

**MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 12, 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 Walt Diskin.*
- 3.) *Duane Hines made the motion to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2000 meeting, Dick Diffenderfer seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.*
- 4.) **MANAGER/OPERATOR REPORT**
  - A.) *Frank Soto informed the Board that CPA Donna Fagan had finished the Audit and that each Board Member should have received a copy, but there was still a letter of suggestions for some changes in procedures that she would recommend.*
  - B.) *Frank Soto informed the Board that the second Bi-Annual payment to Community First would be made tomorrow.*
  - C.) *Frank Soto reported on the WIFA Grant of \$2,280.00 to the district. He stated after talking to them they had agreed to raise it to \$10,000.00.*
  - D.) *The Manager reported on attending the watershed meeting. He noted that a workshop was scheduled for this coming Monday.*
  - E.) *The Manager also informed the Board there would be another water district meeting tomorrow in Camp Verde.*
  - F.) *Frank Soto informed the Board that the Grapevine line had additional problems at the sand filter. He also stated he took Mr. Sanders family and Linda Gate family drinking water while they were repairing the line. While at Mr. Sanders home Mr. Sanders expressed great disappointment and became angry threatening not to pay his water bill and filing a lawsuit. The manager reported it may be necessary to provide those two meters with water from the townsite rather than the Grapevine well do to the problems we've been experiencing. Linda Gates had been very understanding about the problem. The manager recommended waiving the minimum charge for Mr. Sanders and Linda Gates for their inconvenience. Mike King stated we should offer some relief on their current bill. The Board all agreed and directed manager to waive the \$18.00 minimum charge.*

*Duane Hines*  
11-9-00

- G.) *Frank Soto reported there was a leak at Oak Rd. He also stated Gilbert Soriano had mentioned he would be willing to dig the trench if they would lay the new water line along Oak Rd. as far as his property. The Board discussed putting new 6 inch line where the leaks keep showing up. The Board directed the manager to pursue replacing this part of the water line.*
- H.) *The Manager also reported on a leak at Poland Junction that was small at first and became bad enough people in Poland Jct. were out of water for a while and some of them weren't very happy.*
- I.) *Frank Soto asked if there were any questions on the Financial Statement and pointed out the new quarterly report that Noni Gorzyca would be giving them in the future. There were no questions.*
- J.) *The Manager stated the Mayer Water District's insurance paid for the Tamping machine repairs. He also stated the cost of repairing the Backhoe has not come in yet.*

5.) **OLD BUSINESS**

*Dick Diffenderfer made a motion to move to New Business Item 6 A and B, Duane Hines seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.*

6.) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) *The Manager introduced Mr. Jim Martin to the Board. Mr. Martin had recently purchased a piece of property behind Evergreen in which no one had been living and there was a meter that had been put in at the same time as the the water district put in a new water line, but no one had paid for the meter. Mr. Martin presented paperwork he had obtained from the county showing that service had been provided to people that lived on the property from 1970 to 1989 when the residence had burned down. The manager stated the water company wasn't owned by the district at that time. The Board discussed the problem of properties that were active but are now abandoned and could be sold in the future. The Board directed the manager to check this matter with Mayer Water District's attorney and get back to Mr. Martin concerning the fees that he would be responsible for to get water service from Mayer Water District.*
- B.) *The Manager introduced Mayer Fire Dept. Chief Mike Ingalina. Chief Mike Ingalina discussed several issues with the Mayer Water District Board, one of which was how important it is for the Mayer Fire Dept. and Mayer Water District to work together. Fire protection for future growth was also discussed. The Mayer Fire Dept. would recommend developers contact and work with Mayer Water District or supply the required water for fire protection themselves. The new Fire Hydrants were discussed concerning maintenance and repair. The Fire Chief stated the Mayer Fire Dept. would*

*handle maintenance but normally repairs are not the Fire Departments responsibility. He said the Fire Department does maintenance once a year. They flush, lubricate and clean the area around the hydrants.*

*Dick Diffenderfer asked when they were going to check the new hydrants. The manager stated the lines need to be charged and he would like the Fire Dept. to do it while the lines were being purged. Mike Schuhmacher stated we had 2 hydrants, but because of this new project there are 9 hydrants. The Fire Chief also committed to notifying Mayer Water District if excess water will be used if at all possible. The Board thanked Fire Chief Mike Ingalina for coming and talking with them.*

*Duane Hines made a motion to return to Old Business, Mike King seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.*

5.) OLD BUSINESS

- A.) Dick Diffenderfer made a motion to adopt the employee manual with the changes that had been discussed and the rest changed at a later date. The motion died in session. The Board directed the manager to check with Mayer Water District's Attorney before any action on the employee manual is taken.*
- B.) The manager stated the contract with American Tower needs some changes before it will be ready to sign. He also stated that American Tower is ready and willing to up the signing bonus to \$5,000.00 and the increase from 4% to 5% per year. They will be paying \$750.00 per month for the remainder of this year up front.*
- C.) The manager reported on the AZ Step project by saying the mainline is in and was approximately 800 feet more than anticipated. There was minimal excess material and Hughes Supply will take back any excess material. When all the figures are in if there is any money left on this grant the district may be able to do additional work with it. The manager also mentioned there would be a celebration on the completion of this project to thank the volunteers at The Mayer Recreation Center on Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m.*
- D.) There was nothing new on the abandoned water pipe on Charles Baker Property so it was table until next month's meeting.*
- E.) The Board discussed several options that Dick Diffenderfer had worked up concerning the water rates. The main focus was on the money needed for improvements that will need to be made now and in the future. Duane Hines made a motion to drop the Regulatory Fee and change the Minimum from \$18.00 to \$25.50 and change the Bulk Water rate from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per thousand gallons with a \$10.00 minimum except for Yavapai County Road Department to remain the same, to begin as soon as the district can make the changes, Dick Diffenderfer seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.*

7.) COMMENTS

*Frank Soto brought up how much Paul Hines has done for the district on this project and asked the Board if they would like to do something special for him.*

8.) ADJOURNMENT

*Chairman Mike Schuhmacher adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.*