MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 13193 CENTRAL AVENUE P.O. BOX 416 MAYER, ARIZONA 86333 520-632-4113

BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 14, 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.) Duane Hines made the motion to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2000 meeting, Mike King seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.

4.) MANAGER/OPERATOR REPORT

- A.) Frank Soto informed the Board that Clint DeMoss quit a couple of weeks ago. He was replaced by Bobby Demarais which is doing a good job.
- B.) Frank Soto informed the Board that the water truck is still having problems. He also informed them that Paul Hines's tamping machine was run over and the backhoe windshield was broken. He stated the district has insurance that should cover these repairs.
- C.) Frank Soto reported on attending the ASUA Conference at the Prescott Resort. He felt he had learned a great deal from this conference. He also stated he had attended another District Meeting and it just seems to keep growing.
- D.) The Manager reported that the Auditor Donna Fagan is waiting for a letter from Attorney Bill Whittington to complete the audit.
- E.) The Manager also reported on the findings of M.T.B.E. testing of the district's water. He stated the results were good there were no detects.
- F.) Frank Soto informed the Board that Mr. Duke Francis from a company out of Phoenix had contacted him concerning the use of Mayer Water District's water for a job they have coming up in this area. The Board directed the manager to find out how much water, our availability of water, and how much the district should charge for the water.

- G.) Frank Soto reported that the line extension agreement the district had with Bobby Griffith would need to be transferred to a new owner. The manager stated he had advised the Real Estate Agent, Patti Holbrook of this but she said the sellers didn't want her discussing it with Frank Soto. The Board felt all persons involved should be advised of this agreement.
- H.) The Manager reported that John Grijalva had come to him about the week end route person making almost as much per hour as he is. He stated to the manager that he would like more money and benefits. The Board stated they are waiting for him to take the test to be certified before any discussion on more money or benefits.
- Frank Soto stated to the board that he would like to take a few days off. The board had no problem with that.
- J.) The Manager reported on a letter received from Mayer Fire District in which they were having a problem with 2 of the new fire hydrants. One they stated had post around it and they were to high. The other hydrant they said was too low. The manager stated these problems have been taken care of.
- K.) The Manager brought the Board up to date on the AZ Step Project. He stated there are 6 main road crossings to do and 6 or 7 service line connections. He also told the board the county has stopped providing asphalt, so he has been checking on prices from Asphalt Paving. To date the county has provided about 45 tons of asphalt. To date expenditures paid by AZ Step are approximately \$135,000.00.
- L.) The Manager asked if there were any questions on the Financial Statement. Mike King stated he had noticed Paul Hines had received approximately \$2,800.00 in August from the district. The Manager explained that Paul Hines is getting \$18.00 per hour to operate the backhoe. When he uses his own backhoe he gets paid an additional \$17.00 per hour for use of his backhoe. This is a reduced rate to the district since his normal fee is \$50.00 per hour and he is only charging the district \$35.00 per hour when he uses his own backhoe. The manager also stated how important he has been since there has been so many gas, telephone and cable lines in the area we are digging. He also stated Safety as well as expense makes Paul Hines experience an asset especially at the reduced rate he is charging the district.

5.) OLD BUSINESS

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A.) Mike King made a motion to table the review and discussion on Employee Manual until next month's meeting, Walt Diskin seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.

- Frank Soto informed the Board that American Tower is in a hurry to get the agreement with the district signed, but Attorney Bill Whittington hasn't had time to go over it. He was hoping to have it completed by Friday.
- The Manager had updated AZ Step project earlier but added there is about 1200 to 1500 feet left to do and the service connections so it would probably be another month.
- The Manager stated he had called the BLM Office to research the easements on the Charles Baker property about 3 weeks ago but no one has gotten back to him. He also told the Board a letter had been sent to Mr. Baker telling him about the the research that had to be done and that we would get back to him when it was done.
- A letter was presented to the Board for their approval and/or additions that is to be sent out to the public informing them of the discussion on water rates and the reason for looking over the rates. Sending the letter out was a suggestion from Chairman Mike Schuhmacher. Mike King felt the public should also be informed of the money Paul Hines has saved the district as well as labor costs, time, and money that Duane Hines, Dick Diffenderfer, Walt Diskin, and all the volunteers have saved and donated to the district in a future letter. The Board gave their approval to send the letter out. Duane Hines made a motion to table the discussion/decision on water rates until next month's meeting, Walt Diskin seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.

6.) **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Manager told the Board that Sheri Reidhead had called him about a pressure problem. He had gone there and checked it out and didn't find any problem. In the mean time Sheri Reidhead called a plumber and he traced the problem back to meter. John took the meter out and cleaned it and retapped the main line. Ms. Reidhead sent a letter to the district asking to be reimbursed for the cost of the plumber since it was on the districts side. The manager recommended since the problem was on our side to reimburse her \$120.00 charge for the plumber. Duane Hines made a motion to reimburse Sheri Reidhead \$120.00 for the plumber, Walt Diskin seconded, the Board voted, motion carried.
- The Manager informed the Board that water has been leaking into the office on the backside and the ceiling is rotting out. Mike Schuhmacher suggested getting quotes to repair the problem. The Board also discussed putting on a new roof. The Board directed the manager to get quotes for repairing or replacing the roof and present them to the Board.

7.) **COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT 8.)

Chairman Mike Schuhmacher adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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