

**PAYMENT OF PENALTIES**-There is one customer who is giving trouble about the overdue penalty. Jan wanted to know how long they should be carried and what procedure should be followed. A motion was made by Gene to allow 2 months the sent a notice of disconnect. If payment is not forthcoming then to disconnect. Gary seconded and it passed.

**COMMENTS-Public**-There was none.

**Board**-Gene requested that the Board Meetings be changed from 7:30PM to 7PM. Since it was not on the agenda it could not be decided at this time. The change of time for next meeting will be posted in the Post Office and the Board of Supervisors will be notified according to the law.

The meeting is now recessed until 1:00 PM November 5.

## MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

November 5, 1993

Bert Teskey call the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Members present were Bert Teskey, Walt Diskin, Gary Sandy, Gene Grizzle and Duane Hines.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**-Gene made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7th as presented. Duane seconded and they passed

**CORRESPONDENCE**-Jan received a letter from the U.S. Department of the Interior in regards a proposed agreement among the U.S., CAP, Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage, and the Arizona cities of Chandler, Mesa, Phoenix and Scottsdale concerning the sale of their allocation. She sent a copy to Paul Orme.

**MANAGERS REPORT**-All 20 Lead-Copper test sites passed, the cost was \$300. There is a CAP payment due this month of \$3166, the next payment is due in April. Got a bill for \$1300 from the state. This is prepayment for a 10 year lease Right-of-Entry for the Grapevine pipeline relocation. FEMA money might take care of this. Charged a customer \$10 for removing a lock from a meter. Also reminded them that it is a felony to destroy or remove a public utility equipment. The archaeological survey report came back without finding any Indian artifacts or ruins. The cost was \$378.50. The Poland well that was drilled was not successful. Drilled 300 feet and only got  $4\frac{1}{2}$  gallons a minute. The cost was \$3097. There will be some expenses next month. Chafee-Lottenberg (tests) will be approximately \$3000. Charts, accounts and check register were reviewed.

**OPERATORS REPORT**-Worked 25 days in the month of October for a total of  $132\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Talked to the firefighters that used the stand pipe and they were excited about its performance. They were able to fill their tender in 4 minutes with a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in line. That made fighting a serious fire easier. Went to a seminar Flagstaff with Jan. There is going to be some serious testing in the future.

**OLD BUSINESS-ACQUISITION OF WELL SITES AT POLAND JUNCTION**-Bert introduced Ron Galetta. The BC Ranch has now changed hands and the new owners are willing to let the Water Co. drill a well on the property if water is available. Had looked at the possibility of developing no more that 100 acres for 2 acre ranchettes. The rest will be used as recreation purposes, mainly equestrian. The Board will get back with Mr. Galetta. The well site on Mr. Albins property was unsuccessful. Mr. Albins said the well sites are 50'X 50' with access to a road. The tank site would be bigger. It was decided to wait and see what the other subdivision comes up with before the Co. picks another well site.

**SALE/LEASE CAP CONTRACT**-There was an inquiry about the possibility of leasing the Co. CAP water allocations instead of selling. The possibilities of leasing has never been explored or heard of before. Walt made a motion for Jan to contact Paul Orme and get his opinion or if it is at all possible. Duane seconded and it passed.

**PIPELINE RELOCATION/GRAPEVINE-HWY 69-Grapevine**-The archaeological survey is in and OK. Word from the State Land Department is that the official papers are on the way and the relocation can get started. The FEMA moneys are available. The Co. pays upfront and then bills FEMA. It should be a 4 inch line. Frank suggested to check out who is to inspect the line when it is finished. Jan to contact Ronnie Lips to brush the area. Paul Hines to take up pipe and take  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the Co. It was decided to find out all of the charges and then talk to Paul Hines about his fee. Hwy 69-Frank had no new information. Jan talked to NACOG about getting a grant to relocate lines across highway. There is none. There is a possibility of getting a loan from Farm Home.

**STORAGE TANKS**-Bob Adams from Bullhead City called Frank back with some prices on checking, repair and moving of the tanks. The one on the hill that had ruptured would cost \$6500 and would get 7-10 years life out of it. He advised against it. To move the lower Goodwin tank to the site where the ruptured one now stands would cost \$12,000. It would cost \$3500 just to cut up the ruptured tank up and would not be worth the cost. A new tank would cost about \$35,000. Frank likes the bolted tanks instead of the welded. The Poland tank would cost \$12,000 to move to the new site.

**WELL AT OAK HILL**-Jan talked to the man who owns the well and he was not nice. It was decided that no further action would be taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**-Gary made a motion to move 7e before 7a to allow Mr. Albins to leave. Gene seconded and it passed.

**LINE EXTENSION**-Mr. Albins agreed to limit his subdivision meters to 30. He is considering putting a tank on the property and designing the system for 30 meters only. There is a Line Extension agreement in the works. Don Owens says he owns the line that cross his property. Mr. Albins say no that the Co. own the lines and the meters along with enough access to service the line. Although Mr. Owens can limit the number of meters on his property.

**BACKFLOW SURVEY**-The Co. is mandated to conduct a survey for backflow and cross-connection. William Guy Whitting, formerly of Mayer, is going to come and make a presentation at 1PM tomorrow Nov. 5. (See page 4) He would do the survey and it is up to the Co. to contact the customer when needed. This survey must be in to ADEQ by the 1st of the year. The customer is to pay for the backflow device.

**SEP-IRA/SOCIAL SECURITY**-The Co. does not pay the employees Social Security therefore they should start A SEP-IRA account for them. Jan got some information from Farmers Insurance. It would be 100% vested immediately. There would be a 10% penalty to the IRS is drawn out before age 59. Farmers had a penalty during the first 5 years. Can not go over 15% of wages. Now paying 5.8% at this time. Both Frank and Jan would prefer the SEP-IRA to Social Security. Gene made a motion to start a SEP-IRA account for both Frank and Jan. Walt seconded and it passed.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL**-Frank would like some cones or signs to put up when he is working on or near a road. He was given the OK to purchase what he deemed necessary.

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# CONTINUATION OF NOVEMBER 4, 1993 MEETING

## Backflow and Crossconnect Regulations presented by Mr. William Guy Whitting

Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Duane Hines at 1:00 P.M.

Present were Duane Hines, Gene Grizzle and Walt Diskin. Bert Teskey and Gary Sandy were not present.

Mr. Whitting gave an impressive and informative presentation of the need and history of the Backflow and Crossconnect Regulations. The Clean Water Act was passed in 1971. The U.S. Government is now getting tough on water companies to start complying with this law. ADEQ will enforce the law for the Government through the counties. From 1991 to 1992 900,000 people were made ill from backflow or bad water. 900 of those people died. Water Companies is responsible for the water up to the meter. After the meter the home owner is responsible. Backflow assembly should be placed as close to the meter as possible. The customer is responsible for a yearly survey. If the customer has a well and water system on the same property, a backflow assembly need to be installed even though they may not be tied together. The Water Co. needs to have the customer sign a condition of service, have a survey and general notes of specifications. The installation and repair/maintenance can only be done by a licensed contractor. He can be a licensed plumbing contractor, a licensed mechanical contractor or a L-5 which is a specialty license. L-5 license holder can only test and repair the backflow device. He suggested strongly that Frank get an L-5 license with only requires filling out of some forms. The device cannot be buried to prevent freezing. There is a hot-box to cover the device that can be purchased. A heat strip can be installed or they can be insulated. Every meter active and inactive has to be surveyed. The ones that have the backflow device installed has to be surveyed every year. The initial survey is the companies responsibility and expense. The installation and yearly survey of the device is the customers. Mr. Whitting's charges are a business is \$75. This includes the technical report on what he found or did not find and what needs to be done. Resident with a backflow problem such as horses or a potential for a problem the charge is \$35. Just for houses it is \$20. The device should be installed at the back of the meter, nothing around it for 36 inches giving the tester access and 12 to 36 inches off the ground. Device can be removed if no longer needed but would cost more to remove than to have tested each year. There is a school called PIPE for certified testers. It is 3 hours 2 nights a week for 8 weeks down in Phoenix. He recommends that someone in the organization become certified. The tester can charge \$25-\$35 per test. Walt made a motion to hire Mr. Whitting to conduct the survey. Gene seconded and it was carried. He will work on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays starting next Friday about noon. Everything built after August 8, 1991 has to be done by July 1, 1994. The Company's plan of action has to be in by Jan. 1, 1994. Each device will cost \$50-\$150 and can only devices that are approved by USC. A contractor will have a list and know what is approved. Mr. Whitting gave Jan a packet with forms and information for the Company to use.

The motion to adjourn was made by Walt and Gene seconded it. It passed.