-5,999 was 45 accounts. 6,000-6,999 was 29 accounts. 7,000-7,999 was 32 accounts. 8,000-8,999 was 22 accounts. 9,000-9,999 was 23 accounts. 10,000-10,999 was 14 accounts. 11,000-11,999 was 12 accounts. 12,000-12,999 was 10 accounts. 13,000-13,999 was 15 accounts. 14,000-14,999 was 6 accounts. 15,000-15,999 was 7 accounts. 16,000-16,999 was 3 accounts. 17,000-17,999 was 7 accounts. 18,000-18,999 was 4 accounts. 19,000-19,999 was 3 accounts. 20,000-20,999 was 6 accounts. 21,000-21,999 was 2 accounts. 22,000-22,999 was 4 accounts. 23,000-23,999 was 1 account. 24,000-24,999 was 4 accounts. 25,000-25,999 was 3 accounts. 30,000-30,999 was 1 account. 33,000-33,999 was 1 account. 37,000-37,999 was 1 account. 38,000-38,999 was 1 account. 44,000-44,999 was 1 account. 80,000-80,999 was 1 account. And 94,000-94,999 was 1 account. He said any user under 7000 gallons would not be affected. He said he has ridden past a house with a hose running and no one home. Pat Champion said the District does not sit on an aquifer it sits on a puddle. She stated that at a certain usage it was costing more to produce a 1000 gallons of water than the District was selling it for. Joe Mish said the District would try this for six months and review it. Pat Champion made a motion to accept the proposed rate restructure to start with the June 15th bill and review it six months. The motion dies for lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS:

Creating a separate rate tier for multi-unit customers: Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rick Ziegler made a motion to adjourn. Pat Champion seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.