

Mayer Water District

9-22-15

4:00 PM

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Roll call:** All members present except member Kevin Jones. (Kevin showed up a few minutes late).
3. **Board Reports:** Bob Kaufman- He is happy to say that the employees have developed a proactive attitude in upgrading this utility. The vehicles are being maintained correctly which was a previous concern. He told the board that Michael is currently streamlining the way we do business with bank of the west so it will correlate better with our financials. Mark has the crew taking care of old safety issues and is getting them more much needed training. It appears that by the first of the year this might be a real utility again.

Jim Sherwood: All the materials have been ordered for the rental next door to the office. It has not been started yet though. He will inform the board next month on the progress.

Bob asked Joe if he was going to tell the board about his field trip to the AG, Joe said that he would like to hear Bob read the letter that he dropped off to Camp Verde Schools.

4. **Approval of August 25th meeting minutes.** Bob made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim seconded, all in favor aside from member Kevin Jones who abstained for lack of attendance.
5. **Field Report:** Employee Mark Mills read off his report to the board and showed them some of the pipelines they've pulled from the ground lately. Mark wanted to make sure the board knew what we had in the ground so when we decide to do our next project this is taken into consideration. Joe makes a motion to pass the field report, Kevin seconds, all in favor.

Approved

6. **Financial Report:** Pat read aloud the financial report and message left by the office manager to the board. Joe brought up the invoice from Mayer Truck and Auto for \$530.00 and thought that it was outrageous for 16 sparkplugs. Bob said that he signed the check and he knows what it went towards. Bob said that the trucks have been neglected and needed service, he was happy that Mark could save the truck. Bob makes a motion to approve the financial report, Joe seconds, all in favor. Approved.
7. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Making the office manager a signer on the bank of the west, Yavapai warrant account.
Discussion took place about making the office manager, Michael Boothe, a signer on the accounts at the bank of the west and the Yavapai warrant account. Bob made a motion to approve Michael Boothe as a signer on the accounts, Jim seconded, all in favor.
Motion approved.
8. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Emery Layton report. Emery went over the grant project and energy audit. He said that he created a hydraulic model based on the information of the failed Pressure relief valve and busted pressure gauge. So we replaced the pressure gauge and resubmitted the information with the current reading from the new gauge. He also gave insight to the board regarding the part of town that should be looked at for a project. Miami and main street has poor infrastructure and Emery feels we should replace that first since that is where the majority of our water comes from regarding the well fields. We are still waiting on ADWR to release funds for the arsenic project and no timeline has been released regarding that.
9. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Ownership/access to Lucas well. Pat noted that this water district has spent a lot of time and a lot of money proving that the Lucas well belongs to the Mayer Water District. She read aloud a letter from ADWR to Stephen and Carol O'Bresly stating that this well is owned by Mayer water. She explained to the board that Stephen has put up a gate and is denying access to anyone from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM every day. So we filed a sheriff's report, and had a sheriff sent out to Stephens's property. Stephen quickly changed his story saying that anytime we need access to the property that we can call him, even if it is at 2:00 AM and he will open

the gate for us. Pat said that is unacceptable and that we need a key/remote for that gate otherwise it needs to come down. Bob made a motion that we send a certified letter stating that we need a key/remote for that gate immediately. Bob said that he doesn't want to spend any more of the tax payer's money on legal expenses. Kevin said that he feels the gate was put up due to Stephen being sick and security reasons. Kevin asked Mark what Stephen told him and Mark said "Stephen what if I have an emergency when this gate is closed, how will we get in." And Stephen told him "it ain't gonna happen" but told the sheriff a completely different story. Bob said that if Stephen is away from home in the hospital, or Las Vegas, or doesn't answer the phone that we can call the police and tear the gate down. Kevin said that we need to not act like a gang of thugs and handle this like gentlemen. Kevin says that we can pull the pin from the gate and open it manually instead of tearing it down. Bob and Mark said that we shouldn't have to do that, we are a public utility and we need to have a key or remote end of story. Pat asked for a motion to send a letter to Stephen O'Bresly for a copy of the key or remote immediately, Bob made a motion to send Stephen O'Bresly a certified letter signed by the chairperson and the clerk stating that we need access to the property, Jim seconds, Joe abstains, Kevin seconds as long as we respect Stephens time frame and only go in after hours if there is a true emergency. Motion passed.

10. **Call to the public:** Unknown speaker: Brought to the attention of the board regarding the reservoir that is looking to be put up on the Grapevine creek. She said that if there is one person that files a protest it stops the process completely, and the proposer has to meet with the protestor.